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NHL ANNOUNCES 2026-27 REGULAR-SEASON SCHEDULE, NEWLY EXPANDED TO 84 GAMES

Banner Raising Ceremony in Raleigh, Games in Finland and Germany, Outdoor Games in Winnipeg, Salt Lake City and Arlington and NHL All-Star Weekend on Long Island Among 2026-27 Season Highlights

NEW YORK (July 16, 2026) – The National Hockey League (NHL) announced today the 2026-27 regular-season schedule, which will commence on Tuesday, Sept. 29 with a tripleheader broadcast exclusively on ESPN in the U.S., and a doubleheader on Sportsnet in Canada. The season's opening night is highlighted by the Carolina Hurricanes raising their second Stanley Cup championship banner on ESPN before facing the Florida Panthers at Lenovo Center at 5 p.m. ET.

Action continues on Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. ET on Sportsnet, when the Montreal Canadiens visit the Toronto Maple Leafs in an Original Six contest at Scotiabank Arena. On ESPN at 8 p.m. ET, the New York Rangers face off against the Boston Bruins in another Original Six matchup at TD Garden. At 10 p.m. ET on Sportsnet, the Vancouver Canucks clash with Pacific Division foes the Edmonton Oilers at Rogers Place. Then, on ESPN at 10:30 p.m. ET, the Chicago Blackhawks will visit the Vegas Golden Knights in a Western Conference matchup at T-Mobile Arena.

The following night, Wednesday, Sept. 30, will feature TNT's season debut with a doubleheader featuring the Pittsburgh Penguins at the Philadelphia Flyers at 7:30 p.m. ET and the Los Angeles Kings visiting the Colorado Avalanche at 10 p.m. ET.

The 2026-27 schedule – expanded to 84 games per team – features an all-time NHL high of 1,344 regular-season games and will conclude Saturday, April 10. A complete listing of each team's 2026-27 regular-season schedule is attached.

2026-27 NHL Regular-Season Schedule Notable Dates

A new fixture on the NHL regular season schedule for 2026-27 is a steady stream of Monday weekday matinee / European primetime games, providing passionate hockey fans abroad the ability to watch their favorite teams, and some of the NHL's biggest stars, in prime time during the week. These games further the League's commitment to deepening its connection with international fans and growth in European markets, as well as driving brand awareness for NHL Clubs internationally. This also provides a new offering to engage fans and new audiences in the NHL's North American markets: a matinee game creates a unique and memorable fan experience and allows Clubs to deliver bespoke activations and fan engagement opportunities.

All 32 teams will be in action on Tuesday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Apr. 10.

On Sunday, October 25, the Winnipeg Jets and Montreal Canadiens will hit the ice outdoors in the 2026 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic™, at Princess Auto Stadium in Winnipeg.

The 2026 NHL Global Series™ Finland will feature the defending Stanley Cup-champion Carolina Hurricanes and the Seattle Kraken facing off in a pair of games at Veikkaus Arena in Helsinki, November 12 and November 14.

The Ottawa Senators and Chicago Blackhawks will headline the 2026 NHL Global Series Germany with regular-season games December 18 and December 20 at PSD Bank Dome in Düsseldorf.

The first rematch of the 2026 Stanley Cup Final will take place on Dec. 21, when the Golden Knights host the Hurricanes at T-Mobile Arena. In addition, Carolina will host Vegas on Jan. 17 at Lenovo Center.

On New Year's Eve, the University of Utah's Rice-Eccles Stadium will host the Discover NHL Winter Classic®, as the Utah Mammoth and Colorado Avalanche battle outdoors in the shadow of the Greater Rockies.

The Honda NHL® All-Star Weekend returns February 5-6, at UBS Arena on Long Island. The event will include the 2027 NHL® All-Star Skills™ on February 5, with 10 young stars, ages 25 or younger, competing across eight events, and the 2027 Honda NHL All-Star Game February 6, featuring five teams of 11 players each — Canada, Finland, Sweden, the United States and a “World” team comprised of international players from countries outside of the other four teams — competing in a three-on-three, round-robin exhibition tournament. Rogers will be the presenting sponsor of NHL All-Star in Canada.

The Dallas Stars and Vegas Golden Knights bring outdoor hockey back to Texas February 20, with the 2027 Navy Federal Credit Union NHL Stadium Series™, taking place at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, home of the Dallas Cowboys.

The Stanley Cup Final will be telecast exclusively on TNT in the U.S. and on Sportsnet in Canada.

The Walt Disney Company (ESPN/ABC), TNT Sports (TNT/HBO Max) and Sportsnet are the NHL's national broadcast partners for the 2026-27 season and will provide comprehensive coverage throughout the season. Complete broadcast details will be announced when available.

Ticketing information for NHL Events will be announced a later date. Fans can sign up for news and information for all NHL Events at <https://www.nhl.com/events/>.

Scheduling Matrix

Each Division Has Eight Teams

Games Within Division

7 teams x 2 home / 2 away (Subtotal 14 home / 14 away)

Games Within Conference (Non-Division)

4 teams x 2 home / 1 away (Subtotal 8 home / 4 away)

4 teams x 1 home / 2 away (Subtotal 4 home / 8 away)

Non-Conference Games

16 teams x 1 home / 1 away (Subtotal 16 home / 16 away)

Grand Total – 84 Games

42 home / 42 away

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