



NBA season preview 2023-24

REGULAR SEASON: OCT 24, 2023 - APR 14, 2024

NBA FINALS: JUN 6-23, 2024

The 78th National Basketball Association season launches with the **Denver Nuggets** as reigning champions after beating **Miami Heat** to claim their maiden title. This year features the inaugural NBA Cup – an in-season tournament set to take place in November – before traditional play-offs decide the Eastern and Western champions to clash in the NBA Finals

Nikola Jokic (Denver Nuggets) battles **Jimmy Butler**, **Bam Adebayo** and **Kevin Love** (Miami Heat) during 2023 NBA Finals



KROENKE SPORTING EMPIRE: Denver's triumph clinched fourth major North American sports title for owner **Stan Kroenke** – who also owns London-based Premier League club Arsenal



Denver Nuggets	Basketball	Title: 2023
Los Angeles Rams	American Football	2021
Colorado Avalanche	Ice Hockey	2022
Colorado Mammoth	Lacrosse	2022
Arsenal	Soccer	2023: 2nd

RACE AGAINST TIME: **LeBron James** (left) could become first player in NBA history to reach 40,000-point mark – needing 1,348 points this season to achieve feat

MOST POINTS IN NBA HISTORY
Regular season. Players with over 30,000pts

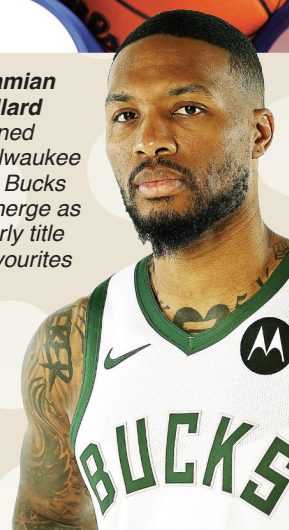
LeBron James	Games: 1,421	38,652
» Cleveland Cavaliers, Miami Heat, LA Lakers		
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	1,560	38,387
» Milwaukee Bucks, LA Lakers		
Karl Malone	1,476	36,928
» Utah Jazz, LA Lakers		
Kobe Bryant	1,346	33,643
» LA Lakers		
Michael Jordan	1,072	32,292
» Chicago Bulls, Washington Wizards		
Dirk Nowitzki	1,522	31,560
» Dallas Mavericks		
Wilt Chamberlain	1,045	31,419
» Warriors, Philadelphia 76ers, LA Lakers		

Joel Embiid

Philadelphia 76ers.
Averaged 33.1pts in regular season to claim **Most Valuable Player** award for first time last season



Damian Lillard joined Milwaukee as Bucks emerge as early title favourites



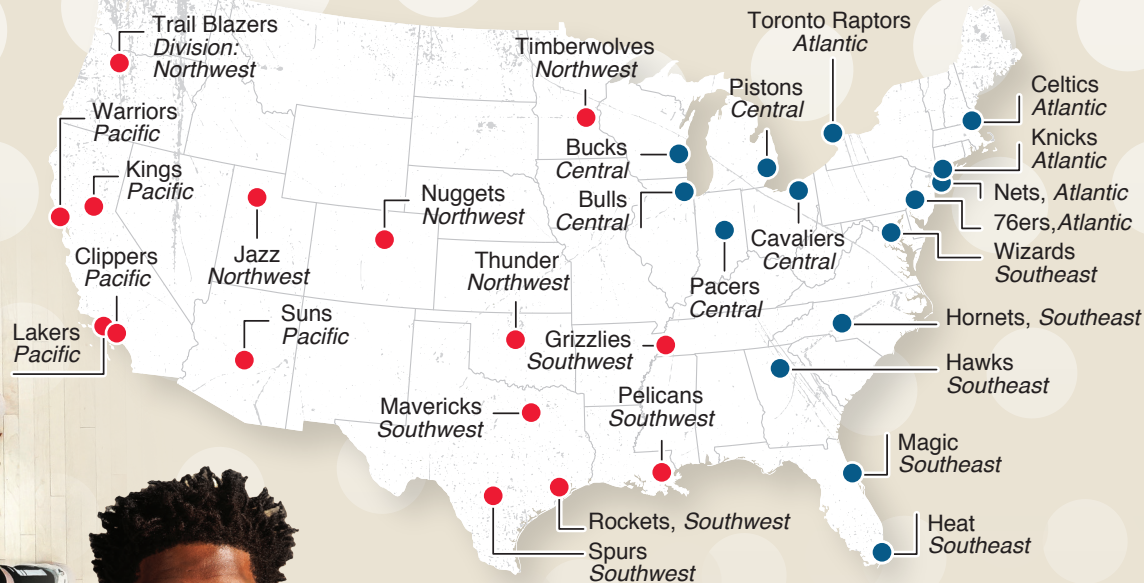
Two conferences, each with 15 teams divided into three divisions:

EASTERN CONFERENCE

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Regular season games

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Opening fixtures

Away team	All games Oct 25 except where indicated	Home team
Los Angeles Lakers	Ball Arena (Oct 24)	Denver Nuggets
Phoenix Suns	Chase Center (Oct 24)	Golden State Warriors
Atlanta Hawks	Spectrum Center	Charlotte Hornets
Washington Wizards	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indiana Pacers
Boston Celtics	Madison Square Garden	New York Knicks
Houston Rockets*	Amway Center	Orlando Magic
Cleveland Cavaliers	Barclays Center	Brooklyn Nets
Detroit Pistons	Kaseya Center	Miami Heat
Minnesota Timberwolves*	Scotiabank Arena	Toronto Raptors
Oklahoma City Thunder*	United Center	Chicago Bulls
New Orleans Pelicans	FedExForum	Memphis Grizzlies
Sacramento Kings	Delta Center	Utah Jazz
Dallas Mavericks	Frost Bank Center	San Antonio Spurs
Portland Trail Blazers	Crypto.com Arena	Los Angeles Clippers
Philadelphia 76ers	Fiserv Forum (Oct 26)	Milwaukee Bucks

*Interleague game between Eastern and Western conference

NBA FINALS: Eastern Conference teams edge series with 40 wins to Western Conference's 37. **Los Angeles Lakers** and **Boston Celtics** hold joint record with 17 titles apiece

2023	Denver	bt Miami	4-1	Jayson Tatum Celtics – part of NBA first team 2023
2022	Warriors	Boston	4-2	
2021	Milwaukee	Phoenix	4-2	
2020	LA Lakers	Miami	4-2	
2019	Toronto	Warriors	4-2	
2018	Warriors	Cleveland	4-0	
2017	Warriors	Cleveland	4-1	
2016	Cleveland	Warriors	4-3	
2015	Warriors	Cleveland	4-2	
2014	San Antonio	Miami	4-1	



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