

2026-27 NHL Opening Week

National TV Schedule - September 29 to October 4 (all times ET)

The season opens Tuesday, September 29 with an exclusive ESPN opening-night tripleheader, followed by national windows on ESPN (Tue/Thu) and TNT (Wed/Fri). The Carolina opener includes the Hurricanes' banner-raising ceremony. Times are Eastern.

Date	Matchup	Time (ET)	National TV
Tue, Sep 29	Florida at Carolina (banner night)	5:00 PM	ESPN
Tue, Sep 29	N.Y. Rangers at Boston	8:00 PM	ESPN
Tue, Sep 29	Chicago at Vegas	10:30 PM	ESPN
Wed, Sep 30	Pittsburgh at Philadelphia	7:30 PM	TNT / truTV / Max
Wed, Sep 30	Los Angeles at Colorado	10:00 PM	TNT / truTV / Max
Thu, Oct 1	National doubleheader	see listings	ESPN / ESPN+ / Hulu
Fri, Oct 2	National doubleheader	see listings	TNT / truTV / Max
Sat, Oct 3	Full slate	see listings	Regional + ESPN+
Sun, Oct 4	Full slate	see listings	Regional + ESPN+

Opening-night tripleheader games are exclusive to ESPN. Thursday and Friday national matchups are confirmed by the NHL closer to game day. Most other opening-week games air on regional/team outlets and ESPN+. The 2026-27 regular season is 84 games. Get every team's full schedule at HockeySchedules.net.