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The Walt Disney Company Announces 100 Exclusive National Hockey League Games Across ABC, ESPN, ESPN+, and Hulu Beginning October 7

- *All Games Streaming Live in the ESPN App via ESPN DTC or Pay TV Subscription*
- *Stanley Cup Final Returns to The Walt Disney Company in 2026*
- *ESPN Opening Night Tripleheader: Chicago Blackhawks at Florida Panthers, Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers, Colorado Avalanche at Los Angeles Kings*
- *NHL Frozen Frenzy Returns October 28*
- *2026 Navy Federal Credit Union NHL Stadium Series February 1 on ESPN*
- *NHL Power Play on the ESPN App: 1,050+ Out-of-Market Games Available This Season*



ESPN and The Walt Disney Company (TWDC) today announced its 2025-26 National Hockey League (NHL) regular season schedule, with 100 exclusive games across ABC, ESPN, ESPN+ and Hulu – all available on the ESPN App via ESPN DTC or Pay TV authentication. Additionally, ESPN and TWDC will present the **NHL Opening Night tripleheader**, **NHL Frozen Frenzy**, **Navy Federal Credit Union NHL Stadium Series**, and will drop the puck on the **2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs** beginning in mid-April before concluding the season with the **NHL Stanley Cup Final** in June.

ESPN's NHL studio show, **The Point**, will premiere October 7 at 4 p.m. ET on ESPN and ESPN+, ahead of ESPN's season-opening tripleheader and will be presented weekly this fall on ESPN2 and ESPN+.

NHL Opening Night on ESPN

The NHL 2025-26 season begins on Tuesday, October 7, with an opening night tripleheader Face-Off on ESPN.

The puck drops at 5 p.m. ET when the **Chicago Blackhawks** and Connor Bedard take on the two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Panthers. Prior to the game, Florida will raise its championship banner at Amerant Bank Arena commemorating the club's 2024-25 Stanley Cup-winning season.

Continuing on ESPN at 8 p.m., Sidney Crosby and the **Pittsburgh Penguins** face off against longtime former coach Mike Sullivan, now behind the bench for the **New York Rangers**, and star goalie Igor Shesterkin in a Metropolitan Division matchup at Madison Square Garden.

Following at 10:30 p.m., the **Colorado Avalanche** face the **Los Angeles Kings** and new teammates Corey Perry and Anton Forsberg in a Western Conference matchup at Crypto.com Arena.



NHL Frozen Frenzy Returns on Oct. 28

This season's NHL Frozen Frenzy, a special night of hockey featuring all 32 teams in action, returns on Oct. 28. Led by ESPN's exclusive tripleheader – beginning at 6 p.m. ET – featuring the **Pittsburgh Penguins** at **Philadelphia Flyers**, **Washington Capitals** at **Dallas Stars** and **Los Angeles Kings** at **San Jose Sharks** (ESPN).

The additional 13 games will be available on NHL Power Play on the ESPN App – with 15-minute staggered start times – resulting in continuous action throughout the night. With every team in action, ESPN2 and ESPN+ will again provide a whip-around show with live look-ins on every game, showcasing the best plays, hits and goals of the night.

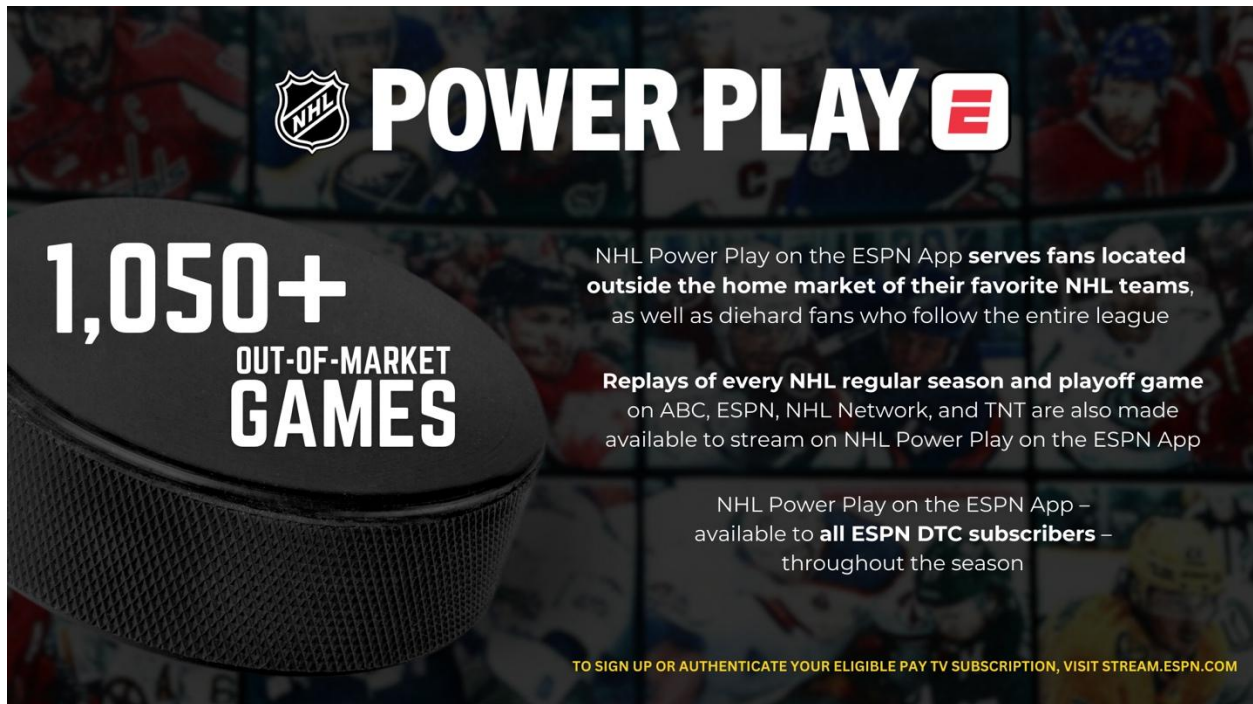
2026 Navy Federal Credit Union NHL Stadium Series


The [2026 Navy Federal Credit Union NHL Stadium Series](#) returns February 1 at Raymond James Stadium, home of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Tampa, Fla. This season's outdoor matchup will feature the hometown **Tampa Bay Lightning** facing off against the **Boston Bruins**, on ESPN (time TBD).

NHL Power Play on the ESPN App (Out-of-Market Games)

In addition to 47 exclusive games on ESPN+/Hulu, more than 1,050 out-of-market games will be accessible through **NHL Power Play on the ESPN App** – **available to all ESPN DTC subscribers** – throughout the season.

NHL Power Play games include the choice of two separate live streams with either home team or away team commentary, as well as Canadian national presentations of *Hockey Night in Canada*, providing a local experience for fans no matter where they are in the U.S. Replays of every NHL regular season and playoff game on ABC, ESPN, NHL Network and TNT are also made available to stream on NHL Power Play on the ESPN App. To sign up or authenticate your eligible Pay TV subscription, visit stream.espn.com.

A promotional graphic for NHL Power Play on the ESPN App. The background is a dark, textured image of a hockey rink with players in action. In the foreground, a large, dark hockey puck is positioned on the left side. The NHL logo is in the top left corner. The text "POWER PLAY" is prominently displayed in the center, with the ESPN logo to its right. Below this, the text "1,050+ OUT-OF-MARKET GAMES" is written in large, bold, white letters. To the right of the puck, there are three paragraphs of text in white, followed by a yellow line of text at the bottom right.

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NHL Power Play on the ESPN App **serves fans located outside the home market of their favorite NHL teams**, as well as diehard fans who follow the entire league

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Stanley Cup Final

The Stanley Cup Final returns exclusively to The Walt Disney Company in June 2026.



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Exclusive Game Highlights:

- **Oct. 9** – Rematch of last year's Stanley Cup Playoff first round between the **New Jersey Devils** and **Carolina Hurricanes** (ESPN+/Hulu)
- **Oct. 14** – After making history last season, Alexander Ovechkin (897 goals), attempts to reach 900 career goals as the **Washington Capitals** take on the **Tampa Bay Lightning** (ESPN)
- **Oct. 16** – Former No. 1 draft pick Connor McDavid and the **Edmonton Oilers** face off against 2025 No. 1 draft pick Matthew Schaefer and the **New York Islanders** (ESPN+/Hulu)
- **Oct. 21** – Brad Marchand returns to TD Garden to face his former Bruins teammates as a member of the defending Stanley Cup Champion **Florida Panthers** (ESPN)
- **Nov. 4** – Rematch of the 2025 Western Conference Final between the **Edmonton Oilers** and **Dallas Stars** (ESPN+/Hulu)
- **Nov. 6** – Future Hall of Famers Alexander Ovechkin and Sidney Crosby face off as the **Washington Capitals** take on the **Pittsburgh Penguins** (ESPN+/Hulu)
- **Nov. 26** – Rare Wednesday night ESPN+/Hulu exclusive matchup featuring the **Minnesota Wild** and **Chicago Blackhawks** for a Central Division showdown
- **Jan. 3** – The **Pittsburgh Penguins** and Sidney Crosby open the ABC Hockey Saturday schedule on the road against the **Detroit Red Wings** for an early matinee in the Motor City
- **Jan. 10** – Original Six matchup between **New York Rangers** and **Boston Bruins** at 1 p.m. (ABC)
- **Jan. 15** – ESPN doubleheader beginning with the “Battle of Pennsylvania” between the **Philadelphia Flyers** and **Pittsburgh Penguins**, followed by Mitch Marner's first game against his former team as the **Vegas Golden Knights** host the **Toronto Maple Leafs**
- **Jan. 29** – Across ESPN+/Hulu, the **Washington Capitals** will face the **Detroit Red Wings** for an Eastern Conference battle; later, the **Dallas Stars** take on the **Vegas Golden Knights**
- **Feb. 5** – Battle of Florida between Sam Reinhart and the **Florida Panthers** taking on the **Tampa Bay Lightning** and Nikita Kucherov
- **Feb. 26** – Following the Olympic Winter Games break, NHL action returns with an ESPN doubleheader featuring the **Philadelphia Flyers** and **New York Rangers**, followed by the **Edmonton Oilers** and **Los Angeles Kings** in a first-round rematch of last year's Stanley Cup Playoffs

- **March 21** – Original Six matchup as the **Boston Bruins** take on the **Detroit Red Wings** in prime time matchup on ABC
- **March 28** – ABC Hockey Saturday continues with the **Detroit Red Wings** hosting the **Philadelphia Flyers** for an Eastern Conference showdown in prime time
- **April 5** – A rare Sunday night ESPN doubleheader features the **Washington Capitals** and **New York Rangers** for a Metropolitan Division matchup (7 p.m.), followed by the **St. Louis Blues** and **Colorado Avalanche** (9:30 p.m.)
- **April 11** – ABC Hockey Saturday tripleheader featuring the **Tampa Bay Lightning** and **Boston Bruins** (12:30 p.m.), **Washington Capitals** and **Pittsburgh Penguins** (3 p.m.) followed by the **Vegas Golden Knights** and **Colorado Avalanche** (8 p.m.)

The Walt Disney Company's 2025-26 NHL Game Schedule:

Date	Time (ET)	Teams	Platform(s)
Tue, Oct. 7	5 p.m.	Chicago Blackhawks vs. Florida Panthers	ESPN
	8 p.m.	Pittsburgh Penguins vs. New York Rangers	ESPN
	10:30 p.m.	Colorado Avalanche vs. Los Angeles Kings	ESPN
Thu, Oct. 9	7:30 p.m.	New Jersey Devils vs. Carolina Hurricanes	ESPN+/Hulu
	10 p.m.	Vegas Golden Knights vs. San Jose Sharks	ESPN+/Hulu
Tue, Oct. 14	7 p.m.	Tampa Bay Lightning vs. Washington Capitals	ESPN
	9:30 p.m.	Minnesota Wild vs. Dallas Stars	ESPN
Thu, Oct. 16	7:30 p.m.	Edmonton Oilers vs. New York Islanders	ESPN+/Hulu
Fri, Oct. 17	9 p.m.	San Jose Sharks vs. Utah Mammoth	ESPN+/Hulu
Tue, Oct. 21	7:30 p.m.	Florida Panthers vs. Boston Bruins	ESPN
	10 p.m.	Colorado Avalanche vs. Utah Mammoth	ESPN
Thu, Oct. 23	6:45 p.m.	Chicago Blackhawks vs. Tampa Bay Lightning	ESPN+/Hulu
	9 p.m.	Los Angeles Kings vs. Dallas Stars	ESPN+/Hulu
Fri, Oct. 24	7:30 p.m.	Toronto Maple Leafs vs. Buffalo Sabres	ESPN+/Hulu
Tue, Oct. 28	6 p.m.	Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Philadelphia Flyers	ESPN
	8:30 p.m.	Washington Capitals vs. Dallas Stars	ESPN
	11 p.m.	Los Angeles Kings vs. San Jose Sharks	ESPN
Thu, Oct. 30	7:30 p.m.	New York Islanders vs. Carolina Hurricanes	ESPN+/Hulu
Tue, Nov. 4	8 p.m.	Edmonton Oilers vs. Dallas Stars	ESPN+/Hulu
Thu, Nov. 6	7:30 p.m.	Washington Capitals vs. Pittsburgh Penguins	ESPN+/Hulu
	10 p.m.	Florida Panthers vs. Los Angeles Kings	ESPN+/Hulu
Tue, Nov. 11	8 p.m.	San Jose Sharks vs. Minnesota Wild	ESPN+/Hulu

Thu, Nov. 13	7:30 p.m.	Edmonton Oilers vs. Columbus Blue Jackets	ESPN+/Hulu
Thu, Nov. 20	7:30 p.m.	Edmonton Oilers vs. Tampa Bay Lightning	ESPN+/Hulu
	10 p.m.	Los Angeles Kings vs. San Jose Sharks	ESPN+/Hulu
Wed, Nov. 26	8:30 p.m.	Minnesota Wild vs. Chicago Blackhawks	ESPN+/Hulu
Tue, Dec. 2	7:30 p.m.	Toronto Maple Leafs vs. Florida Panthers	ESPN+/Hulu
	10 p.m.	Chicago Blackhawks vs. Vegas Golden Knights	ESPN+/Hulu
Thu, Dec. 4	7:30 p.m.	Toronto Maple Leafs vs. Carolina Hurricanes	ESPN+/Hulu
	10 p.m.	Chicago Blackhawks vs. Los Angeles Kings	ESPN+/Hulu
Tue, Dec. 9	7:30 p.m.	Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Carolina Hurricanes	ESPN+/Hulu
Thu, Dec. 11	9 p.m.	Florida Panthers vs. Colorado Avalanche	ESPN
Fri, Dec. 12	8 p.m.	Chicago Blackhawks vs. St. Louis Blues	ESPN+/Hulu
Thu, Dec. 18	7:30 p.m.	Philadelphia Flyers vs. Buffalo Sabres	ESPN+/Hulu
Tue, Dec. 23	8 p.m.	Nashville Predators vs. Minnesota Wild	ESPN+/Hulu
Sat, Jan. 3	12 p.m.	Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Detroit Red Wings	ABC
Tue, Jan. 6	7:30 p.m.	New Jersey Devils vs. New York Islanders	ESPN+/Hulu
Sat, Jan. 10	1 p.m.	New York Rangers vs. Boston Bruins	ABC
Tue, Jan. 13	7:30 p.m.	Carolina Hurricanes vs. St. Louis Blues	ESPN+/Hulu
	10 p.m.	Toronto Maple Leafs vs. Utah Mammoth	ESPN+/Hulu
Thu, Jan. 15	7 p.m.	Philadelphia Flyers vs. Pittsburgh Penguins	ESPN
	9:30 p.m.	Toronto Maple Leafs vs. Vegas Golden Knights	ESPN
Thu, Jan. 22	7 p.m.	Chicago Blackhawks vs. Carolina Hurricanes	ESPN+/Hulu
	9:30 p.m.	Detroit Red Wings vs. Minnesota Wild	ESPN
Fri, Jan. 23	7 p.m.	Tampa Bay Lightning vs. Chicago Blackhawks	ESPN
Tue, Jan. 27	8 p.m.	Dallas Stars vs. St. Louis Blues	ESPN+/Hulu
Thu, Jan. 29	7:30 p.m.	Washington Capitals vs. Detroit Red Wings	ESPN+/Hulu
	10 p.m.	Dallas Stars vs. Vegas Golden Knights	ESPN+/Hulu
Sat, Jan. 31	1 p.m.	Colorado Avalanche vs. Detroit Red Wings	ABC
	3:30 p.m.	New York Rangers vs. Pittsburgh Penguins	ABC
Sun, Feb. 1	TBD	2026 NHL Stadium Series Boston Bruins vs. Tampa Bay Lightning	ESPN

	9:30 p.m.	Vegas Golden Knights vs. Anaheim Ducks	ESPN
Tue, Feb. 3	7:30 p.m.	Buffalo Sabres vs. Tampa Bay Lightning	ESPN+/Hulu
Thu, Feb. 5	7:30 p.m.	Florida Panthers vs. Tampa Bay Lightning	ESPN+/Hulu
Thu, Feb. 26	8 p.m.	Philadelphia Flyers vs. New York Rangers	ESPN
	10:30 p.m.	Edmonton Oilers vs. Los Angeles Kings	ESPN
Sat, Feb. 28	12:30 p.m.	Pittsburgh Penguins vs. New York Rangers	ABC
	3 p.m.	Boston Bruins vs. Philadelphia Flyers	ABC
Sun, March 1	6:30 p.m.	Florida Panthers vs. New York Islanders	ESPN
Wed, March 4	7:00 p.m.	Toronto Maple Leafs vs. New Jersey Devils	ESPN+/Hulu
	10 p.m.	St. Louis Blues vs. Seattle Kraken	ESPN+/Hulu
Thu, March 5	7 p.m.	Florida Panthers vs. Columbus Blue Jackets	ESPN
	9:30 p.m.	New York Islanders vs. Los Angeles Kings	ESPN
Sat, March 7	12:30 p.m.	Washington Capitals vs. Boston Bruins	ABC
	3 p.m.	New York Rangers vs. New Jersey Devils	ABC
Sun, March 8	7 p.m.	Detroit Red Wings vs. New Jersey Devils	ESPN
	9:30 p.m.	Edmonton Oilers vs. Vegas Golden Knights	ESPN
Tue, March 10	8 p.m.	Utah Mammoth vs. Minnesota Wild	ESPN+/Hulu
Thu, March 12	8 p.m.	Edmonton Oilers vs. Dallas Stars	ESPN+/Hulu
Fri, March 13	8 p.m.	Edmonton Oilers vs. St. Louis Blues	ESPN+/Hulu
Sat, March 14	3 p.m.	Boston Bruins vs. Washington Capitals	ABC
Mon, March 16	7 p.m.	Boston Bruins vs. New Jersey Devils	ESPN
	9:30 p.m.	Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Colorado Avalanche	ESPN
Thu, March 19	7:30 p.m.	Chicago Blackhawks vs. Minnesota Wild	ESPN+/Hulu
	10 p.m.	Utah Mammoth vs. Vegas Golden Knights	ESPN+/Hulu
Sat, March 21	8 p.m.	Boston Bruins vs. Detroit Red Wings	ABC
Tue, March 24	7 p.m.	Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Philadelphia Flyers	ESPN+/Hulu
	9:30 p.m.	Edmonton Oilers vs. Utah Mammoth	ESPN+/Hulu
Thu, March 26	7 p.m.	Minnesota Wild vs. Florida Panthers	ESPN
	9:30 p.m.	Edmonton Oilers vs. Vegas Golden Knights	ESPN
Sat, March 28	8 p.m.	Philadelphia Flyers vs. Detroit Red Wings	ABC

Tue, March 31	7:30 p.m.	Carolina Hurricanes vs. Columbus Blue Jackets	ESPN+/Hulu
Thu, April 2	7:30 p.m.	Washington Capitals vs. New Jersey Devils	ESPN+/Hulu
	10 p.m.	Utah Mammoth vs. Seattle Kraken	ESPN+/Hulu
Sat, April 4	12:30 p.m.	Detroit Red Wings vs. New York Rangers	ABC
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	9:30 p.m.	Edmonton Oilers vs. Utah Mammoth	ESPN
Thu, April 9	6:30 p.m.	Philadelphia Flyers vs. Detroit Red Wings	ESPN+/Hulu
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Sat, April 11	12:30 p.m.	Tampa Bay Lightning vs. Boston Bruins	ABC
	3 p.m.	Washington Capitals vs. Pittsburgh Penguins	ABC
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Mon, April 13	9:30 p.m.	Los Angeles Kings vs. Seattle Kraken	ESPN
Tue, April 14	7 p.m.	Washington Capitals vs. Columbus Blue Jackets	ESPN
	9:30 p.m.	Pittsburgh Penguins vs. St. Louis Blues	ESPN
Thu, April 16	8 p.m.	St. Louis Blues vs. Utah Mammoth	ESPN
	10:30 p.m.	Seattle Kraken vs. Colorado Avalanche	ESPN

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