



# 2025 IMPORTANT DATES CALENDAR

## January

- 10 Exchange Date
- 15 Beginning of the 2025 Player Signing Period
- 27 Beginning of Salary Arbitration Hearings

## February

- 12 Voluntary Report Date for Pitchers, Catchers and Injured Players
- 14 End of Salary Arbitration Hearings
- 15 First Date Weekend Waivers will be Processed
- 17 Voluntary Report Date for Position Players
- 22 Mandatory date all players must report to Spring Training

## March

- 2 First date Clubs may ask Waivers on selected Rule 5 or Draft-Excluded Players  
First date to renew Major League Contracts
- 7 First date Clubs may assign selected Rule 5 or Draft-Excluded players
- 10 Last date to ask UR Waivers to owe 30 days’ termination pay (before 2pm ET)
- 11 UR Waivers requested today through 3/25, Club will owe player 45 days’ termination pay  
Last date to assign injured player to a Minor League club, if applicable  
Last date to renew Major League Contracts
- 17 Last date XX(B) players signed to a Minor League UPC qualifies for opt-outs
- 18 Opening Day for Chicago Cubs and Los Angeles Dodgers – Tokyo Series  
First date clubs can place players on the Domestic Minor League Full-Season and 60-day Injured List
- 23 XX(B) players may require release if not in agreement to add to Active Roster  
Earliest date that a Club may backdate a placement on the 7-day Concussion Injured List
- 24 Earliest date that a Club may backdate a placement on the 10 or 15-day Injured List  
Last day to ask OR Waivers prior to Opening Day
- 25 Last day to ask UR Waivers prior to Opening Day  
Last date to request UR Waivers to owe 45 days’ termination pay (before 2pm ET)
- 27 Official Opening of the 2025 Season: Rosters Reduced to 26/13 by 12pm ET – Noon  
Optional assignments (after 12pm ET) begin to count towards the annual option limit of 5
- 28 AAA Opening Day
- 30 First date 7-day Injured List players may be reinstated, if applicable

## April

- 3 First date 10-day Injured List players may be reinstated, if applicable
- 4 All other full-season affiliates seasons begin  
Domestic Reserve List limit reduced to 165
- 6 First date optioned position players may be recalled, if applicable
- 8 First date 15-day Injured List players may be reinstated, if applicable
- 11 First date optioned pitchers may be recalled, if applicable

## May

- 1 XX(B) Minor League player may require release if not added to Active Roster
- 15 Earliest date Clubs may re-sign Major League players they released after August 31, 2024
- 23 First date clubs can place players on the DSL Full-Season or 60-day Injured List
- 26 First date that players on the 60-day Injured List may be reinstated, if permissible

## June

- 1 XX(B) Minor League player may require release if not added to Active Roster
- 15 First date Clubs may trade XX(B) player without his consent
- 16-22 MLB Draft Combine, Phoenix, AZ

## July

- 6 Start of the Closed Period – First-Year Player Draft
- 13-14 First-Year Player Draft, Atlanta, GA
- 15 All-Star Game, Truist Park, Atlanta GA
- 29 Signing Deadline for drafted players (First-Year Player Draft) – 5:00pm ET
- 31 Trade Deadline – 6:00pm ET (Thursday)

## August

- 15 Last Date to select a player to avoid Draft-Excluded status
- 30 Unconditional Release Waivers must be requested by 2:00pm ET to avoid May 15, 2026 signing restriction

## September

- 1 Post-season eligibility lists are established at 11:59am ET  
Active Major League player limit increased to 28 and 14 pitchers – 12pm ET (noon)
- 5 Players optioned today through end of season accrue MLS while optioned
- 21 Last date to trade any Minor League UPC until end of championship season at 12pm ET – Noon
- 28 Last date weekend waivers will be processed until next spring training  
Last day of the 2025 championship season
- 29 All players on optional assignment must be recalled  
All players on the 7-day, 10-day and 15-day Injured Lists must be reinstated  
Minor League UPC’s may now be traded between Major League Clubs  
Injured players now may be assigned to the Minor Leagues until November 18, if permissible
- 29+ Article XX(D) Free Agency period. 48 hours following last game for post-season teams

## TBD Dates (Based on the end of the World Series)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Day After Eligible XX(B) players become free agents (start of the Quiet Period)  
First date players may be traded between Major League Clubs
- 4<sup>th</sup> Day After Last date to request waivers on draft-excluded players until next spring
- 5<sup>th</sup> Day After Last date to outright potential Minor League free agent without Major League contract, if applicable  
Last date for former Club to tender qualifying offer to XX(B) players, if applicable  
Domestic Minor League Player Limit increased to 175 players  
Minor League players become free agents at 5:00pm ET, if applicable  
End of the Quiet Period XX(B) - player can negotiate and sign with any Club  
All players on the 60-day Injured Lists must be reinstated

## November

- 1 Deadline for the 2026 International Player Registration Period
- 14 Last date to ask Outright Waivers on an injured player, if permissible
- 18 Last date to outright an injured player to the Minor Leagues, if applicable  
XX(B) players decide to accept qualifying offer from former Club by 4:00pm ET, if applicable  
Reserve lists for all Major and Minor League levels filed by 6:00pm ET  
All transactions MUST be entered by 5:30pm ET
- 21 Tender Deadline

## December

- 1 Release of the 2026 Registered Player List
- 3 Last date to request OR Waivers to assign a player prior to Rule 5 Draft
- 7 Last date to outright a player prior to the Rule 5 Draft
- 9 MLB Draft Lottery
- 10 Major League Rule 5 Draft – Winter Meetings, Orlando, FL
- 15 End of 2025 International Signing Period

THESE DATES WILL BE USED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED