



- MLS Cup tournament ends on 12/12.
- **March '21 scheduled start looking increasingly like a March start in home markets, not in a bubble.**
- Future expansion: Austin (2021), Charlotte (2022), St. Louis & Sacramento (2023).



- NASCAR Cup Series runs from 2/9/21 through 11/7/21. TV schedule not yet released.
- 2021 Xfinity Series is from 2/13/21-11/6/21.
- Gander RV & Outdoors Truck series schedule not yet released.



- League phase of this biennial international soccer competition ends 11/18/20.
- Each season is played from Sept.-Nov. in even-numbered years, and June of the following odd-numbered year. ESPN has U.S. rights.
- A league champion is crowned every two years.



- **NBA draft tomorrow. Training camps begin 12/1.**
- The '20-'21 reduced 72-game season will start on 12/22/20. The league hopes to have fans in the stands some time during the season.
- Games on TNT, ESPN & regional sports networks.



- Each May, 64 top college baseball teams play a month-long tournament across the country. Top 8 go to the College World Series in Omaha.
- 2021 CWS is set for 6/18/21-6/30/21 on ESPN & ESPN2.



- NCAA greenlights all men's and women's programs to begin playing on Wed. 11/25.
- **NCAA moves all 2021 March Madness games to Indianapolis, already the home to Final Four.**
- Men's March Madness begins 3/16/21.
- Women's March Madness begins 3/19/21.



- All major conferences now playing and dodging COVID postponements or cancellations.
- Newly named Bowl Season for '20-'21 kicks off on 12/19. National Championship is 1/11/21.
- Most FCS & HBCU conferences announced spring schedules.



- The plague's impact continues to be felt on teams, players, coaches, and front offices.
- **NFL exploring home-market bubbles for playoffs and neutral sites for AFC/NFC championships.**
- Playoffs expand from 12 to 14 teams. Entry could be based on win percentage rather than wins.



- Regular season games on NBCSN and regional sports networks set to face off on 1/1/21.
- Games may start in hub sites with limited fans.
- Next season may be 60-68 games instead of 82 and may include divisional realignment.



- Camping World has taken over from Mello Yello as sponsor for NHRA's top series. Racing begins 3/21/21 and ends 11/14/21.
- 2021 Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series season runs from 2/4/21-11/7/21.
- NHRA extends FS1/FS2 deal through 2026.



- Tokyo Summer Games set for 7/23/21-8/8/21 on NBC networks. Competition begins 7/21/21.
- For now, a record 33 sports, 339 medal events, and 42 venues are slated for '21 summer Games.
- Beijing Winter Games set for 2/4/22-2/20/22 on NBC networks, with seven new events.



- '21 Masters set to begin 4/5/21 on GOLF.
- '21 PGA Championship on ESPN begins 5/20/21.
- '21 U.S. Open begins 6/17/21 on GOLF.
- '21 British Open begins 7/15/21 on GOLF.



- English Premier League '20-'21 season continues through 5/23/21.
- Most matches are on NBCSN, with a few on USA & CNBC.



- Italy's Serie A soccer league's '20-'21 season continues through 5/23/21 with a Christmas break 12/23/20-1/3/21.
- Matches air on ESPN, ESPN2, ENN & ESPD.



- Next year's legendary French cross-country bicycle event goes back to normal dates.
- Race starts 6/26/21 and ends in Paris 7/18/21.
- Coverage next year returns to NBCSN.



- Seattle wins abbreviated 2020 WNBA title.
- 2021 season starting date not yet set.
- Games anticipated to run on ESPN, ESPN2, and CBSSN.



- Australian Open is 1/18/21-1/31/21 on ESPN.
- '21 French Open is 5/23/21-6/6/21 on NBCSN.
- '21 Wimbledon is 6/28/21-7/11/21 on ESPN.
- '21 U.S. Open is 8/30/21-9/12/21 on ESPN.



- Organizers in Aspen still working to host Winter Games 1/28/21-1/31/21.
- Summer 2021 games dates & location not set. If held, look to mid-July.
- X Games were created by, and air on, ESPN.