2026-27 English Premier League preview

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The 35th Premier League season kicks off with Arsenal, having ended their 22-year wait for the title, strengthening their squad in pursuit of another crown. Mikel Arteta aims to become only the fourth manager – after Alex Ferguson, Jose Mourinho and Pep Guardiola – to retain the Premier League title

MIDFIELD MAESTRO: *Summer transfer window has been dominated by teams rebuilding central engine rooms, with **Elliot Anderson** (right) joining Man City on a five-year deal*



Trafford Wharfside Project

*Manchester United has unveiled 370-acre development for Old Trafford area, with architects **Allies and Morrison** leading 15-year regeneration plan featuring 100,000-capacity stadium, urban hubs, employment space and green areas*

£7.3bn

*Projected per annum boost to UK economy, with scope for **15,000** new homes and creation of **48,000** local jobs*



Financial framework

*New campaign marks introduction of **Squad Cost Ratio (SCR)** regulations, replacing **Profit and Sustainability Rules (PSR)**. SCR will limit Premier League clubs' on-pitch spending to 85% of football-related revenue plus net profit/loss from player sales*

Squad Costs: Wages, amortisation – spreading transfer fee across length of contract – agent fees and impairments

	SCR* (%)	Estimated 85% threshold 2026-27 (£m)
Man City	54	561
Chelsea	85	506
Arsenal	50	443
Liverpool	54	432
Tottenham	49	415
Man Utd	56	408
Newcastle Utd	77	265
Aston Villa	67	262
Brighton	65	242
Bournemouth	52	204
Notts. Forest	84	198
Everton	66	185
Crystal Palace	51	180
Fulham	73	179
Brentford	68	161
Leeds	71	147
Sunderland	10	119
Ipswich	46	89
Coventry City	89	60
Hull City	16	30

*Based on 2024-25 season accounting

Clubs can exceed 85% limit using 30% multi-year allowance – providing for investment and sporting variance



Bruno Guimarães

Dynamic midfielder, £75m (€87.7m) summer signing from Newcastle United



Bruno Fernandes

*Manchester United captain set to play pivotal role as **Michael Carrick** aims to turn stability into challenge for honours*

Stadia

Everton: Hill Dickinson Stadium *52,769*
Liverpool: Anfield *61,276*
Man Utd: Old Trafford *74,197*
Man City: Etihad Stadium *61,038*
Newcastle United: St James' Park *Capacity: 52,769*
Sunderland: Stadium of Light *49,000*
Leeds United: Elland Road *37,890*
Hull City: MKM Arena *25,586*
Nottingham Forest: City Ground, *30,404*
Arsenal: Emirates Stadium *60,704*
Brentford: Gtech Community Stadium, *17,250*
Tottenham: Tottenham Hotspur Stadium *62,850*
Aston Villa: Villa Park, *43,205*
Coventry City CBS Arena, *32,609*
Bournemouth Vitality Stadium *11,307*
Brighton Amex Stadium *31,876*
Ipswich Town Portman Road *30,056*
Crystal Palace: Selhurst Park *25,486*
Chelsea: Stamford Bridge *40,343*
Fulham: Craven Cottage, *28,000*

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Premier League champions: 1993-2026

Man Utd: 13 titles		*1993, 94, 96, 97, 99, 2000, 01, 03, 07, 08, 09, 11, 13*
Man City		*2012, 14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24*
Chelsea	5	*2005, 06, 10, 15, 17*
Arsenal	4	*1998, 2002, 04, 26*
Liverpool	2	*2020, 25*
Leicester City	1	*2016*
Blackburn Rovers	1	*1995*

***Frank Lampard** returns to top flight with **Coventry,** signing new contract to 2029 after brief managerial roles at Chelsea and Everton*



Key fixtures

***Coventry City** promoted to Premier League for first time since 2001, **Hull City** end nine-year absence and **Ipswich** bounce back after one season*

OPENING WEEKEND: Aug 21-24		FESTIVE PERIOD: Dec 26		NEW YEAR: Jan 2		FINAL DAY: May 30th	
Arsenal	Coventry City	Aston Villa	Leeds Utd	Arsenal	Ipswich Town	Arsenal	Brighton
Hull City	Man Utd	Coventry City	Chelsea	Bournemouth	Aston Villa	Aston Villa	Tottenham
Everton	Crystal Palace	Crystal Palace	Arsenal	Brentford	Crystal Palace	Chelsea	Brentford
Ipswich Town	Sunderland	Everton	Sunderland	Brighton	Man Utd	Coventry City	Notts. Forest
Notts. Forest	Leeds Utd	Fulham	Brighton	Chelsea	Newcastle Utd	Crystal Palace	Leeds Utd
Brentford	Tottenham	Hull City	Liverpool	Leeds Utd	Everton	Hull City	Newcastle Utd
Brighton	Aston Villa	Ipswich Town	Brentford	Liverpool	Coventry City	Ipswich Town	Everton
Man City	Bournemouth	Man Utd	Notts. Forest	Man City	Tottenham	Liverpool	Bournemouth
Newcastle Utd	Liverpool	Newcastle Utd	Man City	Notts. Forest	Fulham	Man Utd	Fulham
Fulham	Chelsea	Tottenham	Bournemouth	Sunderland	Hull City	Sunderland	Man City

Continental adventure: *Nine teams from Premier League are set to compete in various European competitions this season*

Champions League · Europa League · Conference League (Play-off round)

New rules

New season will feature unprecedented number of law changes, designed to improve tempo and alter player behaviour

TIME-WASTING COUNTDOWNS AND PUNISHMENTS

05 seconds
Goal kicks: Corner to opposition
Throw-ins: Awarded to opposition

10 Substitutions
Team must play for one minute with fewer players

60 Injuries
Player must leave pitch for one minute, unless opponent receives a card.
Goalkeepers and penalty-takers exempt



Goalkeeper tactical timeout
Often used by manager to issue instructions to players – if goalkeeper asks for treatment, an outfield player must leave the field for one minute

NEW VAR REVIEW POWERS

Red cards arising from clearly incorrect second yellow card

Mistaken identity for decision

Attacking foul before ball is in play leading to penalty or goal

CRUCIAL CLASHES

All fixtures subject to change to fit TV schedules

***Bournemouth** secured European football for first time with superb sixth-place finish last season, while **Chelsea** and **Tottenham** hope radical close-season overhauls can end years of underachievement*

Home games read horizontally, away games vertically

	Arsenal	Aston Villa	Bournemouth	Chelsea	Liverpool	Man City	Man Utd	Tottenham
Arsenal		Apr 17	Dec 12	Sep 6	Feb 6	Nov 28	Dec 19	May 1
Aston Villa	Aug 31		Feb 10	Feb 27	Dec 30	Oct 24	Jan 16	May 30
Bournemouth	Apr 24	Jan 2		May 23	Sep 20	Apr 10	May 8	Mar 3
Chelsea	Mar 13	Dec 19	Oct 10		Dec 5	Apr 24	Oct 31	Oct 24
Liverpool	Oct 31	Mar 3	May 30	May 1		Oct 10	Nov 21	Dec 19
Man City	Jan 30	May 23	Aug 23	Dec 12	May 8		Mar 20	Jan 2
Man Utd	Feb 27	Nov 7	Oct 24	Feb 6	Jan 23	Sep 13		Oct 10
Tottenham	Dec 5	Sep 19	Dec 26	May 8	Feb 27	Feb 10	May 23	



Sandro Tonali Tottenham · *Dominik Szoboszlai* Liverpool · *Morgan Rogers* Chelsea

***Michael Oliver** No.1 referee in Premier League*

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