



2026 Fall Student-Athlete Orientation Schedule: Athletic Staff Schedule

MON, AUG 10

New Fall Athlete Orientation

9 am - 12 pm

Residence halls open for move-in

Go to your assigned residence hall, where your Resident Director will give you your room key—and if you've submitted your photo ahead of time, you'll get your ID too. If you have not submitted a photo ahead of time or are a commuter student, go to the second floor of the Ramaker Center to get your student ID. Remember to stop by the Mail Room located in the Rowenhorst Student Center (RSC) to get your mailbox key. Lastly, if you will have a work study position, stop by Human Resources located on the bottom floor of Zwemer in order to fill out the necessary paperwork.

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Lunch - *DeWitt Center Cafeteria*

Lunch sponsored by Raider Athletic Association (RAA) for all fall athletes.

1:30 - 2:00 pm Opening Ceremony – *Christ Chapel*

All Fall Coaches expected to attend

Athletic Staff Presenters: Seth Wolles, Bradley Laackmann

2:15 - 2:45 pm Athletes: Mandatory Residence Hall Meeting – *Your Residence Hall*
Parents: Parent Session with Tony Hoops – *Christ Chapel*

Fall Head Coaches are encouraged to attend.

Athletic Staff Presenters: Rik Dahl, Seth Wolles, Bradley Laackmann, Ross Bouma, Travis De Jong

3:00 – 3:15 pm Athlete Commissioning – *Christ Chapel*
Tony Hoops & Mark DeYounge

3:30 pm Individual Team Time

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Concussion Testing – *AT Staff*

AUGUST, 11 – 15

Fall Athletic Practice Days

Required Behavior Team Meeting – all fall coaches are required to have a team meeting outlining behavior expectations of student-athletes that align and represent our mission. Fall athletes will sign their behavior contract and turn into their coach following this meeting. Coach will bring these to Jacki by the end of day, August 16.

SUN, AUG 16
12 pm - 4 pm
4 pm – 4:30 pm

Worship (Teams will worship at local churches.)
Golf Team Move-In
Golf Team Opening Ceremony – *N-Club Room*
Tony Hoops

AUGUST, 17 – 22 **Fall Sport Athletic Practices**

WEDS, AUG 19
11am – Noon

NWC Worship, State of the College Address, Picnic
Worship/State of the College Address – *Christ Chapel*

All full-time staff and GA's required to attend

Noon – 1pm

Campus Picnic – *The Green*



Mandatory Orientations Sessions for New Athletes

FRI, AUG 21 **Mandatory Orientation Events**
8:45 am - 12 pm Teams help with new student move-in – *Meet at residence hall at assigned time*
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Residence Hall Meet and Greet – *Your Residence Hall*
3 pm - 4 pm Raider Nation Orientation Opening Ceremony – *Christ Chapel*
4 pm - 5 pm Orientation Group Session – *Campus Green*
5 pm – 6:30 pm Picnic on the Green – *Campus Green*
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Commissioning Service – *Christ Chapel*

SAT, AUG 22 **Mandatory Orientation Events**
9:00 am – 2:30 pm Orientation Sessions: Faith Foundations, Beyond the Books, Safe & Sound: Title IX, and Navigating Northwestern – *Christ Chapel*

MON, AUG 24 **Mandatory Orientation Events**
9 am – 12:30 pm Orientation Sessions: Tech Talks: Blackboard Tutorial, Academic Excellence, and Major Meet and Greet – *Christ Chapel*
8 pm – 10 pm Mandatory All-Hall Meeting – *Your Residence Hall*

TUES, AUG 25 **First Day of School**
Course Schedule First day of classes – *Various Academic Buildings*
11:05 am Opening Convocation – *Christ Chapel*

WED, AUG 26 **All-Athlete/Staff Meeting**
8:00 – 9:00 PM Opening Athletic Department Gathering – *Bultman Center*

- All Full-Time Athletic Staff and Graduate Assistants expected to attend.