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Everything We Know About *Heated Rivalry* Season 2

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We are heading to the cottage for *Heated Rivalry* Season 2. The HBO Max smash hit was renewed for a second season after becoming extremely popular, with Connor Storrie returning as Ilya Rozanov and Hudson Williams as Shane Hollander. After it was picked up by HBO, the queer hockey romance had audiences swooning all around the world. It kick-started both young actors' careers, who went on to present an award at the Golden Globes. According to a production source, the show is currently in pre-production with a shoot date of July 2026.

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We've rounded up everything you need to know about *Heated Rivalry* Season 2, including the potential release date, what the showrunner has teased, the plot and more. Grab your hockey stick, it's time to hit the ice.

When will *Heated Rivalry* Season 2 be released?

According to [Deadline](#), *Heated Rivalry* Season 2 will be released around April 2027.

What is the plot of *Heated Rivalry* Season 2?

Heated Rivalry Season 2 will be based on Rachel Reid's books *The Long Game* and *Role Model*.

In *The Long Game* book, Ilya and Shane are still mostly a closeted couple, apart from a handful of friends and Shane's family members. While Shane is now out and proud to his teammates, Ilya has to stay in the closet to keep their romance a secret. It wears on him, and the couple start to face some real challenges.

Role Model focuses on Troy Barrett, a closeted gay player for Ottawa. He's mentored by Ilya and Wyatt Hayes, and starts to get close to openly out social media manager Harris Drover. Perhaps Troy and Harris will have their own standalone episode!

Where can you watch *Heated Rivalry* Season 2?

Heated Rivalry Season 2 will be streaming on HBO Max. While you wait for the next season to drop, you can rewatch *Heated Rivalry* Season 1.

What has the showrunner said about *Heated Rivalry* Season 2?

Showrunner Jacob Tierney is back for *Heated Rivalry* Season 2 and has written the script. During a panel at BookCon in New York, he said this season will delve into "serious territory" when it comes to Shane and Ilya's relationship.

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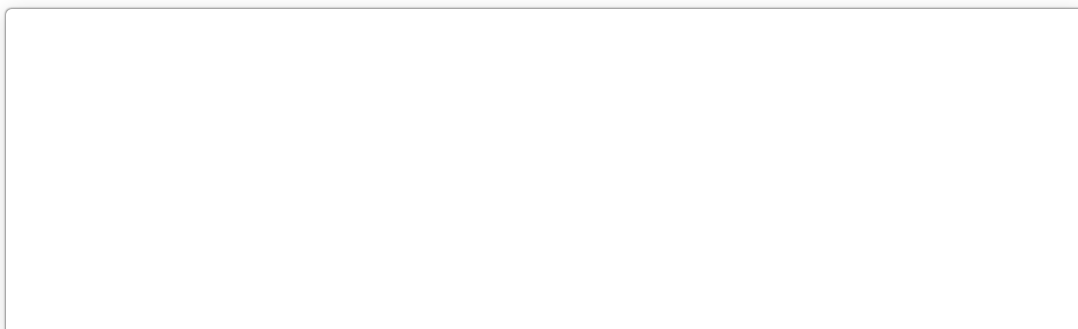
"A lot of the initial — there's still lots of flirting and lots of sex — but this kind of danger, this kind of hotel-room-adolescent-sex stuff is largely gone. And so it presents really new challenges," Tierney said. "Obviously, parts of *Role Model* are going to be in [Season 2], to the great surprise of absolutely nobody. But Ilya and Shane are the heartbeat of this series, of my show. It's always going to be about Ilya and Shane, that is what is the trajectory that runs through it as their world expands."

Who is in the *Heated Rivalry* Season 2 cast?

Hudson Williams and Connor Storrie will be returning, but other than that, the cast list has been kept under wraps.

Is there a trailer?

Not yet! *Heated Rivalry* Season 2 hasn't even dropped yet. You can, however, watch the announcement below.





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As more information about *Heated Rivalry* Season 2 drops, we'll make sure to update this article. So bookmark it, and get ready to return to the cottage.

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