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## Los Angeles Sparks Announce 2012 Season Schedule

*Sparks Tip-Off Season with Back-to-Back Games vs. Seattle –  
May 18 at Storm before Home Opener May 20 at STAPLES Center*

**LOS ANGELES** – The Los Angeles Sparks today announced they will tip-off the 2012 WNBA regular season with back-to-back games against Western Conference rival Seattle, playing at the Storm on Friday, May 18 followed by their home opener Sunday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m. at STAPLES Center. The Sparks 16<sup>th</sup> WNBA season will feature a 17-game home schedule including eight weekend dates.

This marks the second consecutive year Los Angeles will play in the league's only opening night contest, with other WNBA teams in action starting May 19.

Midweek games at STAPLES Center will start at 7:30 p.m., except on Thursday, July 5 when the Sparks host the defending WNBA Champion Minnesota Lynx at 12 p.m. in the team's annual Camp Day game. Weekend dates feature two Friday games at 8 p.m., a pair of Saturday tip-offs at 7pm and 7:30 p.m. and four Sunday contests at 5:30 p.m.

Los Angeles is scheduled to play four nationally-televised games live on ESPN2: June 13 at Connecticut, June 23 at Phoenix, July 7 at home vs. Seattle and July 12 at Indiana. The Sparks local broadcast schedule will be announced at a later date.

With the 2012 Summer Olympics scheduled in London, the WNBA will take a 33-day midseason break from July 14 through Aug. 15 to allow its brightest stars to compete for their respective countries. The Sparks resume play Aug. 18 at Seattle, and then have the luxury of playing seven of their final 12 regular-season games at STAPLES Center including four straight to end the campaign. Los Angeles' regular season finale takes place Sept. 20 vs. Minnesota, with the WNBA Playoffs slated to begin on Sept. 27.

[Group](#), [full season](#) and [partial season ticket plans](#) in all lower-bowl sections of STAPLES Center are available now by calling 877-44-SPARKS (772757) or visiting [LASparks.com](http://LASparks.com). Fans purchasing full season tickets by Jan. 31 will be able to lock in their ticket price through the 2014 season.

Please see below for the Sparks complete 2012 regular season schedule.

### ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES SPARKS

The Los Angeles Sparks enter their 16th Women's National Basketball Association season in 2012 and are one of three original teams from the league's inaugural campaign in 1997. Winner of back-to-back WNBA Championships in 2001 and 2002, Los Angeles' roster of star athletes includes 2008 WNBA MVP and Rookie of the Year Candace Parker and two-time WNBA champion DeLisha Milton-Jones. The Sparks play their home games at STAPLES Center in the heart of downtown Los Angeles. For ticket information, call 877-44-SPARKS (772757) or visit [LASparks.com](http://LASparks.com).

## 2012 Los Angeles Sparks Regular Season Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time (PT)</u>
Fri.	May 18	at Seattle	7:00 pm
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>Seattle</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
Thu.	May 24	at Minnesota	5:00 pm
Sat.	May 26	at Phoenix	7:00 pm
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>May 29</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>June 3</b>	<b>Seattle</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>June 8</b>	<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>
Wed.	June 13	at Connecticut	5:00 pm*
Fri.	June 15	at Atlanta	4:30 pm
Sat.	June 16	at San Antonio	5:00 pm
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>June 18</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>June 20</b>	<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
Sat.	June 23	at Phoenix	5:00 pm*
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>June 24</b>	<b>San Antonio</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
Tue.	June 26	at Tulsa	5:00 pm
Thu.	June 28	at San Antonio	9:30 am
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>July 5</b>	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>July 7</b>	<b>Seattle</b>	<b>7:00 pm*</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>July 8</b>	<b>Atlanta</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
Tue.	July 10	at Phoenix	12:30 pm
Thu.	July 12	at Indiana	4:00 pm*
Sat.	Aug. 18	at Seattle	7:00 pm
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Aug. 21</b>	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>Aug. 23</b>	<b>San Antonio</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Aug. 25</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
Thu.	Aug. 30	at Tulsa	5:00 pm
Sun.	Sept. 2	at Chicago	3:00 pm
Tue.	Sept. 4	at Minnesota	5:00 pm
Fri.	Sept. 7	at Washington	4:00 pm
Sun.	Sept. 9	at New York	1:00 pm
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>Chicago</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sept. 14</b>	<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Sept. 18</b>	<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>Sept. 20</b>	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>

*All dates and times subject to change*

*\*Indicates live telecast on ESPN2*