

NHL Schedule September 2026

All 8 September Games · Opening Night in Full · Every Key Date of the Season

SEASON OPENS	GAMES IN SEPTEMBER	GAME DAYS	ON NATIONAL TV	DEFENDING CHAMPION
Tue, Sept 29, 2026	8 games	Sept 29 and 30	All 8 games	Carolina Hurricanes

OPENING NIGHT · TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

MATCHUP	PUCK DROP (ET)	TV	ARENA
Panthers at Hurricanes	5:00 p.m.	ESPN	Lenovo Center
Canadiens at Maple Leafs	7:00 p.m.	Sportsnet	Scotiabank Arena
Rangers at Bruins	8:00 p.m.	ESPN	TD Garden
Canucks at Oilers	10:00 p.m.	Sportsnet	Rogers Place
Blackhawks at Golden Knights	10:30 p.m.	ESPN	T-Mobile Arena

Highlighted game: Carolina raises its second Stanley Cup banner before facing Florida.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

MATCHUP	PUCK DROP (ET)	TV	ARENA
Penguins at Flyers	7:30 p.m.	TNT	Xfinity Mobile Arena
Islanders at Maple Leafs	7:30 p.m.	Prime	Scotiabank Arena
Kings at Avalanche	10:00 p.m.	TNT	Ball Arena

WHAT TO WATCH

- **A banner night in Raleigh.** Carolina raises its second Stanley Cup banner, then opens against Florida at 5:00 p.m. ET on ESPN.
- **An ESPN tripleheader.** Three of the five opening-night games are on ESPN, with Sportsnet carrying Montreal at Toronto and Vancouver at Edmonton in Canada.
- **TNT's season debut.** TNT starts on Wednesday, September 30 with a doubleheader, Pittsburgh at Philadelphia then Los Angeles at Colorado.
- **A first in more than 30 years.** This is the NHL's first 84-game season since 1993-94, and only the second time the regular season has opened in September.

HOW TO WATCH

CHANNEL	WHAT IT CARRIES IN SEPTEMBER
ESPN	3 opening-night games
TNT	2 games on Sept 30, also truTV and HBO Max
Sportsnet	Montreal at Toronto, Vancouver at Edmonton
Prime	Islanders at Maple Leafs, national in Canada

KEY DATES OF THE 2026-27 SEASON

DATE	EVENT	TIME (ET)	TV
Tue, Oct 13	NHL Frozen Frenzy. All 32 teams play on one night	6:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sun, Oct 25	Heritage Classic outdoors, Canadiens at Jets, Winnipeg	7:00 p.m.	TNT
Nov 12 and 14	Global Series Finland, Hurricanes and Kraken, Helsinki	Varies	Regional
Fri, Nov 27	Black Friday doubleheader, Rangers at Blackhawks first	5:30 p.m.	TNT
Dec 18 and 20	Global Series Germany, Senators and Blackhawks, Dusseldorf	Varies	Regional
Mon, Dec 21	First Stanley Cup Final rematch, Hurricanes at Golden Knights	10:00 p.m.	Regional
Thu, Dec 31	Winter Classic outdoors, Avalanche at Mammoth, Salt Lake City	6:00 p.m.	TNT
Sat, Jan 16	ABC Hockey Saturday returns, Bruins at Rangers, first of 16	12:00 p.m.	ABC
Feb 5 and 6	All-Star Weekend, UBS Arena. Five-team 3 on 3 tournament	Varies	ESPN / ABC
Sat, Feb 20	Stadium Series outdoors, Golden Knights at Stars, Arlington	8:00 p.m.	ABC
Mon, Mar 1	Trade deadline, a Monday instead of the usual Friday	TBA	
Sat, Apr 10	Final day. All 32 teams play across 16 start times	Varies	ABC

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