



## RICK BALL

### TELEVISION PLAY-BY-PLAY ANNOUNCER

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Television Play-by-Play Announcer Rick Ball is in his second season with the Chicago Blackhawks.

Ball joined the Blackhawks in June 2024, after spending the previous 10 seasons as the television play-by-play voice of the Calgary Flames on Sportsnet. During that time, Ball has also served as play-by-play announcer for Hockey Night in Canada's national broadcasts, a role he began in 2011 before being named the program's lead Western play-by-play announcer in 2013.

A native of Kelowna, B.C., Ball started his broadcast career in 1995 as the radio play-by-play announcer for the Kelowna Rockets of the Western Hockey League, a role he held until 2000. He broke into the NHL in 2000-01, originally serving as a fill-in for Jim Hughson calling games for the Vancouver Canucks on VTV before being named the radio play-by-play voice of the BC Lions of the Canadian Football League in 2004. Ball would return to hockey ahead of the 2008-09 season as the radio play-by-play announcer for the Canucks on TEAM 1040 through the 2013-14 season.

During his career, Ball has called numerous Stanley Cup Playoff series with Sportsnet and TNT. He also worked as the play-by-play announcer for NHL Network and Sportsnet during both the World Cup of Hockey in 2016 and the 2018 NHL China Games between the Calgary Flames and Boston Bruins.