

# TNT to Exclusively Present Live Coverage of NBA All-Star 2018 Marquee Events from Los Angeles, Feb. 15-18

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*Editor's note:* NBA TV's All-Star programming plans can be found by visiting <http://bit.ly/2BghiD8>

**2018 NBA All-Star Game to Feature Captain-Drafted Teams Meeting for First Time in Event's History - Team LeBron vs. Team Stephen - on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 8 p.m. ET on TNT and TBS**

**Players Only: Shaq & Kobe presented by Autotrader One-Hour Interview to Premiere Saturday, Feb. 17;**

**Sports & Society Roundtable Show with Dwyane Wade & Chris Paul to Air Sunday, Feb. 18**

**TNT's Sports Emmy Award-Winning *Inside the NBA* presented by Kia to be Televised Live from Los Angeles Beginning Thursday, Feb. 15**

TNT will be the exclusive home for extensive live coverage of NBA All-Star 2018 in Los Angeles, Feb. 15-18, featuring all of the league's premium events and unparalleled access to its biggest stars. Turner Sports, marking its 33<sup>rd</sup> year of All-Star coverage, will televise more than 24 hours of NBA All-Star programming on TNT culminating with the **67<sup>th</sup> NBA All-Star Game presented by Kia** from Staples Center on **Sunday, Feb. 18, at 8:20 p.m. ET** with **TNT NBA Tip-Off presented by Autotrader** pregame coverage beginning at **7 p.m.** Additionally, coverage of the NBA All-Star Game will be simulcast on **TNT and TBS** beginning at **8 p.m.**

Sunday's *NBA All-Star Game presented by Kia* will showcase **captain-drafted teams for the first time in the event's history**. **LeBron James** and **Stephen Curry**, the leading vote-getters in their respective conferences, selected their teammates, beginning with the remaining eight starters and continuing with the reserves. **James** will be joined by **Anthony Davis, Kevin Durant, Kyrie Irving** and a starter to be designated by the coach. They will face **Curry** and fellow starters **Giannis Antetokounmpo, DeMar DeRozan, Joel Embiid** and **James Harden**.

**Marv Albert**, calling his 23<sup>rd</sup> NBA All-Star Game, will provide play-by-play commentary for the game with analysts **Reggie Miller** and **Chris Webber**, along with reporters **David Aldridge** and **Kristen Ledlow**.

Pregame coverage on Sunday at **7 p.m.** will include a special **Sports & Society** roundtable show featuring **Dwyane Wade, Chris Paul** and special guests, moderated by **Angela Rye**.

TNT will premiere All-Star specific event coverage with the **2018 Mtn Dew Kickstart Rising Stars** on **Friday, Feb. 16, at 9 p.m.** The league's most dynamic young players will be participating, including **Embiid, Ben Simmons** and **Dario Saric** of the **76ers** and **Lonzo Ball, Kyle Kuzma** and **Brandon Ingram** of the **Lakers**. Analysts **Grant Hill** and **Webber**, along with reporter **Andre Iguodala** of the Golden State Warriors, will join play-by-play announcer **Kevin Harlan** on the call. TNT's multiple-time Sports Emmy Award-winning *Inside the NBA* team of **Ernie Johnson, Charles Barkley, Kenny Smith** and **Shaquille O'Neal** will provide halftime and postgame coverage live from Los Angeles. **Area 21 presented by MetroPCS** host **Kevin Garnett** will add commentary and analysis with **special sports and entertainment guests** throughout the weekend.

On the eve of the NBA All-Star Game, TNT will feature **State Farm All-Star Saturday Night, Feb. 17, at 8 p.m.**, with some of the league's most exciting dunkers, three-point shooters and multi-faceted skills players on display, including defending *JBL Three-Point* champion **Eric Gordon** and 2016 champion **Klay Thompson**, defending *Taco Bell Skills* champion and All-Star **Kristaps Porzingis** and All-Stars **Joel Embiid, Paul George, Al Horford, Bradley Beal** and **Kyle Lowry**. The TNT *Players Only* broadcast team will bring their unique perspective to the night's festivities, with **Brent Barry, Webber, Miller** and **Dennis Scott** joined by **Smith**. Two-time champion **Zach LaVine** will join the announce team during *Verizon Slam Dunk*. The **TNT NBA Tip-Off presented by Autotrader** pregame show with **Johnson, Barkley, Smith** and **O'Neal** will begin at **6 p.m.** **Garnett** will host a special **Area 21** with **Barkley** and three-time contest champion **Nate Robinson** on Facebook during *Verizon Slam Dunk*.

**Players Only: Shaq & Kobe presented by Autotrader**, a one-hour interview, will premiere at **7 p.m.**, leading into *State Farm All-Star Saturday Night*. The two living legends and former teammates sat down for a one-hour conversation, covering everything from their three consecutive championships with the Lakers to their relationship over the years.

TNT's Saturday coverage will begin with the third year of the **NBA Talent Challenge**, a competition featuring NBA players demonstrating their off-the-court talents, at **5 p.m.** The talent show, produced by Turner Sports in association with Juma Entertainment, will feature eight finalists showing off their special skills, including defending champion and Indiana All-Star **Victor Oladipo** singing with a choir, Utah rookie **Donovan Mitchell** playing the drums and Charlotte's **Dwight Howard** performing standup comedy. The telecast will be hosted by **Johnson** with special guest **Snoop Dogg** joining **Barkley, Smith** and **O'Neal** to serve as judges. Fan voting will determine the winner from a pool of five finalists.

The network's coverage will tip off from Los Angeles on **Thursday, Feb. 15**, with **Inside the NBA presented by Kia**. Host **Johnson** and analysts **Barkley, Smith** and **O'Neal** along with **Garnett** will provide a one-hour **TNT NBA Tip-Off presented by Autotrader** pregame show at **8 p.m.**, with **American Express Halftime Show** updates and postgame coverage following the network's game telecast featuring the **Los Angeles Lakers** vs. **Minnesota Timberwolves** at **9 p.m.**

Daily highlights for TNT's NBA All-Star coverage include:

### **Thursday, February 15**

- TNT's Sports Emmy Award-winning **Inside the NBA presented by Kia** studio team of **Johnson, Barkley, Smith** and **O'Neal** will provide pregame coverage at **8 p.m. ET, American Express Halftime Show** updates and a post-game show live from Los Angeles.
- Thursday's NBA on TNT primetime telecast will feature the **Timberwolves** with All-Stars **Karl-Anthony Towns** and **Jimmy Butler** hosting the **Lakers** and rising stars **Kyle Kuzma** and **Lonzo Ball** at **9 p.m.** **Kevin Harlan** will call the game with **Greg Anthony** (analyst) and **David Aldridge** (reporter).

### **Friday, February 16**

- TNT will exclusively televise live coverage of the **Mtn Dew Kickstart Rising Stars** from Staples Center at **9 p.m.** For the third straight year, the event will feature a USA vs. World format with some of the league's top young talent in action including Philadelphia's **Embiid, Ben Simmons** and **Dario Saric**, the Lakers' **Lonzo Ball, Kyle Kuzma** and **Brandon Ingram**, Boston's **Jaylen Brown** and **Jayson Tatum** and Utah's **Donovan Mitchell**. **Harlan** will call the event with analysts **Grant Hill** and **Chris Webber** and reporter **Andre Iguodala of the Warriors**.
- The **Inside the NBA presented by Kia** studio team of **Johnson, Barkley, Smith** and **O'Neal** will provide updates and post-game analysis.

## Saturday, February 17

- Tipping off the night's coverage, TNT will televise a series of original programming beginning with the **NBA Talent Challenge** at **5 p.m.**, a one-hour show capturing NBA players demonstrating some of their hidden off-the-court talents.
- At **6 p.m.**, the network will feature a one-hour **TNT NBA Tip-Off presented by Autotrader** pregame show with **Johnson, Barkley, Smith** and **O'Neal**.
- **Players Only: Shaq & Kobe presented by Autotrader** will premiere at **7 p.m.** During the one-hour sit-down interview, the legends and former teammates discuss everything from their three consecutive championships with the Lakers to their relationship over the years.
- **State Farm All-Star Saturday Night**, including the **Taco Bell Skills Challenge, JBL Three-Point Contest** and **Verizon Slam Dunk**, will tip off at **8 p.m.** **Brent Barry** will provide play-by-play commentary with analysts **Miller** and **Webber** and guests throughout the evening, along with reporting from **Dennis Scott** and commentary from the **Inside the NBA** team of **Johnson, Barkley** and **O'Neal**.

## Sunday, February 18

- TNT will exclusively televise **NBA All-Star Game 2018 presented by Kia** with the night's coverage beginning at **7 p.m.** with **TNT NBA Tip-Off presented by Autotrader** pregame coverage. A special roundtable conversation featuring **Dwyane Wade, Chris Paul** and other guests, moderated by **Angela Rye**, will air during the pregame show.
- **Albert** will call the game with analysts **Miller** and **Webber** and reporters **Aldridge** and **Ledlow**.
- **NBA All-Star Game** coverage will be **simulcast on TNT and TBS** beginning at **8 p.m.**
- Following the NBA All-Star Game, **Inside the NBA presented by Kia** will be televised on **NBA TV**.

## **TNT Overtime**

TNT Overtime will continue to offer fans a unique video companion experience throughout NBA All-Star 2018 - including the *Mtn Dew Kickstart Rising Stars*, *State Farm All-Star Saturday Night* and the *NBA All-Star Game presented by Kia*.

Live streaming of NBA All-Star coverage airing on TNT will also be available via [www.tntdrama.com/watchtnt](http://www.tntdrama.com/watchtnt) and the Watch TNT app. Fans are able to access the content whenever and wherever they desire by logging in with the user name and password provided by their TV service provider.

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