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**2025-26 NHL Season begins Tuesday, Oct. 7 with opening Night Tripleheader
on ESPN, Sportsnet and TVA Sports**

Complete 2025-26 NHL Regular-Season Schedule Set To Be Unveiled Wednesday at 1 p.m. ET

NEW YORK (July 14, 2025) – The National Hockey League (NHL) announced today the 2025-26 regular season will open on Tuesday, Oct. 7 with a tripleheader broadcast exclusively on ESPN in the U.S., and on Sportsnet and TVA Sports in Canada.

At 5 p.m. ET, the **Chicago Blackhawks** will face off against the two-time defending Stanley Cup champion **Florida Panthers**. Prior to the game, Florida will raise its second championship banner at Amerant Bank Arena.

Action continues at 8 p.m. ET, when the **Pittsburgh Penguins** face off against the **New York Rangers** in a Metropolitan Division matchup at Madison Square Garden.

Then, at 10:30 p.m. ET, the **Colorado Avalanche** will visit the **Los Angeles Kings** in a Western Conference matchup at Crypto.com Arena.

The complete 2025-26 NHL regular-season schedule is set to be announced on Wednesday, July 16, at 1 p.m. ET. In addition, at 1 p.m. ET on Wednesday, NHL Network will air a one-hour special edition of NHL Tonight covering the schedule release, which will be hosted by Jamison Coyle, Mike Rupp and E.J. Hradek. The special edition programming will also stream on NHL.com. NHL Network will continue to break down the schedule during its regularly scheduled NHL Tonight show at 6 p.m. ET on Wednesday.

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