

A Whole New Finals: NBA Restart by the Numbers

NBA Finals to Be Played at a Single Location for First Time in League's 74-Year History

Orlando, Fla., (Sept. 29, 2020) – The Eastern Conference champion Miami Heat and the Western Conference champion Los Angeles Lakers will tip off the NBA Finals 2020 presented by YouTube TV on Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 9 p.m. ET on ABC and ESPN Radio in the United States. The NBA Finals will reach fans live in 215 countries and territories in 48 languages.

YouTube TV has renewed its multiyear marketing partnership with the league as presenting partner of the NBA, WNBA and NBA G League Finals. YouTube TV's NBA Finals plans include launching a new brand TV spot, featuring branding throughout the arena and bringing the product experience to life through innovative broadcast integrations on ABC.

Here is a by-the-numbers look at the NBA Restart and NBA Finals 2020 presented by YouTube TV.

Miami Heat vs. Los Angeles Lakers

- 4** – Miami is seeking its **fourth** NBA championship.
- 5** – The Heat is the first **fifth** seed to reach the NBA Finals since the current playoff format was implemented in the 1983-84 season.
- 10** – Miami and Los Angeles both finished in **10th** place in their respective conferences last season, making this the first NBA Finals to feature two teams that did not qualify for the playoffs the previous season.
- 17** – The Lakers are trying to win their **17th** NBA championship, which would tie the Boston Celtics for the most in league history.

Players, Coaches and Executives

- 4** – Heat President Pat Riley coached the Lakers to **four** NBA championships during the 1980s.
- 5** – Miami's Erik Spoelstra is making his **fifth** NBA Finals appearance as a head coach.
- 10** – LeBron James will play in his **10th** NBA Finals, joining Bill Russell (12), Sam Jones (11) and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (10) as the only players with 10 or more appearances.
- 15** – **Fifteen** players competing in this season's NBA Finals have played in the NBA G League, including six Lakers and nine members of the Heat.
- 29.6** – Los Angeles' Anthony Davis is averaging **29.6** points in his playoff career. Only two players have a higher playoff scoring average (minimum 25 games): Michael Jordan (33.4 ppg) and Allen Iverson (29.7 ppg).
- 2000** – Miami rookie Tyler Herro will be the first player born in the **2000s** to play in the NBA Finals.

The NBA Campus at Disney

- 3** – **Three** hotels at Walt Disney World have been used to house players, coaches, team basketball staffs,

media, broadcasters and league personnel living in the Orlando campus.

12/85 – Both the Lakers and Heat are now in their **12th** week living at the Gran Destino Tower at Coronado Springs. Game 1 of the NBA Finals on Sept. 30 marks the 85th consecutive day on campus for both teams.

22 – **Twenty-two** NBA teams assembled in Florida to complete the 2019-20 season.

115 – More than **115** vehicles have been used to transport players, coaches, referees, support staff, venue operators, media and network television personnel throughout the campus.

150/100 – Close to **150** NBA personnel who work across various departments have each been living on campus for more than 100 days.

525 – There have been more than **525** fishing excursions booked on campus.

700 – On average **700** packages arrive daily on campus to the 28,300 square-foot distribution warehouse at Coronado Springs, including a one-day record of nearly 1,200 packages.

1,800 – According to league sources, there have been more than **1,800** pickleball games played on the NBA campus at Disney.

3,600 – The NBA has conducted more than **3,600** Zoom media availability sessions, streaming nearly 1.9 million minutes of player and coach interviews.

106,000 – **106,000** room nights at Walt Disney World during the restart.

ESPN Wide World of Sports

7 – The NBA campus featured **seven** practice facilities, which included state-of-the-art weight rooms and training facilities, as well as courts provided by the Heat, Indiana Pacers and Orlando Magic.

30 – Beginning on June 22 until the first scrimmage was held on July 22, it took **30** days to assemble the game and practice courts.

66 – ESPN Wide World of Sports basketball arenas feature **66** microphones strategically placed around the game venues, both under and around the playing court.

92 – There are **92** family members who will be in attendance to watch their loved ones compete at AdventHealth Arena, where all the NBA Finals games will be played.

145 – ABC, TNT, ESPN and NBA TV have combined to televise **145** games (16 scrimmages + 52 seeding games + 77 playoff games) throughout the U.S. since play resumed.

199 – ESPN Wide World of Sports has hosted **199** games since play resumed.

320 – There will be **320** virtual fans watching each Finals game from home, seen inside the arena as part of Michelob ULTRA Courtside.

805 – The NBA campus has hosted **805** practices since training camp began on July 9.

1,120 – NBA national and regional partners in the U.S. have presented **1,120** hours of televised games over 428 telecasts.

4,627 – NBA game and practice facilities include **4,627** hardwood panels.

16,780 – Fourteen semi-trucks drove **16,780** miles to deliver all basketball floors to Orlando.

583,000 – The total weight of the courts on campus added up to **583,000** pounds.

NBA Finals Broadcast in the United States

1 – Doris Burke will become the **first** woman to serve as a game analyst for the NBA Finals on any platform when she joins play-by-play voice Marc Kestecher and analyst P.J. Carlesimo for ESPN Radio's coverage.

1 – Rachel Nichols will serve as the NBA Finals sideline reporter for the **first** time during ABC's coverage.

12 – ABC/ESPN's broadcast team of Mike Breen, Jeff Van Gundy and Mark Jackson will work The Finals together for the **12th** time.

- Jackson has made the most appearances for an African-American game analyst for any major North American sports championship event.

14 – Jeff Van Gundy will provide analysis for his **14**th consecutive NBA Finals, which is the most for a television analyst covering the event.

15 – Mike Breen will call his **15**th straight NBA Finals – the most of any NBA play-by-play commentator.

18 – ESPN will produce The Finals on ABC for the **18**th consecutive year.

NBA Digital

18 – NBA TV's Finals analysts – Charles Barkley, Kevin McHale, Shaquille O'Neal, Kenny Smith, Steve Smith and Isiah Thomas – made 18 combined NBA Finals appearances during their playing careers.

- NBA legends Grant Hill and Chris Webber will round out NBA TV's Finals team for Turner Sports.

NBA Finals Around the World

5 – There are a combined **five** international players on NBA Finals rosters: Kyle Alexander (MIA; Canada), Kostas Antetokounmpo (LAL; Greece; BWB Africa 2015), Goran Dragić (MIA; Slovenia), Kelly Olynyk (MIA; Canada; BWB Americas 2009), Chris Silva (MIA; Gabon)

66 – **Sixty-six** international media members from 23 countries and territories have participated in NBA player Zoom media calls since the start of the NBA Playoffs.

215/48 – The NBA Finals will reach fans in **215** countries and territories in **48** languages on their televisions, computers, mobile phones and tablets.

#NBATogether

61 – To date, the NBA, together with players, the Orlando Magic and Disney, have donated **61** pallets of beverages, snacks, apparel and sporting goods following team departures from campus to local non-profit organizations and school districts serving the greater Orlando community.

NBA Social Media

3,000,000 – More than **three million** followers have been added across @NBA social accounts since July 1.

5,300,000,000 – Since the season restart on July 30, NBA social channels have generated more **5.3 billion** video views.