

2024-25 NHL KEY DATES

Updated Sept. 10, 2024
Subject to change

September 2024

- 9-11 NHL Officials Training Camp (Buffalo, N.Y.)
- 11 Opening Day of Rookie Camp
- 15-Oct. 15 NHL Unites Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month
- 18 Opening Day of Training Camp
- 18-22 USHL Fall Showcase (Cranberry Township, Pa.)
- 21-Oct. 5 NHL Preseason Games
- 27 2024 NHL Global Series presented by Fastenal: Buffalo Sabres vs. Red Bull Munich (DEL) (SAP Garden, Munich, Germany)
- 29 2024 Kraft Hockeyville™ winning community [Elliot Lake, Ont.] preseason game: Ottawa Senators vs. Pittsburgh Penguins (Sudbury Community Arena, Sudbury, Ont.)

October 2024

- 1 NHL Board of Governors Meeting (New York, N.Y.)
- 4-5 2024 NHL Global Series presented by Fastenal: Buffalo Sabres vs. New Jersey Devils (O2 Arena, Prague, Czechia)
- 7 Deadline for teams to submit opening-day rosters (5 p.m. ET)
- 8 Opening night of 2024-25 NHL regular season
- 8 Florida Panthers raise Stanley Cup banner (vs. Boston Bruins)
- 8 Utah Hockey Club plays first-ever NHL regular season game (vs. Chicago Blackhawks)
- 12 2024 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Game (Ralph Engelstad Arena, Grand Forks, N.D.)
- 14 First game on *Prime Monday Night Hockey*: Montreal Canadiens vs. Pittsburgh Penguins
- 22 NHL Frozen Frenzy: All 32 NHL Teams in action
- 23 Central Scouting Department: Preliminary Players to Watch list released

November 2024

- NHL Unites Celebrates Hockey Fights Cancer
- 1-2 2024 NHL Global Series presented by Fastenal: Dallas Stars vs. Florida Panthers (Nokia Arena, Tampere, Finland)
- 8 Hockey Hall of Fame Game: Detroit Red Wings at Toronto Maple Leafs
- 11 Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Celebration (Toronto, Ont.) - Class of 2024 Inductees: **Natalie Darwitz, Pavel Datsyuk, Jeremy Roenick, Shea Weber, Krissy Wendell-Pohl** (Player category); **Colin Campbell, David Poile** (Builder category).
- 20 Central Scouting Department: Players to Watch list updated
- 26 NHL Founders Day (1917)
- 29 2024 NHL Thanksgiving Showdown™ doubleheader: Pittsburgh Penguins at Boston Bruins and Colorado Avalanche at Dallas Stars

December 2024

- 1 Signing deadline for Group 2 free agents (5 p.m. ET)
- 4 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Induction – Class of 2024 Inductees: **Matt Cullen, Brianna Decker**, the late **Frederic McLaughlin, Kevin Stevens** and the **2002 Paralympic Sled Hockey Team** & Celebration of Lester Patrick (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

- 5-6 USHL American Cup: Green Bay Gamblers vs. Des Moines Buccaneers (Rochester, N.Y.)
- 9-10 NHL Board of Governors Meeting
- 16 2024 Stanley Cup Final rematch: Florida Panthers at Edmonton Oilers (Rogers Place, Edmonton)
- 20-27 Holiday roster freeze in effect: For all players on an NHL active roster, injured reserve, or with non-roster and injured non-roster status as of 11:59 p.m. (local time) Dec. 19, a roster freeze shall apply through 12:01 a.m. (local time) Dec. 28, with respect to waivers, trades and loans, subject to the exceptions provided for in CBA Article 16.5 (d).
- 24-26 Holiday break (no scheduled practices – dressing rooms closed)
- 26-Jan. 5 2025 IIHF World Junior Ice Hockey Championship (Ottawa, Ont.)
- 31 Discover NHL Winter Classic®: St. Louis Blues at Chicago Blackhawks (Wrigley Field, Chicago, Ill.)

January 2025

- 4-12 IIHF Under-18 Women’s World Championship (Vantaa, Finland)
- Week of 13th NHL Central Scouting Mid-Season Rankings release
- Week of 20th USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game (USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth, Mich.)
- 18 Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada (Host city: Canmore, Alta.); all seven Canadian NHL teams in action
- 23-24 USHL Frosty Cup: Fargo Force vs. Tri-City Storm (Dallas, Tex.)

February 2025

- NHL Unites Celebrates Black Hockey History
- 2-3 2025 AHL All-Star Classic (Acrisure Arena, Palm Desert, Calif.)
- 10-21 NHL season to pause for NHL 4 Nations Face-Off
- 12-20 NHL 4 Nations Face-Off competition featuring NHL players from Canada, Finland, Sweden and the United States.
- 17-23 Hockey Week Across America (USA Hockey); USA Hockey National Try Hockey for Free Day (Feb. 22)
- 22 NHL Regular Season schedule resumes
- 27 2024 Stanley Cup Final rematch: Edmonton Oilers at Florida Panthers (Amerant Bank Arena, Sunrise)

March 2025

- NHL Unites Celebrates Women’s History
- 1 2025 Navy Federal Credit Union NHL Stadium Series™: Detroit Red Wings vs. Columbus Blue Jackets (Ohio Stadium, Columbus, Ohio)
- 7 2025 NHL Trade Deadline (3 p.m. ET)

April 2025

- NHL Unites Celebrates Green Month
- 10-12 NCAA Frozen Four (Enterprise Center, St. Louis, Mo.)
- 9-20 IIHF Women’s World Championship (Ceske Budejovice, Czechia)
- Week of 15th NHL Central Scouting Final Rankings release
- 17 Last Day of 2024-25 NHL Regular Season
- 19 Stanley Cup Playoffs begin
- TBD 2025 NHL Draft™ Lottery
- 23-May 3 IIHF Under-18 Men’s World Championship (Frisco & Allen, TX)

May 2025

NHL Unites Celebrates Asian and Pacific Islander Month

9-25 IIHF Men's World Championship (Stockholm, Sweden & Herning, Denmark)

22-June 1 2025 CHL Memorial Cup (Sun Life Financial Coliseum, Rimouski, QC)

June 2025

NHL Unites Celebrates Pride Month

1-7 2025 NHL Scouting Combine (LECOM Harborcenter, Buffalo, N.Y.)

15* Deadline for first club-elected salary arbitration notification (5 p.m. ET) *later of June 15 or 48 hours after the conclusion of the Stanley Cup Final

23 Last possible day for 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs

TBA 2025 NHL Awards™ (TBD)

TBA 2025 NHL Draft™ (TBD)

July 2025

1 Free agency begins (12 p.m. ET)

5 Deadline for player-elected salary arbitration notification (5 p.m. ET)

6 Deadline for second club-elected salary arbitration notification (5 p.m. ET)

20-Aug. 4 Salary arbitration hearings held

August 2025

6 Deadline for salary arbitration decisions to be rendered