

Emirates NBA Cup 2026

Complete Group Play Schedule — Organized by Group

Group Play: October 30 – November 27, 2026 | Knockout Rounds: December 4 – 11, 2026

This guide reorganizes the NBA's official Group Play schedule (as of 8/12/2026) by **group** instead of by date, so you can follow every game your team plays from tip-off to the in-season tournament's knockout stage in one place. All 30 teams are split into six groups of five — three in the Eastern Conference, three in the West. Each team plays the other four teams in its group once, for four Group Play games total, before the top two teams per group plus two wild cards advance to the single-elimination Knockout Rounds.

30 Teams	6 Groups of 5	60 Group Play Games	4 Games per Team	8 Knockout Teams
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How to Read This Guide

Section	What it shows
Group pages (East A/B/C, West A/B/C)	All 4 games for each team in that group, sorted by date, with tip-off time and national TV network
“at” in the Matchup column	Away team “at” Home team — the home team's arena hosts the game
Local / ET columns	Local = the home arena's local tip-off time. ET = the same tip-off converted to Eastern Time
National TV column	Left blank when a game is only on regional/local broadcasts; otherwise shows NBC, ESPN, or Prime Video

Group East A Eastern Conference

Teams: Brooklyn • Detroit • Milwaukee • Orlando • Toronto

Date	Matchup	Local Time	ET Time	National TV
Fri Oct 30	Detroit at Brooklyn	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	—
Fri Oct 30	Orlando at Toronto	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	—
Fri Nov 6	Toronto at Milwaukee	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 13	Milwaukee at Orlando	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 20	Orlando at Brooklyn	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	—
Fri Nov 20	Toronto at Detroit	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	Prime
Tue Nov 24	Detroit at Orlando	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	—
Wed Nov 25	Brooklyn at Milwaukee	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 27	Milwaukee at Detroit	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	—
Fri Nov 27	Brooklyn at Toronto	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	—

Every East A team plays the other four teams in the group once (4 Group Play games each). Standings after Group Play determine seeding for the Knockout Rounds.

Group East B Eastern Conference

Teams: Cleveland • Indiana • Miami • New York • Philadelphia

Date	Matchup	Local Time	ET Time	National TV
Fri Oct 30	New York at Philadelphia	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	Prime
Fri Oct 30	Indiana at Miami	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 6	Philadelphia at Cleveland	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	Prime
Fri Nov 13	New York at Indiana	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	Prime
Fri Nov 13	Cleveland at Miami	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 20	Indiana at Cleveland	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	—
Wed Nov 25	Miami at Philadelphia	5:00 PM	5:00 PM	ESPN
Wed Nov 25	Cleveland at New York	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	—
Fri Nov 27	Miami at New York	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	Prime
Fri Nov 27	Philadelphia at Indiana	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	—

Every East B team plays the other four teams in the group once (4 Group Play games each). Standings after Group Play determine seeding for the Knockout Rounds.

Group East C Eastern Conference
Teams: Atlanta • Boston • Charlotte • Chicago • Washington

Date	Matchup	Local Time	ET Time	National TV
Fri Oct 30	Charlotte at Washington	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	—
Fri Oct 30	Chicago at Boston	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	—
Fri Nov 6	Washington at Atlanta	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 6	Boston at Charlotte	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 13	Atlanta at Chicago	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 20	Charlotte at Atlanta	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 20	Washington at Chicago	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	—
Tue Nov 24	Boston at Washington	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	NBC
Wed Nov 25	Chicago at Charlotte	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 27	Atlanta at Boston	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	—

Every East C team plays the other four teams in the group once (4 Group Play games each). Standings after Group Play determine seeding for the Knockout Rounds.

Group West A Western Conference
Teams: Dallas • Denver • Houston • Phoenix • Utah

Date	Matchup	Local Time	ET Time	National TV
Fri Oct 30	Houston at Dallas	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	—
Fri Oct 30	Denver at Phoenix	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 6	Utah at Dallas	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 13	Utah at Houston	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	—
Fri Nov 20	Phoenix at Utah	7:30 PM	9:30 PM	—
Fri Nov 20	Houston at Denver	8:00 PM	10:00 PM	Prime
Tue Nov 24	Dallas at Denver	8:00 PM	10:00 PM	NBC
Wed Nov 25	Phoenix at Houston	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	—
Fri Nov 27	Dallas at Phoenix	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 27	Denver at Utah	7:30 PM	9:30 PM	—

Every West A team plays the other four teams in the group once (4 Group Play games each). Standings after Group Play determine seeding for the Knockout Rounds.

Group West B Western Conference

Teams: LA Clippers • Memphis • Minnesota • New Orleans • Oklahoma City

Date	Matchup	Local Time	ET Time	National TV
Fri Oct 30	LA Clippers at Minnesota	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 6	Oklahoma City at Memphis	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 6	Minnesota at New Orleans	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 13	Memphis at New Orleans	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 13	Oklahoma City at LA Clippers	7:30 PM	10:30 PM	—
Fri Nov 20	New Orleans at Oklahoma City	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	—
Wed Nov 25	Minnesota at Oklahoma City	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	ESPN
Wed Nov 25	LA Clippers at Memphis	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 27	Memphis at Minnesota	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	—
Fri Nov 27	New Orleans at LA Clippers	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	—

Every West B team plays the other four teams in the group once (4 Group Play games each). Standings after Group Play determine seeding for the Knockout Rounds.

Group West C Western Conference

Teams: Golden State • LA Lakers • Portland • Sacramento • San Antonio

Date	Matchup	Local Time	ET Time	National TV
Fri Oct 30	LA Lakers at Golden State	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Prime
Fri Nov 6	Portland at LA Lakers	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Prime
Fri Nov 6	San Antonio at Sacramento	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 13	Golden State at San Antonio	8:30 PM	9:30 PM	Prime
Fri Nov 13	Portland at Sacramento	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	—
Fri Nov 20	Sacramento at LA Lakers	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	—
Wed Nov 25	Sacramento at Golden State	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	—
Wed Nov 25	San Antonio at Portland	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	ESPN
Fri Nov 27	LA Lakers at San Antonio	8:30 PM	9:30 PM	Prime
Fri Nov 27	Golden State at Portland	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	—

Every West C team plays the other four teams in the group once (4 Group Play games each). Standings after Group Play determine seeding for the Knockout Rounds.

Knockout Rounds

Round	Date(s)	Format
Quarterfinals	Fri. Dec. 4 & Sat. Dec. 5, 2026	Single elimination — 8 teams (6 group winners + 2 wild cards)
Semifinals	Tue. Dec. 8 and/or Wed. Dec. 9, 2026	Single elimination — 4 teams
Championship	Fri. Dec. 11, 2026	Single game for the Emirates NBA Cup

All Knockout Round games stream on Prime Video. The two wild-card berths go to the next-best records across both conferences among teams that did not finish 1st or 2nd in their group.

National Broadcast Legend

Network	Group Play games	Note
NBC	2	Simulcast on Peacock
ESPN	3	Simulcast on ESPN (DTC)
Prime Video	10	All Knockout Round games also stream on Prime
— (dash)	45	No national broadcaster — game airs on regional/local networks only; check your team's local broadcast or streaming app for coverage

This guide was independently checked line-by-line against the official NBA Group Play schedule (as of 8/12/2026, subject to change by the NBA). For live scores, standings, and the latest broadcast updates, visit nbacuplive.com or the official league site, [NBA.com](https://nba.com).