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NBA Play-In Tournament Format

The inaugural NBA In-Season Tournament will take place during the 2023-24 NBA season. The tournament is divided into a group play stage and a knockout stage.

In group play, all 30 teams are randomly drawn into groups of five (six groups overall) within their conference based on their previous season's win-loss record. Each team will play four designated group play games against each opponent in its group, with two games at home and two on the road.

Eight teams advance to the knockout rounds: the six teams with the best standing in their group and two wild card teams (the team from each conference with the best record in Group Play games that finished second in its group).

All 67 In-Season Tournament games count towards the regular season standings except for the In-season Tournament Championship game. Each team will continue to play 82 regular season games.

Season Types

A new season type was created in the NBA API for the NBA In-Season Tournament called In-Season Tournament with code (also referred to as parameter) of IST. This season type can be retrieved via the NBA Seasons feed:

https://api.sportradar.com/nba/production/v8/en/league/seasons.xml?api_key=

```
</season>
  <season id="170cfa7b-54e8-468b-ab9f-21244769bd75" year="2023" start_date="2023-12-09" end_date="2023-12-10" status="scheduled">
    <type code="IST" name="In-Season Tournament"/>
  </season>
```

This code (or parameter) can be used to retrieve endpoints for the following feeds:

- League Leaders
- Rankings
- Schedule
- Seasonal Statistics
- Seasons
- Series Schedule
- Splits (Game)
- Splits (Hierarchy)
- Splits (In-Game)
- Splits (Schedule)
- Standings

Tournament Schedule

Group Play

With the exception of the In-Season Championship Game, all NBA In-Season Tournament games will appear in the NBA API Regular Season (REG) schedule.

Example for 2023 season: https://api.sportradar.com/nba/production/v8/en/games/2023/REG/schedule.xml?api_key=

The regular season games included in the NBA In-Season Tournament will have a game attribute called *inseason_tournament* with a value of "true".

```
<game id="d4d3c86e-43f3-48e6-bdf6-b92f18b172e5" status="scheduled" coverage="full" scheduled="2023-11-03T23:00:00Z" inseason_tournament="true" reference="0022300001" home_team="583ec7cd-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" away_team="583ec773-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c">
```

This attribute will also appear in the three RESTful game feeds: Play-by-Play, Game Summary, and Game Boxscore.

Quarterfinals & Semifinals

In the knockout rounds, all games will be created as a part of a one-game series. The quarterfinals and semifinals will be created in the regular season and will appear in the regular season schedules (league schedule and series schedule):

League Schedule: https://api.sportradar.us/nba/production/v8/en/games/2023/REG/schedule.xml?api_key=

Series Schedule:

https://api.sportradar.us/nba/production/v8/en/series/2023/REG/schedule.xml?api_key=

Sample Data:

```
<league xmlns="http://feed.elasticstats.com/schema/basketball/schedule-v5.0.xsd" id="4353138d-4c22-4396-95d8-5f587d2df25c" name="NBA" alias="NBA">
  <season-schedule id="93f22ddf-a842-47ea-bdba-4306461c7219" year="2023" type="REG">
    <series id="0a8d5e26-9843-41cc-be41-6e3f85a8b8a7" title="NBA In-Season Tournament Quarterfinals - PHI vs MIL" round="1" start_date="2023-12-05" status="scheduled">
      <participant name="76ers" seed="3" record="0">
        <team id="583ec87d-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" name="76ers" alias="PHI" market="Philadelphia" reference="1610612755"/>
      </participant>
      <participant name="Bucks" seed="2" record="0">
        <team id="583ecefdfb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" name="Bucks" alias="MIL" market="Milwaukee" reference="1610612749"/>
      </participant>
      <games>
        <game id="d6f0f89e-b9b4-4726-ae6b-533292dba030" status="scheduled" title="NBA In-Season Tournament Quarterfinals - Game 4" coverage="full" scheduled="2023-12-06T02:30:00+00:00" neutral_site="false" inseason_tournament="true" track_on_court="true" reference="4444444444" home_team="583ecefdfb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" away_team="583ec87d-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c">
          <time_zones venue="US/Central" home="US/Central" away="US/Eastern"/>
          <venue id="50b75324-b994-46af-a0a7-28db7bea67d0" name="Fiserv Forum" capacity="17500" address="1111 Vel R Phillips Avenue" city="Milwaukee" state="WI" zip="53203" country="USA">
            <location lat="43.045028" lng="-87.918167"/>
          </venue>
          <home name="Milwaukee Bucks" alias="MIL" id="583ecefdfb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" seed="2" reference="1610612749"></home>
          <away name="Philadelphia 76ers" alias="PHI" id="583ec87d-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" seed="3" reference="1610612755"></away>
```

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</game>
</games>
</series>

```

Championship Game

The NBA In-Season Tournament Championship game, due to not counting towards the regular season standings, will appear in the In-Season Tournament (IST) season and series schedule:

League Schedule: https://api.sportradar.us/nba/production/v8/en/games/2023/IST/schedule.xml?api_key=

Series Schedule:

https://api.sportradar.us/nba/production/v8/en/series/2023/IST/schedule.xml?api_key=

Sample Data:

```

<league xmlns="http://feed.elasticstats.com/schema/basketball/schedule-v5.0.xsd" id="4353138d-4c22-4396-95d8-5f587d2df25c" name="NBA" alias="NBA">
  <season-schedule id="8d181bc8-11cf-48e9-9d99-570799735ece" year="2023" type="IST">
    <series id="243f30ae-1a9e-4c33-8d5b-ea4c7a498463" title="NBA In-Season Tournament Championship - BOS vs MIN" round="3" start_date="2023-12-09" status="scheduled">
      <participant name="Timberwolves" seed="2" record="0">
        <team id="583eca2f-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" name="Timberwolves" alias="MIN" market="Minnesota" reference="1610612750"/>
      </participant>
      <participant name="Celtics" seed="1" record="0">
        <team id="583eccfa-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" name="Celtics" alias="BOS" market="Boston" reference="1610612738"/>
      </participant>
      <games>
        <game id="9d4faf8e-e518-4736-8b08-5bcdcf423627" status="scheduled" title="NBA In-Season Tournament Championship Game" coverage="full" scheduled="2023-12-10T01:00:00+00:00" neutral_site="false" inseason_tournament="true" track_on_court="true" reference="7777777777" home_team="583eccfa-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" away_team="583eca2f-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c">
          <time_zones venue="US/Eastern" home="US/Eastern" away="US/Central"/>
          <venue id="7d69b080-91ca-53c9-9302-45c1a72c5549" name="TD Garden" capacity="18624" address="100 Legends Way" city="Boston" state="MA" zip="02114" country="USA">
            <location lat="42.366303" lng="-71.062228"/>
          </venue>
          <home name="Boston Celtics" alias="BOS" id="583eccfa-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" seed="1" reference="1610612738"></home>
          <away name="Minnesota Timberwolves" alias="MIN" id="583eca2f-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" seed="2" reference="1610612750"></away>
        </game>
      </games>
    </series>
  </season-schedule>
</league>

```

Standings

To access the In-Season Tournament standings, you need use the IST season parameter. In the endpoint below, you will see teams placed in the In-Season Tournament groups.

Please note that no in-season tournament data will exist in the Regular Season standings.

https://api.sportradar.us/nba/production/v8/en/seasons/2023/IST/standings.xml?api_key=

Sample Data:

```
<league xmlns="http://feed.elasticstats.com/schema/basketball/nba/standings-v4.0.xsd" id="4353138d-4c22-4396-95d8-5f587d2df25c" name="NBA" alias="NBA">
  <season id="170cfa7b-54e8-468b-ab9f-21244769bd75" year="2023" type="IST">
    <conference id="02e1f608-b72d-484c-9fb3-c9df903bc54d" name="EASTERN CONFERENCE" alias="EASTERN-IST">
      <division id="34643105-9549-4682-9801-fc72fb4880c4" name="East Group A" alias="EAST_GROUP_A">
        <team id="583ecb8f-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" name="Hawks" market="Atlanta" wins="0" losses="0" win_pct="0.0" points_for="0.0" points_against="0.0" point_diff="0.0" sr_id="sr:team:3423" reference="1610612737">
          <games-behind league="0.0" conference="0.0" division="0.0"/>
          <streak>
        </streak>
          <calc_rank/>
          <records>
        </records>
      </team>
      <team id="583ec773-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" name="Cavaliers" market="Cleveland" wins="0" losses="0" win_pct="0.0" points_for="0.0" points_against="0.0" point_diff="0.0" sr_id="sr:team:3432" reference="1610612739">
          <games-behind league="0.0" conference="0.0" division="0.0"/>
          <streak>
        </streak>
          <calc_rank/>
          <records>
        </records>
      </team>
      <team id="583ec928-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" name="Pistons" market="Detroit" wins="0" losses="0" win_pct="0.0" points_for="0.0" points_against="0.0" point_diff="0.0" sr_id="sr:team:3424" reference="1610612765">
          <games-behind league="0.0" conference="0.0" division="0.0"/>
          <streak>
        </streak>
          <calc_rank/>
          <records>
        </records>
      </team>
      <team id="583ec7cd-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" name="Pacers" market="Indiana" wins="0" losses="0" win_pct="0.0" points_for="0.0" points_against="0.0" point_diff="0.0" sr_id="sr:team:3419" reference="1610612754">
          <games-behind league="0.0" conference="0.0" division="0.0"/>
          <streak>
        </streak>
          <calc_rank/>
          <records>
        </records>
      </team>
      <team id="583ec87d-fb46-11e1-82cb-f4ce4684ea4c" name="76ers" market="Philadelphia" wins="0" losses="0" win_pct="0.0" points_for="0.0" points_against="0.0" point_diff="0.0" sr_id="sr:team:3420" reference="1610612755">
          <games-behind league="0.0" conference="0.0" division="0.0"/>
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<streak>
</streak>