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2025-2026 NCSA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: United States Air Force Academy

Mascot: Falcons

Location: Colorado Springs, CO

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Capt McKenzie Rosenthal, Capt Christa Black

2024-25 Performance:

- Record: **27-4 Overall, 18-0 Conference**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **3rd at Nationals**
- Notables: **Won the Mid-America West Conference and the Mid-America Regional, going undefeated in both!**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 12

Kailey Blackmon (All-Region 1st Team OF)

Jaina Swann (All-Region 1st Team P)

Morgan Estabrooke (All-Region 2nd Team 1B)

Emma Miller (All-Region 3rd Team 3B)

Kalina Carrizales (All-Region 3rd Team OF)

Players to Watch: Kailey Blackmon (OF), Jaina Swann (P), Madison Steel (SS), Maci Lunsford (OF), Sara Hoepfner (2B)

New additions: 5 new talented freshmen!

Biggest Rival: University of Colorado - Boulder

Best Player Nickname: NA

2025-26 Season Outlook: We're very excited for this season and hoping to once again go undefeated in Conference and make another National Championship run! We lost our star P, SS, and C, but are confident we have great replacements!



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Team Name: Nebraska

Mascot: Huskers

Location: Lincoln, NE

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Co-Presidents: Breanna Borchers and Kassidy Lines

2024-25 Performance:

- Record: 7-8
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: #4
- Notables: None

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 21

Players to Watch: Evie Collier, Anna Eibes, Kaitlin Mundil, Emerson Ortmeier

New additions: We have not had our tryouts yet but we will be adding 3-5 new girls

Biggest Rival: Iowa

Best Player Nickname:

2025-26 Season Outlook: With having 20+ returners, we are really looking forward to continuing the work that we have done with those returners as well as bringing on the new girls. We are hoping to have an undefeated season as well as keeping it going by returning to Panama City Beach, Florida for the second time.

Manager Quote: The dynamic and talent between all the girls is going to set us apart and really strengthen us as a team.



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Team Name: University of Iowa Club Softball

Mascot: Hawkeye

Location: Iowa City, IA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): President - Kendal Bennison, Vice President - Karly Ricketts

2024-25 Performance:

- Record: **Conference: 15-0, Overall - 17-5**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **1st in Conference**
- Notables: **4th Conference win in a row, Regionals appearance, many players with All-Conference honors, competed in Indy Invite and Swing into Spring**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 12 (All-Region Honors Players: Hailey Sumpter, Meaghan Murphy, Allie Lair, Karly Ricketts)

Players to Watch: Hailey Sumpter, Allie Lair, Karly Ricketts

New additions: None (will not know until mid-September)

Biggest Rival: Iowa State

Best Player Nickname: Lauren Krieger - Lo

2025-26 Season Outlook: Iowa Softball Club is excited to come back strong this year! Last season was a rebuild year for us. Despite this, we still had lots of success, including a first-place conference finish. We have many talented returning players this year, and we are excited to see what our new players can do on the field this season. Our ultimate goal is to make it back to the World Series and be a team playing on Championship Sunday.

Manager Quote: "During our rebuild season, Iowa Club Softball has formed an experienced, talented team, put in the extra work, and created strong connections with each other. Now, it is time to compete. We'll see you at the World Series in May." - Kendal Bennison, Iowa Club Softball President



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Team Name: Colorado Mesa University

Mascot: Mavericks

Location: Grand Junction, CO

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Amy Stocks - Head Coach
Paul Harris - Assistant Coach
Matt Stocks - Assistant Coach

2024-25 Performance:

- Record: **10-8 Conference, 12-11 Overall**
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **4th Mid-Am West**
- Notables: **5 All-Region Mid-Am and 8 Academic All-Americans**

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 5

Players to Watch: Abbie Straughn and Kendra Stocks

New additions: We have 15 new players!

Biggest Rival:

Best Player Nickname:

2025-26 Season Outlook: Our roster numbers haven't been favorable the last few years. We have a lot of new talent joining us this season and we can't wait to see what they can do!

Manager Quote: "The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have." - Vince Lombardi



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Team Name: University of Colorado Boulder Club Softball

Mascot: Buffalo

Location: Boulder, Colorado

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Captains: Jenna Jones, Rachel Wassenaar. Head Coach: Halley Douglas. Assistant Coach: Lee-Ann Kuckuk

2024-25 Performance:

- Record: 17-8
- Final Conference Ranking/World Series Results: **2nd in conference. 10th in NCSA D1 Top 20 Poll, attended world series**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include conference/league award winners): 13

Players to Watch:

New additions: #####

Biggest Rival: Air Force

Best Player Nickname:

2025-26 Season Outlook: After reaching the World Series for the first time last season, we are hungry to get back and make it even farther. With a strong group of returning players and the addition of new ones, we are focused, motivated, and ready to continue building a competitive team.

Manager Quote: Our journey has been incredible. When we first joined the team, we weren't a competitive team - we didn't even qualify for regionals our freshman year. But from the start, our goal has been to build both a strong team culture and competitive program. Through hard work, dedication, and a shared passion for the game, we've grown into a force to be reckoned with.