

Basketball is Back!

Regular Season & Playoffs Plan

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Qualified
Within
Six Games

9 POR
10 NO
11 SAC
12 SA
13 PHX

Current
Playoff
Seeding

1 LAL
2 LAC
3 DEN
4 UTH
5 OKC
6 HOU
7 DAL
8 MEM

Format

SEASON RETURNS: 7/30

22 TEAMS: Current Playoff teams & those within 6 games of the 8th seed in each conference.

LOCATION: Teams play in Orlando at ESPN's Wide World of Sports complex.

REGULAR SEASON: 7/30-8/14
These 22 teams play 8 games each.

PLAY-IN SERIES (if necessary):
8/15-8/16 max two-game series between 8th & 9th seed if within 4 games. 9th seed must win both games to advance.

PLAYOFFS: Starts as early as 8/15 if no play-in with traditional best-of-7 series. The conference semifinals are 8/31-9/13, conference finals are 9/15-9/28, & finals are from 9/30-10/13.

DRAFT LOTTERY: 8/20

DRAFT: 10/16

2020-21 SEASON: Starts 12/1

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Current
Playoff
Seeding

1 MIL
2 TOR
3 BOS
4 MIA
5 IND
6 PHI
7 BKL
8 ORL

Qualified
Within
Six Games

9 WSH

As of 8/5/20, details subject to change.



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