

2026-27 EuroLeague

Season Planner: Key Dates, Format & Teams

Europe's top club basketball competition tips off September 24, 2026. Twenty teams play a 38-round home-and-away regular season, the top six go straight to the playoffs, teams seventh through tenth fight through a play-in, and it all ends at the Final Four in late May.

Key Dates

Milestone	Date
Regular season tips off	Thu, Sep 24, 2026
Regular season ends (Round 38)	Fri, Apr 16, 2027
Play-In tournament	Apr 20 & 23, 2027
Playoffs	Apr 27 - May 12, 2027
Final Four	May 28 - 30, 2027

Format at a Glance

20 teams, 38 rounds (home-and-away). Top 6 advance directly to the best-of-five playoffs. Teams 7 to 10 enter the Play-In for the last two playoff berths. Teams 11 to 20 are eliminated. The four playoff winners meet at the single-site Final Four (two semifinals and the final).

Marquee Clubs to Watch

Real Madrid	FC Barcelona
Olympiacos (holder)	Panathinaikos
Fenerbahce	Anadolu Efes
Zalgiris Kaunas	Maccabi Tel Aviv

The 20-club field spans Spain, Greece, Turkey, France, Germany, Italy, Serbia, Israel, Lithuania, and the UAE. A few berths rotate each year via license and EuroCup promotion. Get more free schedules and printables at SportsBrackets.net.