

# NHL Opening Night 2026

Opening Week Schedule | Sept. 29 to Oct. 5, 2026 | All times Eastern (ET)

| Opening night  | First puck drop        | Games this week | Busiest night     | Season            |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Tue., Sept. 29 | 5:00 PM ET, FLA at CAR | 43              | Sat., Oct. 3 (13) | 84 games per team |

## Opening Night: Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026 | 5 games

| # | Time (ET) | Away               | Home                 | Arena            | TV                          | Score |
|---|-----------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1 | 5:00 PM   | Florida Panthers   | Carolina Hurricanes  | Lenovo Center    | US: ESPN                    |       |
| 2 | 7:00 PM   | Montréal Canadiens | Toronto Maple Leafs  | Scotiabank Arena | CA: Sportsnet, TVA Sports   |       |
| 3 | 8:00 PM   | New York Rangers   | Boston Bruins        | TD Garden        | US: ESPN                    |       |
| 4 | 10:00 PM  | Vancouver Canucks  | Edmonton Oilers      | Rogers Place     | CA: Sportsnet               |       |
| 5 | 10:30 PM  | Chicago Blackhawks | Vegas Golden Knights | T-Mobile Arena   | US: ESPN   CA: TVA Sports 2 |       |

## Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026 | 3 games

| # | Time (ET) | Away                | Home                | Arena                | TV              | Score |
|---|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 | 7:30 PM   | Pittsburgh Penguins | Philadelphia Flyers | Xfinity Mobile Arena | US: TNT         |       |
| 2 | 7:30 PM   | New York Islanders  | Toronto Maple Leafs | Scotiabank Arena     | CA: Prime Video |       |
| 3 | 10:00 PM  | Los Angeles Kings   | Colorado Avalanche  | Ball Arena           | US: TNT         |       |

## Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026 | 8 games

| # | Time (ET) | Away                | Home                  | Arena                  | TV             | Score |
|---|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 7:00 PM   | Philadelphia Flyers | New Jersey Devils     | Prudential Center      | US: ESPN+      |       |
| 2 | 7:00 PM   | Tampa Bay Lightning | New York Rangers      | Madison Square Garden  | CA: TVA Sports |       |
| 3 | 7:00 PM   | Buffalo Sabres      | Columbus Blue Jackets | Nationwide Arena       | Local TV       |       |
| 4 | 8:00 PM   | Minnesota Wild      | Nashville Predators   | Bridgestone Arena      | Local TV       |       |
| 5 | 9:00 PM   | Seattle Kraken      | Calgary Flames        | Scotiabank Saddledome  | Local TV       |       |
| 6 | 9:30 PM   | Chicago Blackhawks  | Utah Mammoth          | Delta Center           | US: ESPN+      |       |
| 7 | 10:00 PM  | Edmonton Oilers     | Vancouver Canucks     | Rogers Arena           | Local TV       |       |
| 8 | 10:00 PM  | Florida Panthers    | San Jose Sharks       | SAP Center at San Jose | CA: TVA Sports |       |

## Friday, Oct. 2, 2026 | 5 games

| # | Time (ET) | Away                | Home                 | Arena                    | TV             | Score |
|---|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 6:30 PM   | New York Rangers    | Detroit Red Wings    | Little Caesars Arena     | US: TNT        |       |
| 2 | 7:00 PM   | Washington Capitals | Carolina Hurricanes  | Lenovo Center            | CA: TVA Sports |       |
| 3 | 8:00 PM   | Boston Bruins       | Winnipeg Jets        | Canada Life Centre       | Local TV       |       |
| 4 | 9:00 PM   | St. Louis Blues     | Dallas Stars         | American Airlines Center | US: TNT        |       |
| 5 | 10:00 PM  | Anaheim Ducks       | Vegas Golden Knights | T-Mobile Arena           | CA: TVA Sports |       |

## Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026 | 13 games

| #  | Time (ET) | Away                | Home                  | Arena                         | TV                             | Score |
|----|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1  | 7:00 PM   | Chicago Blackhawks  | Buffalo Sabres        | KeyBank Center                | Local TV                       |       |
| 2  | 7:00 PM   | Ottawa Senators     | Toronto Maple Leafs   | Scotiabank Arena              | CA: Sportsnet                  |       |
| 3  | 7:00 PM   | Washington Capitals | Tampa Bay Lightning   | Benchmark International Arena | Local TV                       |       |
| 4  | 7:00 PM   | Carolina Hurricanes | Philadelphia Flyers   | Xfinity Mobile Arena          | Local TV                       |       |
| 5  | 7:00 PM   | Montréal Canadiens  | Pittsburgh Penguins   | PPG Paints Arena              | CA: Sportsnet East, TVA Sports |       |
| 6  | 7:00 PM   | Utah Mammoth        | Columbus Blue Jackets | Nationwide Arena              | Local TV                       |       |
| 7  | 7:00 PM   | Seattle Kraken      | Edmonton Oilers       | Rogers Place                  | CA: Sportsnet West             |       |
| 8  | 7:30 PM   | New Jersey Devils   | New York Islanders    | UBS Arena                     | Local TV                       |       |
| 9  | 8:00 PM   | Dallas Stars        | Nashville Predators   | Bridgestone Arena             | US: Prime Video                |       |
| 10 | 8:00 PM   | Boston Bruins       | Minnesota Wild        | Grand Casino Arena            | Local TV                       |       |
| 11 | 9:00 PM   | St. Louis Blues     | Colorado Avalanche    | Ball Arena                    | Local TV                       |       |
| 12 | 10:00 PM  | Calgary Flames      | Vancouver Canucks     | Rogers Arena                  | CA: Sportsnet, TVA Sports 2    |       |
| 13 | 10:00 PM  | Los Angeles Kings   | San Jose Sharks       | SAP Center at San Jose        | Local TV                       |       |

## Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026 | 5 games

| # | Time (ET) | Away                 | Home              | Arena                 | TV             | Score |
|---|-----------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 1:00 PM   | Winnipeg Jets        | Detroit Red Wings | Little Caesars Arena  | Local TV       |       |
| 2 | 6:00 PM   | Utah Mammoth         | New York Rangers  | Madison Square Garden | CA: TVA Sports |       |
| 3 | 8:00 PM   | Florida Panthers     | Anaheim Ducks     | Honda Center          | CA: TVA Sports |       |
| 4 | 8:00 PM   | Calgary Flames       | Seattle Kraken    | Climate Pledge Arena  | Local TV       |       |
| 5 | 9:00 PM   | Vegas Golden Knights | Vancouver Canucks | Rogers Arena          | Local TV       |       |

## Monday, Oct. 5, 2026 | 4 games

| # | Time (ET) | Away                | Home                | Arena                         | TV                         | Score |
|---|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| 1 | 7:00 PM   | Philadelphia Flyers | Tampa Bay Lightning | Benchmark International Arena | Local TV                   |       |
| 2 | 7:30 PM   | Ottawa Senators     | Boston Bruins       | TD Garden                     | CA: Sportsnet+, TVA Sports |       |
| 3 | 7:30 PM   | Winnipeg Jets       | Pittsburgh Penguins | PPG Paints Arena              | CA: Sportsnet+             |       |
| 4 | 8:00 PM   | San Jose Sharks     | Dallas Stars        | American Airlines Center      | US: Prime Video            |       |

Away team listed first. "Local TV" means the game airs on team broadcasters in each market. Schedule and TV per NHL.com as of Sept. 20, 2026. Live start times, scores and any schedule change: **NHL Games Hub**.