

The Olympic Rings are displayed outside a sound stage during an NBCUniversal Team USA filming event ahead of the 2026 Winter Olympics at the Sunset Glenoaks studios in Los Angeles, Calif., on May 21, 2025.

NBCUniversal to launch sports cable network

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The Tribune Content Agency

NBCUniversal is launching a new cable network Monday that will carry live sports events, including some that are currently exclusive to its streaming service Peacock.

The company announced Thursday that the new NBC Sports Network will be carried on YouTube TV and parent Comcast's Xfinity service. Deals with other pay-TV providers are expected in the coming months, the company said.

The new channel will enable NBC to make its sports offerings more attractive to advertisers who may balk at the limited reach of its Peacock streaming service, which currently has 41 million

subscribers. There is little duplication between Peacock subscribers and the nearly 60 million households still buying a traditional pay-TV package.

Sports is also a key reason consumers keep paying for cable and satellite TV. NBCU executives believe the channel will help distributors such as Comcast to retain custom-

The new channel will

carry Monday night NBA games which were previously exclusive to Peacock. During the Winter Olympic Games in February, it will be the home of Gold Zone, the daily whiparound coverage show hosted by Scott Hanson that was offered only on Peacock during the Summer Games in 2024.

While the deal has not been officially announced, NBCU is expected to get a package of Major League Baseball games, some of which will be shown on NBCSN.

The Wall Street Journal first reported news about the coming sports network.

Other events from the NBC sports portfolio that will appear on the channel include WNBA regularseason and playoff games, Big Ten, Big East and Big 12 men's and women's college basketball, select coverage of major golf tournaments, Premier League Soccer and undercard races at the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oats.

NBCUniversal had a cable sports network but folded it in 2021 after it lost the TV rights to the NHL. But the company has since made a significant investment in live sports which has strong appeal to advertisers.

In 2024, the company entered an 11-year deal to be a major media rights partner with the NBA.

The new channel will also carry Peacock's sports talk shows including "The Dan Patrick Show," "The Dan Le Batard Show," and "Fantasy Football Happy Hour with Matthew Ber-



Apple TV subscribers won't need to buy a Season Pass next year to see MLS matches.

MLS, Apple doing away with Season Pass for 2026

Field Level Media

Apple TV is set to ditch its additional fee to watch MLS games on the platform, ESPN reported Thursday, although watching a majority of the league's games still will require a subscription.

MLS Season Pass will be no more in 2026. A \$99 fee was necessary to watch the package of games on Apple TV, although existing Apple TV subscribers received a discount. MLS seasonticket holders received Season Pass for free.

MLS Season Pass actually ended up being a thing of the past once the regular season ended, since Apple TV executives already had decided to make the 2025 playoff games available to all subscribers.

The additional MLS Season Pass fee also allowed viewers to watch the action in the Leagues Cup and Campeones Cup as well as the MLS All-Star Game. Now all of that will be available starting in 2026 by subscribing to Apple TV.

The news comes as the league saw a 5.4% attendance dip in 2025 to 21,988 on-site fans per game, down from the league's record of 23,234 in 2024. MLS had 11,454,205 total fans through the turnstiles in 2024 compared to 11,213,880 this past sea-

Atlanta United FC led the league in attendance for the fifth consecutive season but also was down slightly in 2025 to 43,992 fans per game.

Other sports offerings on Apple TV include Major League Baseball games on Friday night, while Formula 1 races will air on the service starting in 2026.

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to Wanda Thacker, Executive Director Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, 230 Court Street, Johnson County Courthouse, Paintsville, KY 41240. The outside of the envelopes must clearly be marked, "FINANCIAL AUDIT PROPOSAL."

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