



College Prep Notes Form

Goalkeeper Recruiting Tracker • Class of 2027 • Men's Soccer

CLASS OF 2027 — MEN'S EDITION

ATHLETE NAME

GRAD YEAR

POSITION

CURRENT CLUB / TEAM

GPA

DATE

READ THIS FIRST: WHERE YOU STAND RIGHT NOW

- You are **past all contact restrictions**. College coaches can call, text, DM, and email you today — and you can contact them. Nothing is holding this up but you.
- Official visits are available to you now. Use them.
- First signing date: **Nov 12, 2026**. That is your anchor — work backward from it.
- You enroll fall 2027, which puts you **fully under the new eligibility rules with no grandfathering**. See Section E before you commit anywhere.
- Most programs carry **2-4 goalkeepers**.

This is a working document. Fill it in, mark it up, keep it in your bag. The keeper who tracks the process is the keeper who controls it.

SECTION R — RULE ALERTS: 2026-27 CONFIRMED DATES

The 2026-27 NCAA Division I recruiting calendar for "Other Sports" is published (updated Aug 4, 2026). These dates are confirmed — put them in your phone right now.

Window	Dates	Status
Fall signing week	Nov 9–12, 2026	DEAD PERIOD
D1 Men's Championship	Dec 11–14, 2026	DEAD PERIOD (staff may attend events held with / in the host city)
Holiday window	Dec 23–25, 2026	QUIET PERIOD (on-campus contact only)

■ FIRST SIGNING DATE — NOV 12, 2026

A verbal offer is not a scholarship. **The paper is the scholarship.**

Calendars move. Verify at ncaa.org and eligibilitycenter.org before you book a flight.

■ PROPOSED RULE — NOT ADOPTED: TWO-SEMESTER SEASON

Every men's keeper in this class is hearing rumors about a spring season. Here is exactly where it stands.

- The D1 Men's Soccer Oversight Committee adopted a two-semester model on **May 13, 2026**.
- On **June 24, 2026** the D1 Cabinet **REMANDED** it back for further review. 20 conferences formally opposed, citing season duration, unclear related rules, and championship-selection impact.
- **As of September 6, 2026 it is NOT adopted.** No new effective date, no new vote scheduled. The NCAA.org article still reads "DI Cabinet remands two-semester men's soccer proposal to oversight committee for further review."
- What was *proposed*: fall segment late Aug → Saturday before Thanksgiving, max 18 contests; spring mid-February → Championship, up to 10; College Cup moves to spring; transfer window becomes one 15-consecutive-day spring window replacing the 45-day split.
- ■ The 18 and 10 are **segment maximums — NOT additive**. Overall cap is 25 contests including exhibitions.
- Currently in force: **fall-only calendar** and the **45-day two-window transfer structure**.
- Ask every program how they're planning for *both* scenarios.

MY NOTES / QUESTIONS ON THESE RULES

SECTION E — ELIGIBILITY CLOCK: READ THIS BEFORE YOU COMMIT ANYWHERE

■ CLASS OF 2027 — THE NEW RULES APPLY TO YOU WITH NO GRANDFATHERING

Athletes with eligibility remaining after 2025-26, or enrolling in 2026-27, could pick whichever system helped them most. **Anyone initially enrolling full-time in fall 2027 or later gets the new model only. That is you.** No opt-out, no legacy path, no waiver waiting.

The new Division I age-based model (adopted June 23, 2026)

- A **single continuous five-year clock**. It starts at the **earlier** of: (a) your first full-time enrollment at *any* college — domestic, international, or two-year/JUCO — or (b) the academic year following your 19th birthday.
- It **does not pause** because you don't compete, sit out, transfer, or change teams. The clock runs while you watch.
- "Seasons of competition" is gone as a concept. **So is the redshirt.**
- **Waivers were eliminated** — medical hardship, extension of eligibility, season-of-competition, athletics activity, delayed enrollment. The old-rule window closed July 31, 2026.
- Only three exceptions remain, all via the Eligibility Center: **pregnancy, active-duty military service, official religious mission.**

■ THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER STATES PLAINLY:

Calling this the "5 for 5 rule" is **not accurate** — it does not guarantee five years to everyone, especially anyone who delays enrollment. A continuous clock is not five guaranteed seasons.

■ THINKING ABOUT A GAP YEAR, POST-GRAD YEAR, OR A SEASON OVERSEAS? READ THIS TWICE.

NCAA's own wording: *"Delaying college enrollment beyond age 19 may reduce the amount of eligibility available in Divisions I and II."*

Enrolling full-time at a university abroad starts your NCAA clock — even while you're trialing. Most families have no idea.

JUCO counts. Every semester of full-time two-year-college enrollment burns clock.

Where each division stands

Level	Eligibility structure for a 2027 enrollee
D1	Age-based model — a single continuous 5-year clock, as described above.
D2	Adopted the same age-based model, announced Aug 5, 2026, effective immediately for 2026-27 . The old "4 seasons within 10 semesters / 15 quarters" rule no longer applies in D2.
D3	The only division still on 10 semesters / 15 quarters — 4 seasons of competition inside the first 10 semesters (or 15 quarters) of full-time enrollment.
NAIA	Its own system: 10 semesters / 12 trimesters / 15 quarters of terms of attendance, plus 4 seasons per sport.
JUCO	Time spent counts against your NCAA clock. See the note below.

■ THE JUCO QUESTION, ANSWERED STRAIGHT

JUCO time counts. Both the new D1 and D2 models start the clock at first full-time enrollment at any college, **including two-year colleges**. The Pavia case produced individual relief plus a one-time NCAA waiver in 2024-25 — it did **not** change the rule, and the amended complaint is still pending with no ruling. JUCO can still be a genuinely good development path for a keeper who needs reps — just **plan as if every semester counts**, because right now it does.

■ THESE RULES ARE UNDER ACTIVE LEGAL CHALLENGE

Multiple lawsuits followed adoption. Three produced sweeping injunctions — all three have now been stayed: Borovicinan (Aug 17, 2026), Wisne nationwide (Aug 21, 2026), Washington v. NCAA (Aug 26, 2026). Dozens of smaller state-court cases remain active and application can still be inconsistent. **Re-confirm your situation with each school's compliance office before you sign anything.**

Smart moves for a keeper in this class

- **The redshirt play is gone for you.** Sitting a year no longer preserves anything — the clock runs regardless. Factor that into where you'll actually get minutes.
- Ask about the GK depth chart *before* the campus tour: how many keepers, what year each is, who's graduating.
- **Every year off the field still costs you a year.** Pick a program where you can compete for minutes inside five years.
- Get it in writing from **compliance**, not the recruiting coordinator.

SECTION 1 — ATHLETIC PROFILE SNAPSHOT

HEIGHT	WEIGHT
DOMINANT FOOT	YEARS AS A GK

CURRENT CLUB

CLUB LEVEL (ECNL / GA / NPL / OTHER)

VERTICAL – WINGSPAN

KEY HONORS / AWARDS

HUDL LINK

PROFILE LINK

RECRUITING BIO — 2–3 sentences on who you are as a keeper

Digital Footprint Checklist

- Hudl profile complete & current
- Professional recruiting email created
- NCSA / SportsRecruits profile live
- Social media cleaned up & coach-appropriate
- Highlight reel linked in every profile
- Academic info (GPA / test scores) posted

If your reel is older than this fall's film, fix that before you send another email. A senior sending sophomore-year clips tells a coach everything he needs to know — and none of it is good.

SECTION 2 — NIL: WHAT YOU CAN AND CANNOT DO RIGHT NOW

■ TEXAS UIL RULES (HB 126) — IF YOU'RE STILL PLAYING HIGH SCHOOL BALL

16 or under: you may NOT sign an NIL agreement with anyone. Neither may a family member on your behalf.

17 or older: you MAY sign — but ONLY with a postsecondary institution.

Any NIL agreement with any other entity may not be executed until you have exhausted your UIL eligibility in that sport.

Plain English: a UIL-eligible keeper **cannot** take a paid deal from a glove brand, a local business, or a training academy while still playing high school soccer.

UIL does not prohibit hiring professional NIL representation.

■ NIL GO — FOR D1-BOUND KEEPERS

All third-party deals worth **\$600 or more** must be reported — counting from July 1, 2025 or the start of your junior year, whichever is later. Multiple payments from the same payer aggregate toward \$600. Reporting runs through **NIL Go**, operated by the College Sports Commission.

- **Before enrollment:** report within 14 days of starting full-time classes, or before your first D1 game — whichever comes first.

- **After enrollment:** any new third-party deal of \$600+ must be reported within **5 business days** of signing it.

Enforcement is real: roughly \$90M in deals rejected against \$355M approved.

CURRENT SOCIAL FOLLOWING (TOTAL)

EXISTING PARTNERSHIPS OR DEALS

NIL NOTES — BRANDS YOU'D WANT TO WORK WITH

SECTION 3 — SCHOLARSHIPS & MONEY: HOW IT ACTUALLY WORKS NOW

Level	Scholarships	Contact status for you	Notes
D1	Up to 28 at House-settlement schools (up from 9.9) — 28-player roster, every spot scholarship-eligible	Open — no restrictions on you now	Ask how many they actually fund
D2	9.0 total — equivalency, unchanged	Open	Partial common, split across the roster
D3	No athletically-based aid	No contact limits at any time	Merit & need-based aid — can be substantial
NAIA	NAIA sets per-sport caps; each school divides them	Flexible — recruits into senior year	Register at playnaia.org

■ CRITICAL — THE "UP TO 28" NUMBER HAS A CATCH

"Up to 28" only applies at schools **participating in the House settlement**. Non-participating D1 programs are still under the old limits — **9.9 for men, 14 for women**.

All Power 4 and Pac-12 schools participate automatically; everyone else **opts in annually by May 1**. Ask which side of that line a program is on, and how many scholarships they actually fund. *Authorized and funded are two different words.*

Scholarship types — quick key

- Full Athletic — rare in soccer at any level. Don't build your plan around it.
- Partial Athletic — the most common outcome at D1 and D2.
- **Preferred Walk-On (PWO)** — a real strategy, especially this late in a cycle. A roster spot, a locker, and a chance to earn funding later.
- D3 need- and merit-based aid — no athletic money, but a strong academic package can beat a partial athletic offer outright.

Note: NAIA's registration portal had an outage in late August 2026. If playnaia.org won't load, call **816-595-8300**.

SECTION 4 — NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER: DO THIS THIS WEEK

If you're pursuing D1 or D2 and haven't registered, this is your most urgent task — **you cannot sign or receive athletics aid without it**.

Account type	Who it's for
Academic and Athletics Certification Account	D1 / D2 — including recruited athletes, official visits, and walk-ons
Athletics Certification Account	International D3, or transfers needing athletics-only certification
Profile Page Account	Domestic D3, undecided, or not being recruited

Your registration checklist

- Create or confirm the right account type
- Test scores submitted where required
- 16 NCAA-approved core courses on track

- Fee paid or waiver requested
- Transcript sent by your counselor
- Certified period of eligibility shows in your account

Fees are nonrefundable after 30 days — current amounts are listed at eligibilitycenter.org. The NCAA now certifies a period of eligibility for students initially enrolling fall 2026 and later. Log in and check yours.

SECTION 5 — YOUR MONTH-BY-MONTH COUNTDOWN TO SIGNING

Forget grade-by-grade planning. You have one cycle left. Here is the calendar.

NOW — LATE AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2026

- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center
- Cut a current highlight reel from this fall's film
- Build the target list in Section 7
- Send your first outreach wave
- Get your full fall schedule to every coach on the list

Notes:

OCTOBER 2026

- Follow up on every unanswered email
- Take official and unofficial visits — get on campus
- Ask the GK depth-chart questions in Section 11

Notes:

NOVEMBER 2026

- ■ Nov 9–12 is a DEAD PERIOD — no in-person contact, but email, calls, and texts stay open
- Nov 12: first signing date for a written offer of athletics aid
- Compare offers side by side — confirm funding in writing

Notes:

DECEMBER 2026

- Dec 11–14 dead period (D1 Championship)
- Dec 23–25 quiet period — on-campus contact only
- Use it for film and email, not travel
- Watch the transfer portal — GK spots open here

Notes:

JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2027

- Second wave on D2, D3, NAIA and JUCO programs
- Late openings surface after the portal's fall window closes
- Revisit preferred walk-on conversations

Notes:

MARCH – MAY 2027

- Spring signing window — confirm current dates at ncaa.org
- Finalize your decision
- Get every funding commitment in writing before you sign

Notes:

■ BEFORE YOU SIGN — NON-NEGOTIABLE

Call the school's **compliance office** and confirm your eligibility clock in writing. Do not rely on the recruiting coordinator. Compliance is the office that has to live with the answer.

SECTION 6 — WHERE CLASS OF 2027 SPOTS ACTUALLY STILL EXIST

This is the honest conversation. Late in a cycle is not the same as out of options — it just means you have to be smarter about where you spend your energy.

- Many D1 spots for 2027 are already verbally committed. **That's the market, not a verdict.**
- Most programs carry **2–3 keepers**. A roster with a graduating senior keeper is worth ten with a stacked depth chart. Research depth AND graduation before you spend an email.
- **The transfer portal cuts both ways.** Programs use it to fill GK needs — but it also opens spots late. Current structure, unchanged for 2026-27: a **30-day fall window** opening shortly after championship selections, plus a **15-day spring window May 1–15**, for 45 days total. A coaching change triggers a separate **30-day window** from the day the departure is announced. D2 and D3 have no fixed windows.
- **D2, D3, NAIA and JUCO recruit later** — into senior year and beyond. D3 has no contact restrictions at all; you can email a D3 coach tonight.
- **PWO is a real path.** Ask directly: what would it take to earn funded status by year two?

LATE-OPENING LEADS — school / how I heard / date contacted

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SECTION 7 — COLLEGE TARGET LIST

For a senior, fit and roster math beat aspiration every time. Fill all three tiers — a list with only one tier isn't a list, it's a wish.

REALISTIC REACH

School	Div.	GKs on Roster	GKs Grad.	Portal Activity	Q'naire Sent	Contact Made

STRONG FIT

School	Div.	GKs on Roster	GKs Grad.	Portal Activity	Q'naire Sent	Contact Made

CONFIDENT OPTIONS

School	Div.	GKs on Roster	GKs Grad.	Portal Activity	Q'naire Sent	Contact Made

SECTION 8 — COACH COMMUNICATION LOG

Coaches notice who follows up. Most recruits email once and quit.

Date	School	Coach	Type (Email/Call/Visit)	Who Initiated (Me/Coach)	Response / Next Step

SECTION 9 — DEAD PERIOD STRATEGY + YOUR EMAIL

Most families go quiet during a dead period. That is exactly backwards — and it is the single biggest free advantage available to you all year.

✗ NOT ALLOWED

- Face-to-face contact with recruits or parents, on or off campus
- In-person evaluations — coaches cannot attend your games, showcases, or ID camps

✓ STILL ALLOWED

- Email, DMs, texts, and phone calls
- As a senior you're past every contact restriction, so the conversation never has to stop. Only the in-person part pauses.

Why a dead period favors keepers

- Coaches are at a desk instead of on the road, so response rates rise.
- Film is the **only evaluation tool** in that window — a great reel from a small club gets the same look as a big-club keeper. Film also shows what live viewing misses: footwork, set position, distribution, decisions on crosses.
- Most families go silent, so your email lands in a quiet inbox.
- It's a natural, non-pushy reason to reach out.

■ REALITY CHECK — MEN'S SOCCER

Your dead periods are **November** (signing week) and **December** (Championship) — mid-season and championship crunch, not preseason. Coaches are managing their own postseason and their signing class at once. Send **short**, and expect **slow replies**. A slow reply is not a rejection.

Your outreach email — copy this

Subject: **2027 GK — [Your Name] — Updated Fall Film + Schedule**

Coach **[Last Name]**,

I'm **[Your Name]**
, a 2027 goalkeeper with **[club name]**
in **[city, state]**.

- Updated highlight film: **[link]**
- Full match film: **[link]**
- Remaining fall schedule / showcases: **[link or list]**
- Height / GPA / test scores: **[fill in]**

I'm very interested in **[School]**
because **[one specific, genuine reason]**
. I know you may have most of your 2027 class set — if you
're still looking at goalkeepers, I'd love to be evaluated.
[If applicable: I noticed you have a keeper graduating.]

Thank you for your time,
[Your Name] | [Phone] | [Email] | [Club + club coach reference]

Template tips

- Keep it **under 150 words**. Coaches read on their phone between sessions.
- **ONE specific reason** you want that program — coaches spot copy-paste praise instantly.
- Grad year and position in the subject line. That's how they sort their inbox.
- **Attach nothing** — links only. Attachments get blocked or ignored.
- Name the graduating keeper if there is one. It shows you did the roster work.

School	Coach	Date Sent	Follow-Up Date

SECTION 10 — CAMPUS VISIT NOTES

VISIT 1

SCHOOL

DATE

OFFICIAL / UNOFFICIAL

WHO I MET

POSITIVES · CONCERNS · WHERE I'D SIT ON THE GK DEPTH CHART · SCHOLARSHIP TYPE · GUT FEELING

VISIT 2

SCHOOL

DATE

OFFICIAL / UNOFFICIAL

WHO I MET

POSITIVES · CONCERNS · WHERE I'D SIT ON THE GK DEPTH CHART · SCHOLARSHIP TYPE · GUT FEELING

VISIT 3

SCHOOL

DATE

OFFICIAL / UNOFFICIAL

WHO I MET

POSITIVES · CONCERNS · WHERE I'D SIT ON THE GK DEPTH CHART · SCHOLARSHIP TYPE · GUT FEELING

SECTION 11 — QUESTIONS TO ASK COLLEGE COACHES

GK Roster & Depth

- How many keepers are on the roster, and how many are graduating?
- Where do you see me on the depth chart in year one?
- What's your GK development and training plan?
- Who coaches the keepers specifically?

Eligibility — essential for the Class of 2027

- I enroll in fall 2027, so the new age-based model applies to me with no grandfathering — how does your compliance office read my five-year clock?
- How does this program handle a keeper who needs a developmental year now that redshirts are gone?

Scholarship & NIL

- Does this school participate in the House settlement?
- How many scholarships do you actually fund?
- Would my offer be renewable, and can I get it in writing?
- How does the program support NIL?

Program Culture

- How would you describe the culture of this program?
- What does a typical week look like in season and out of season?

Academics

- What academic support exists for athletes?
- What majors do most players pursue?

Men's-specific — two-semester proposal

- How are you planning for the two-semester model if it's re-adopted for 2027-28 — and what's your plan if it isn't?
- Would a spring championship change how you'd use me as a freshman?
- How does the proposed 15-day spring transfer window change your roster planning?

MY OWN QUESTIONS

SECTION 12 — HIGHLIGHT REEL TRACKER + NOTES & REFLECTIONS

HUDL / REEL LINK

LAST UPDATED

What has to be in the reel

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| ■ Intro clip — name, position, grad year, club | ■ Sweeper-keeper actions |
| ■ Distribution — throws, goal kicks, punts | ■ Communication & organizing the back line |
| ■ Shot stopping — show variety, not just the highlight save | ■ 1v1 situations |
| ■ High balls & crosses claimed | ■ Current-season film — if it's all from last year, recut it |

COACH FEEDBACK ON REEL

NOTES & REFLECTIONS — offers, decisions, gut checks. Write it down while it's fresh; by December every campus starts to blur together.

Rules current as of September 6, 2026. NCAA eligibility, scholarship, and calendar rules changed multiple times in the weeks before this printing and remain under active legal challenge. All three major eligibility injunctions have been stayed as of August 26, 2026, but dozens of smaller state-court cases remain active. See the Sources appendix for citations and known limits. Always confirm with each school's compliance office and at ncaa.org / eligibilitycenter.org before you commit. Prepared by Just4GK — jerimy@just4gk.net

APPENDIX — SOURCES & VERIFICATION

Every rule, date, and number in this document traces to a source below. All claims were verified on **September 6, 2026**. Where sources disagree or a claim could not be confirmed, that is stated plainly rather than smoothed over — you should know which parts to double-check before you act on them.

Primary sources — official NCAA, College Sports Commission, UIL, and NAIA

Source	Link	What it supports in this document
2026-27 D1 recruiting calendar, "Other Sports" (covers soccer) — updated Aug 4, 2026	ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/compliance/recruiting/calendar/2026-27/	All dead & quiet period dates in Section R and Section 5
NCAA — Division I adopts age-based eligibility model (June 23, 2026)	ncaa.org/division-i-adopts-age-based-eligibility-model/	The five-year clock, adoption date, grandfathering cutoff
NCAA Eligibility Center — Division I & II age-based eligibility rules	ncaa.org/eligibility-center/division-i-and-division-ii-age-based-eligibility-rules/	Clock triggers, "5 for 5 is not accurate," JUCO & international enrollment, age-19 warning
NCAA — Division II adopts age-based eligibility model (Aug 5, 2026)	ncaa.org/division-ii-adopts-age-based-eligibility-model/	D2 effective-immediately adoption; retirement of the 10-semester rule in D2
NCAA — DI Cabinet remands two-semester men's soccer proposal (June 24, 2026)	ncaa.org/di-cabinet-remands-two-semester-mens-soccer-proposal-to-oversight-committee-for-further-review/	Men's edition: the "NOT ADOPTED" status of the two-semester model
NCAA — Committee adopts 2-semester playing season for DI men's soccer (May 13, 2026)	ncaa.org/media-center-committee-adopts-2-semester-playing-season-for-di-mens-soccer/	Men's edition: the contents of the original proposal (18/10 contests, spring College Cup)
NCAA — Division II athletics scholarships (equivalency limits table)	ncaa.org/division-ii/governance/membership-and-institutional-resources/athletics-scholarships/	D2 limits: 9.0 men's soccer / 9.9 women's soccer
NCAA — Division III initial eligibility requirements	ncaa.org/eligibility-center/initial-eligibility-requirements/division-iii/	D3: no athletically-based aid; merit & need-based aid
NCAA — Name, Image & Likeness	ncaa.org/student-athletes/name-image-likeness/	NIL Go reporting: \$600 threshold, 14-day and 5-business-day windows
NCAA Eligibility Center — registration & account types	ncaa.org/eligibility-center/register/	Account type names, 16 core courses, fee/waiver language
NCAA — transfer rules and eligibility	ncaa.org/eligibility-center/transfer-rules-and-eligibility/	45-day two-window transfer structure; coaching-change window
College Sports Commission — roster limits	collegesportscommission.org/roster-limits/	28-player roster limit; every roster spot scholarship-eligible
College Sports Commission — participating schools	collegesportscommission.org/participating-schools/	Annual May 1 opt-in; Power 4 / Pac-12 automatic participation
Texas UIL — NIL information (HB 126 guidance)	uiltexas.org/policy/2025-26-policy-info/nil-information	Texas high school NIL: age 16/17 thresholds, postsecondary-only restriction
NAIA official interpretations — terms of attendance	interpretations.naia.org/terms-of-attendance-eligibility-with-mixed-terms/	NAIA: 10 semesters / 12 trimesters / 15 quarters + 4 seasons

Secondary sources — legal analysis, reporting, and independent corroboration

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Husch Blackwell — "5th Year Eligibility Pendulum Swings in Favor of the NCAA" (Aug 21, 2026)	huschblackwell.com/newsandinsights/	Borovicinanin stay (Aug 17) and Wisne Tenth Circuit stay (Aug 21)

BakerHostetler — "When JUCO Seasons Count"	bakerlaw.com/insights/when-juco-seasons-count-ncaa-eligibility-rules-face-legal-scrutiny/	Pavia status: individual relief + one-time waiver, rule unchanged, case pending
ESPN — NIL clearinghouse rejected \$90M in deals	espn.com/college-sports/	NIL Go enforcement figures (\$90M rejected / \$355M approved)
College Sports Litigation Tracker	collegesportslitigationtracker.com/tracker	Ongoing state-court eligibility cases; basis for the "application is inconsistent" caveat
NCSA — 2026-27 recruiting calendar & men's soccer scholarships	ncsasports.org/ncaa-eligibility-center/recruiting-rules/recruiting-calendar	Independent corroboration of Nov and Dec dead period dates; pre-settlement 9.9 baseline

■ KNOWN LIMITS — WHAT IS NOT FULLY CONFIRMED

Washington v. NCAA stay (Aug 26, 2026) — This is the **weakest-sourced claim in the document**. The Borovicainin and Wisne stays are confirmed by a law-firm legal update. The Washington stay was reported by a sports-law commentator and secondary outlets, not a primary court document or NCAA statement. Treat the date as reported, not confirmed.

Holiday window: Dec 23–25 quiet vs. Dec 24–26 dead — The official 2026-27 NCAA calendar PDF shows **Dec 23–25 as a quiet period** for men's soccer. NCSA's 2026-27 summary shows **Dec 24–26 as a dead period**. The two disagree on both dates and period type. Low practical risk, but verify before planning travel.

First signing date: Nov 12 vs. Nov 11, 2026 — The Mon–Thu signing-week dead period (Nov 9–12) implies Thursday **Nov 12**. One secondary source lists Nov 11. Confirm on the official NCAA signing-dates document before a family builds a decision deadline around it.

Women's Jul 28–31, 2027 dead period — Taken from the official 2026-27 calendar PDF, but a second check could not independently corroborate it and noted the prior cycle used a longer window. Re-verify closer to summer 2027.

NAIA soccer scholarship cap — Deliberately not printed as a number. Commonly reported as 12 equivalencies, but this could not be confirmed against the NAIA Official & Policy Handbook. Confirm with each program.

NCAA Eligibility Center fee — Deliberately not printed. Reported increases were not confirmed on ncaa.org. Current amounts are listed at eligibilitycenter.org.

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