

Playing & Practice Season Guidelines

NCAA BYLAW 17

SPORT	FIRST PERMISSIBLE DATE OF PRACTICE 2011-12	FIRST PERMISSIBLE DATE OF COMPETITION 2011-12	PERMISSIBLE LENGTH OF SEASON	PERMISSIBLE DATES OF COMPETITION	PERMISSIBLE NUMBER OF CONTESTS
Baseball	OTHER SEGMENT: September 1, 2011 CHAMP SEGMENT: January 27, 2012	OTHER SEGMENT: September 1, 2011 CHAMP SEGMENT: February 17, 2012	132 days. The fall segment must be conducted within a 45-day period in Sept./Oct./Nov.	N/A	56
Cross Country	August 15, 2011	August 31, 2011	144 days	7	N/A
Golf	August 22, 2011	August 22, 2011	144 days	24	N/A
Lacrosse	August 22, 2011	August 22, 2011	132 days	CHAMP SEGMENT: 17 OTHER SEGMENT: 5	N/A
Men's Soccer	August 11, 2011	August 26, 2011 (Exhibition, scrimmage, alumni exceptions)	132 days	OTHER SEGMENT: 5	CHAMP SEGMENT: 20
Women's Soccer	August 3, 2011	August 19, 2011 (exhibition, scrimmage alumni exceptions)	132 days	OTHER SEGMENT: 5	CHAMP SEGMENT: 20
Softball	September 1, 2011	OTHER SEGMENT: September 1, 2011 CHAMP SEGMENT: February 9, 2011	132 days	N/A	OTHER SEGMENT: 8 CHAMP SEGMENT: 56
Swimming/ Diving	August 22, 2011	August 22, 2011	144 days	20	N/A
Tennis	August 22, 2011	August 22, 2011	144 days	25 overall; 7 indiv. singles or doubles tournaments.	N/A
Track & Field	August 22, 2011	August 22, 2011	156 days	18 (with not more than two two-days meets counting as a single competition date)	N/A
Volleyball	CHAMP SEGMENT: August 9, 2011 OTHER SEGMENT: January 1, 2012	CHAMP SEGMENT August 26, 2011 (Alumni game exception) OTHER SEGMENT January 1, 2012	132 days	CHAMP SEGMENT: 28 OTHER SEGMENT: 4	N/A
Wrestling	August 22, 2011	August 22, 2011	144 days.	16 (with not more than two two-days meets counting as a single competition date)	N/A

Annual exemptions to the maximum number of contests or dates of competition may be found in your sport's section of Bylaw 17.

Each sport may split its playing season (132, 144, 156 days) into two segments.