



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

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## **COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS TO OPEN 2024 TRAINING CAMP, PRESENTED BY OHIOHEALTH, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**Players report for physicals and fitness testing Wednesday before taking the ice for the first time Thursday**

**COLUMBUS, OHIO** – The Columbus Blue Jackets begin preparations for their 24<sup>th</sup> National Hockey League season with the opening of training camp, presented by OhioHealth, on Wednesday, September 18. Players will report for physicals at the OhioHealth McConnell Spine, Sport and Joint Center beginning at 7 a.m. on Wednesday with fitness testing to follow at Ohio State University. The club will also hold its annual Media Day Luncheon at Nationwide Arena that day followed by a press conference with President of Hockey Operations and General Manager Don Waddell, Head Coach Dean Evason and select players from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Columbus will conduct the first team on-ice practices from Thursday, September 19 through Saturday, September 21 in the OhioHealth Ice Haus. The Blue Jackets will also hold an intersquad scrimmage on Sunday, September 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the club's practice facility. **All practice sessions in the OhioHealth Ice Haus (see full schedule below) are open to the public.**

The training camp roster consists of 55 players (31 forwards, 16 defensemen, eight goaltenders) with the players divided into two groups for sessions from September 21-27. The Blue Jackets open their eight-game preseason schedule on Monday, September 23 when the club visits the Buffalo Sabres at KeyBank Center. Columbus begins the home slate of the preseason two days later against St. Louis at Nationwide Arena. The team opens the 2024-25 regular season on Thursday, October 10 against the Minnesota Wild at Xcel Energy Center and kicks off its home slate of games with a 7 p.m. ET matchup against the 2024 Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers on Tuesday, October 15 at Nationwide Arena.

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**Media Availability – Practices:** Members of the hockey operations staff and Head Coach Dean Evason will be available following the final practice session each day. All players will be available following their final scheduled practice of the day. The club will hold media availability in the press conference room during training camp. ... **Preseason Games:** The team's dressing room will be open to the media five minutes after the game's conclusion. The Blue Jackets head coach for that preseason game will meet the media in the press conference room approximately 20 minutes after each contest.

**Media Information/Press Box at BlueJackets.com** – Media covering training camp practices can park in the parking garage located on the north side of Nationwide Arena (bring garage ticket for validation). For daily updates including press releases, game notes, complete pre- and post-game coverage and more, visit the Press Box page at BlueJackets.com, the club's official website <http://bluejackets.com/pressbox> and follow the communications X (formerly Twitter) account at <http://x.com/BlueJacketsPR>.

**Season Credentials** – Media receiving Blue Jackets credentials for the 2024-25 season will be available for pickup at the team's media day luncheon on September 18. The credentials will also be available during home preseason and regular season games and can be collected at the Box Office Entrance, located on the south side of the arena near Tim Hortons and John H. McConnell Drive. The Media Entrance will be open two and a half hours prior to game time.

## COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS 2024 TRAINING CAMP SCHEDULE (dates/times/location subject to change)

All Times Eastern

### Wednesday, September 18

7 a.m. Medicals/Fitness Testing, McConnell/OSU  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. Media Day Luncheon and Press Conference

### Thursday, September 19

9:15-10:15 a.m. Group 1 Practice (IH)  
12:15-1:15 p.m. Group 2 Practice (IH)

### Friday, September 20

9:15-10:15 a.m. Group 1 Practice (IH)  
12:15-1:15 p.m. Group 2 Practice (IH)

### Saturday, September 21

9:15-10:15 a.m. Group 1 Practice (IH)  
12:15-1:15 p.m. Group 2 Practice (IH)

### Sunday, September 22

9:15-10:15 a.m. Team Practice (IH)  
12:15-1:15 p.m. Team Intersquad Scrimmage (IH)

### Monday, September 23

9:30-10:30 a.m. Game Group Pre-Game Activation  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Non-Game Group Practice (IH)  
5 p.m. at Buffalo, KeyBank Center

### Tuesday, September 24

9:15-10:15 a.m. Non-Game Buffalo Group Practice (NWA)  
12:15-1:15 p.m. Buffalo Game Group Practice (NWA)

### Wednesday, September 25

10-11 a.m. Game Group Pre-Game Skate (NWA)  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Non-Game Group Practice (NWA)  
7 p.m. vs. ST. LOUIS, NATIONWIDE ARENA

### Thursday, September 26

No Practice/Workouts Scheduled

### Friday, September 27

10-11 a.m. Game Group Pre-Game Skate (NWA)  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Non-Game Group Practice (NWA)  
7 p.m. at Washington, Capital One Arena

### Saturday, September 28

10-11 a.m. Team Pre-Game Skate (NWA)  
7 p.m. vs. BUFFALO, NATIONWIDE ARENA

### Sunday, September 29

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Team Practice (NWA)

### Monday, September 30

10-11 a.m. Team Pre-Game Skate (NWA)  
7 p.m. vs. WASHINGTON, NATIONWIDE ARENA

### Tuesday, October 1

10-11 a.m. Team Pre-Game Skate (NWA)  
8 p.m. at St. Louis, Enterprise Center

### Wednesday, October 2

No Practice/Workouts Scheduled

### Thursday, October 3

10-11 a.m. Team Pre-Game Skate (NWA)  
7 p.m. vs. PITTSBURGH, NATIONWIDE ARENA

### Friday, October 4

10-11 a.m. Team Pre-Game Skate (IH)  
7 p.m. at Pittsburgh, PPG Paints Arena

### Saturday, October 5

No Practice/Workouts Scheduled

### Sunday, October 6

No Practice/Workouts Scheduled

### Monday, October 7

10:30-11:45 a.m. Practice (IH)

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