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Season 2 of ‘Heated Rivalry’ Will Start Filming This Summer

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Connor Storrie and Hudson Williams

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It's been seven months since [Heated Rivalry](#) was first released to Crave and HBO Max, and fans are already begging for more.

Based on the book of the same name written by [Rachel Reid](#), the romance drama took the internet by storm at the end of 2025. Since then, a second season for the show has been greenlit, with [Hudson Williams](#) and [Connor Storrie](#) reprising their roles as *Heated Rivalry*'s beloved couple, Shane Hollander and Ilya Rozanov.



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While we wait for more episodes, here's everything we know about season 2 of *Heated Rivalry*.



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Season 2 will be based on *The Long Game* by Rachel Reid



Written as the sequel to her *Heated Rivalry* book, Reid's [*The Long Game*](#) will be the main source of inspiration for season 2. The book is set ten years after Shane and Ilya first started seeing each other, and follows the couple as they try to decide what's most important to them: hockey or love.

more serious territory. There's still lots of flirting, and there's lots of sex, but it's this kind of danger. This kind of 'hotel room, adolescent sex' stuff is largely gone."

Filming will begin this summer

In an interview with **Gayle King** on [CBS Mornings](#), Tierney and executive producer **Brendan Brady** revealed that the show will begin shooting in August. The scripts are currently being written, and **Justin Stockman**, Bell Media's VP of Global Content, said to [Deadline](#) that they're "coming together really well."

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"I don't think anyone will be disappointed," Stockman said.

It's scheduled to return in spring 2027

While rumors of the show's return have been spreading for months, Bell Media confirmed to [Deadline](#) that the show is officially scheduled to return to Crave and HBO Max in spring of 2027. **Carlyn Klebuc**, Bell's General Manager of Original Programming, told *Deadline* that they would have liked it to be faster.

"But Jacob is writing and directing, and he needs the time to make another beautiful season, which we're confident he will do," Klebuc said.

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You can already enter to win tickets to the premiere

In support of Rainbow Railroad, an organization that helps [LGBTQIA+](#) people find safety, you can already enter to win tickets to the 2027 *Heated Rivalry* season 2 premiere. The contest is available to enter through Charitybuzz, with extra entries given to those who donate more. Check it out [here](#).

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