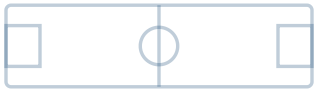
NFL Draft 2027: Road to Round 1, Jan. 6 to May 1

Deadlines, Super Bowl 2027 (LXI), Combine, free agency and the Washington draft



DATE	WHAT HAPPENS	WHERE AND WHEN
Wed., Jan. 6, 2027 (tentative)	Early deadline for underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility	No time listed
Wed., Jan. 13 (tentative)	Deadline for underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility	No time listed
Fri., Jan. 29 (tentative)	Deadline for underclassmen who played in the National Championship game	No time listed
Sun., Feb. 14	Super Bowl LXI	SoFi Stadium, Inglewood, California
Mon., Mar. 1 to Mon., Mar. 8	NFL Scouting Combine	Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana
Thu., Mar. 11	2027 League Year and free agency signing period begin	4 p.m. ET (1 p.m. PT)
Thu., Apr. 29	2027 NFL Draft begins	National Mall, Washington, D.C.; start time not announced
Sat., May 1	2027 NFL Draft ends	National Mall, Washington, D.C.; start time not announced
Pick order	Picks 1 to 18	Clubs not in the playoffs, in reverse-standings order
Pick order	Picks 31 and 32	Super Bowl loser next-to-last, winner last

Not yet confirmed

2027 draft start times and which rounds fall on which day: Not yet announced by the NFL

2027 TV networks: Not yet announced by the NFL

My notes

Source: NFL Football Operations, NFL Important Dates; NFL.com, 2027 draft announcement (June 25, 2026) and NFL Tiebreaking Procedures. Dates marked tentative are the NFL's. Weekdays are computed. 2027 start times are not yet announced.