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NBA ANNOUNCES EARLY ENTRY CANDIDATES FOR NBA DRAFT 2026

NEW YORK, April 27, 2026 – The National Basketball Association (NBA) announced today that 71 players have filed as early entry candidates for NBA Draft 2026, which will be held Tuesday, June 23 (First Round) and Wednesday June 24 (Second Round) at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York.

Players who have applied for early entry have the right to withdraw their names from consideration for the Draft by notifying the NBA of their decision in writing no later than 5 p.m. ET on Saturday, June 13. Under NCAA rules, in order to retain college basketball eligibility, college players who have entered NBA Draft 2026 must withdraw by Wednesday, May 27.

EARLY ENTRY CANDIDATES FOR NBA DRAFT 2026

Below is the list of non-international players from colleges who have applied for early entry into NBA Draft 2026.

<u>Player</u>	<u>School or Team</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Status</u>
Matt Able	North Carolina State	6-6	Freshman
Darius Acuff Jr.	Arkansas	6-3	Freshman
Amari Allen	Alabama	6-8	Freshman
Nate Ament	Tennessee	6-10	Freshman
Christian Anderson Jr.	Texas Tech	6-3	Sophomore
Alijah Arenas	USC	6-6	Freshman
Flory Bidunga	Kansas	6-10	Sophomore
Finley Bizjack	Butler	6-4	Junior
John Blackwell	Wisconsin	6-4	Junior
Shane Blakeney	Drexel	6-5	Junior
Anton Bonke	Charlotte	7-2	Junior
Cameron Boozer	Duke	6-9	Freshman
Mikel Brown Jr.	Louisville	6-5	Freshman
Rowan Brumbaugh	Tulane	6-4	Junior
Brayden Burries	Arizona	6-4	Freshman
Elliot Cadeau	Michigan	6-1	Junior
Cameron Carr	Baylor	6-5	Sophomore
Chris Cenac Jr.	Houston	6-11	Freshman
Rueben Chinyelu	Florida	6-10	Junior
Jacob Cofie	USC	6-10	Sophomore
Cruz Davis	Hofstra	6-3	Junior
Kennard Davis Jr.	BYU	6-6	Junior
Keanu Dawes	Utah	6-9	Junior

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AJ Dybantsa	BYU	6-9	Freshman
Gabe Dynes	USC	7-5	Junior
Eian Elmer	Miami (OH)	6-6	Junior
Isaiah Evans	Duke	6-6	Sophomore
Jeremy Fears Jr.	Michigan State	6-2	Sophomore
Kingston Flemings	Houston	6-4	Freshman
Colby Garland	San Jose State	6-0	Junior
Allen Graves	Santa Clara	6-9	Freshman
Juke Harris	Wake Forest	6-7	Sophomore
Isiah Harwell	Houston	6-6	Freshman
Lou Hutchinson	Alabama A&M	6-7	Junior
Morez Johnson Jr.	Michigan	6-9	Sophomore
Acaden Lewis	Villanova	6-2	Freshman
Aday Mara	Michigan	7-3	Junior
Milan Momcilovic	Iowa State	6-8	Junior
Malachi Moreno	Kentucky	7-0	Freshman
Paulius Murauskas	Saint Mary's	6-8	Junior
Ebuka Okorie	Stanford	6-2	Freshman
Dennis Parker Jr.	Radford	6-6	Junior
Koa Peat	Arizona	6-8	Freshman
Darryn Peterson	Kansas	6-6	Freshman
Labaron Philon Jr.	Alabama	6-4	Sophomore
Jayden Quaintance	Kentucky	6-10	Sophomore
Sebastian Rancik	Colorado	6-11	Sophomore
Billy Richmond III	Arkansas	6-6	Sophomore
Hannes Steinbach	Washington	6-11	Freshman
Andrej Stojakovic	Illinois	6-7	Junior
Dailyn Swain	Texas	6-8	Junior
Tyler Tanner	Vanderbilt	6-0	Sophomore
Meleek Thomas	Arkansas	6-5	Freshman
Aiden Tobiason	Temple	6-5	Sophomore
Bryson Tucker	Washington	6-7	Sophomore
Henri Veesaar	North Carolina	7-0	Junior
Keaton Wagler	Illinois	6-6	Freshman
LeJuan Watts	Texas Tech	6-6	Junior
Caleb Wilson	North Carolina	6-10	Freshman
Tounde Yessoufou	Baylor	6-5	Freshman

Below is the list of international players who have applied for early entry into NBA Draft 2026.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team/Country of Team</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Status</u>
Mohammad Amini	Nancy (France)	6-7	2005 DOB
Pavle Backo	Mega (Serbia)	7-0	2007 DOB
Bassala Bagayoko	Bilbao (Spain)	6-10	2006 DOB
Francesco Ferrari	Virtus Bologna (Italy)	6-9	2005 DOB
Marc-Owen Fodzo Dada	Nancy (France)	5-11	2006 DOB
Vsevolod Ishchenko	Lokomotiv (Russia)	6-3	2005 DOB

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Jack Kayil	Alba Berlin (Germany)	6-3	2006 DOB
Sergio de Larrea	Valencia (Spain)	6-6	2005 DOB
Karim Lopez	New Zealand Breakers (Australia)	6-8	2007 DOB
Alexandros Samodurov	Panathinaikos (Greece)	6-11	2005 DOB
Luigi Suigo	Mega (Serbia)	7-2	2007 DOB

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