



2019-20 NHL KEY DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Rookie camps open
- 7-11 NHL Officials Training Camp (Buffalo, N.Y.)
- 12 Training camps open
- 15 Preseason schedule begins
- 15 – Oct. 15 NHL celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month
- 17 NHL Board of Governors Meeting (New York, N.Y.)
- 18 2019 Kraft Hockeyville Canada:
Florida Panthers at Montreal Canadiens
(K.C. Irving Regional Centre, Bathurst, N.B.)
- 26 2019 Kraft Hockeyville™ USA:
St. Louis Blues at Detroit Red Wings
(Calumet Colosseum, Calumet, Mich.)
- 29 NHL Global Series Challenge™:
Chicago Blackhawks at Eisbären Berlin
(Mercedes-Benz Arena, Berlin, Germany)
- 30 NHL Global Series Challenge™:
Philadelphia Flyers at Lausanne HC
(Vaudoise Arena, Lausanne, Switzerland)

OCTOBER

- 1 Opening day playing rosters set (5 p.m. ET)
- 2 Opening night of 2019-20 NHL regular season (4 GP):
St. Louis Blues raise Stanley Cup banner (vs. Washington Capitals)
- 4 2019 NHL Global Series™:
Chicago Blackhawks at Philadelphia Flyers
(O2 Arena, Prague, Czech Republic)
- 5 Buffalo Sabres' home opener for 50th anniversary season (vs. New Jersey Devils)
- 9 Vancouver Canucks' home opener for 50th anniversary season (vs. Los Angeles Kings)
- 21 NHL Alumni Awards Gala (Scotiabank Centre, Toronto, Ont.):
Honorees: Ray Bourque (Keith Magnuson Man of the Year); Laila Anderson (Keith McCreary 7th Teammate Award); Chris Joseph (Ace Bailey Award of Courage); Cliff Koroll (Outstanding Alumni); Capt. Charles Scot-Brown (Honorary Alumni)
- 26 2019 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic™:
Calgary Flames at Winnipeg Jets
(Mosaic Stadium, Regina, Sask.)

NOVEMBER

- 1-30 Hockey Fights Cancer Awareness Month
- 8-9 2019 NHL Global Series™:
Buffalo Sabres vs. Tampa Bay Lightning
(Ericsson Globe, Stockholm, Sweden)
- 15 Hockey Hall of Fame Game:
Boston Bruins at Toronto Maple Leafs
(Scotiabank Arena, Toronto, Ont.)
- 18 Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (Toronto, Ont.):
Inductees: Guy Carbonneau, Vaclav Nedomansky, Hayley Wickenheiser and Sergei Zubov (Player category); Jim Rutherford and Jerry York (Builder category); Frank Brown and Jim Hughson (Media honorees)
- 19 NHL General Managers Meeting
(Toronto, Ont.)
- 26 NHL Founders Day (1917)
- 29 2019 NHL Thanksgiving Showdown™:
New York Rangers at Boston Bruins
(TD Garden, Boston, Mass.)

DECEMBER

- 1 Signing deadline for Group 2 free agents (5 p.m. ET)
- 9-10 NHL Board of Governors Meeting
(Pebble Beach, Calif.)
- 12 U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Induction (Inductees: Gary Bettman, Brian Gionta, Neal Henderson, Tim Thomas and Krissy Wendell) and Celebration of Lester Patrick (Recipient: Jack Blatherwick)
(Washington, D.C.)
- 19 102nd anniversary of NHL's first games
- 19-27 Holiday roster freeze in effect: For all players on an NHL active roster, injured reserve, or with non-roster and injured non-roster status as of midnight (local time) Dec. 19, a roster freeze shall apply through midnight (local time) Dec. 27, with respect to waivers, trades and loans, subject to the exceptions provided for in CBA Article 16.5 (d).
- 24-26 Holiday break (no scheduled practices – dressing rooms closed)
- 26 – Jan. 5 IIHF World Junior Championship
(Ostrava/Trinec, Czech Republic)

JANUARY

- 1 2020 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic®:
Nashville Predators at Dallas Stars
(Cotton Bowl Stadium, Dallas, Texas)
- Week of 13 NHL Central Scouting Mid-Season Rankings release
- 16 CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game
(FirstOntario Centre, Hamilton, Ont.)
- 20 USA Hockey's annual All-American Prospects Game
(USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth, Mich.)
- 23-26 NHL All-Star Break (no games played)

23-25	No scheduled practices – dressing rooms closed
24	2020 NHL All-Star Skills Competition™ (Enterprise Center, St. Louis, Mo.)
25	2020 Honda NHL All-Star Game (Enterprise Center, St. Louis, Mo.)
26-27	2020 AHL All-Star Classic (Citizens Business Bank Arena, Ontario, Calif.)
27	NHL regular season resumes

FEBRUARY

1-29	NHL celebrates Black History Month
8	20th annual Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada (Host: Yellowknife, N.W.T.)
15	2020 NHL Stadium Series™: Los Angeles Kings at Colorado Avalanche (U.S. Air Force Academy's Falcon Stadium, Colorado Springs, Colo.)
16-23	Hockey Week Across America (USA Hockey)
24	2020 NHL Trade Deadline (3 p.m. ET)

MARCH

1-31	NHL celebrates Gender Equality Month
2-4	NHL General Managers Meeting (Boca Raton, Fla.)
27-29	NCAA Men's Ice Hockey Regionals

APRIL

1-30	NHL celebrates Earth Month
4	Last day of 2019-20 regular season (15 GP)
Week of 6	NHL Central Scouting Final Rankings release
8	Stanley Cup Playoffs begin
9-11	NCAA Frozen Four (Little Caesars Arena, Detroit, Mich.)
16-26	IIHF Under-18 World Championship (Ann Arbor/Plymouth, Mich.)
TBD	2020 NHL Draft Lottery

MAY

8-24	IIHF World Championship (Zurich/Lausanne, Switzerland)
22-31	2020 CHL Memorial Cup (Prospera Place, Kelowna, B.C.)

JUNE

1-30	NHL celebrates Pride Month
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- 1-6 2020 NHL Scouting Combine
(Buffalo, N.Y.)
- 13 Last possible day for 2020 Stanley Cup Final
- 17 2020 NHL Awards™
(Las Vegas, Nev.)
- 26-27 2020 NHL Draft™
(Bell Centre, Montreal, Que.)

JULY

- 1 Free agency begins (12 p.m. ET)
- 5 Deadline for player-elected salary arbitration notification (5 p.m. ET)
- 6 Deadline for team-elected salary arbitration notification (5 p.m. ET)
- 20 – Aug. 4 Salary arbitration hearings held

AUGUST

- 6 Deadline for salary arbitration decisions to be rendered

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