



2026-27 NBA Schedule

Key Dates - Printable Reference from BasketballSchedules.net

MILESTONE	DATE	NOTES
Preseason opens	Sat, Oct 3, 2026	First exhibition games
Opening Night	Tue, Oct 20, 2026	Celtics-Pistons, 76ers-Knicks, Thunder-Spurs
NBA Cup group play	Oct 30 - Nov 29, 2026	In-season tournament pool games
NBA Cup knockout	Begins Dec 4, 2026	Single-elimination rounds
NBA Cup Championship	Fri, Dec 11, 2026	Hinkle Fieldhouse, Indianapolis
Christmas Day	Fri, Dec 25, 2026	Five nationally televised games
Trade Deadline	Thu, Feb 11, 2027	3 p.m. ET cutoff
All-Star Weekend	Feb 19 - 21, 2027	Phoenix; game on Sunday, Feb 21
Regular Season Finale	Sun, Apr 11, 2027	Final day of the 82-game slate
Play-In Tournament	Mid-April 2027	Seeds 7-10 each conference (dates TBA)
Playoffs First Round	Late April 2027	Best-of-seven series begin (dates TBA)
NBA Finals	June 2027	Championship series (dates TBA)

Dates via NBA.com and NBC Sports. Playoff dates are announced later in the season.

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