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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HOME RUN DERBY X?

What is Home Run Derby X?

Home Run Derby X is an electrifying new baseball format that takes MLB on a global tour. Home Runs and epic catches steal the show, while live music and ballpark culture push it to the next level.

How is Home Run Derby X different from regular baseball?

In Home Run Derby X, the field of play is smaller, with teams going head-to-head and points up for grabs on both offense and defense. Each batter has one at-bat of 25 pitches. They'll be swinging for the fences, while two of their opponents patrol the outfield. A Home Run scores one point for the offense and a catch is one point for the defense.

In Home Run Derby X there are additional ways to score - Target Hits in the infield, and beyond the fence, can earn extra points for the batters. Each batter also has a Hot Streak - five consecutive pitches where Home Runs and Target Hits count double but a catch in the Hot Streak is also double points for the defense.

How is it different to All Star Home Run Derby?

Home Run Derby X is a team game, rather than an individual competition. There are 5 players per team, made up of four batters and one pitcher. Home Run Derby X is about offense and defense. Batters can score points via Home Runs and Target Hits but Fielders can also score points for their team if they catch a ball in the catch zone. The Hot Streak will allow for double points for both the offense and defense.

Will Home Run Derby X be on every year?

Major League Baseball is committed to the long-term development of Home Run Derby X. This is a multi-year initiative with plans for future expansion



WHO IS TAKING PART?

Which Clubs will be involved?

Home Run Derby X will have 4 teams who each represent 4 iconic Major League Baseball Clubs; Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers & New York Yankees.

How many people are on a team?

At each event, a team will have 5 players; MLB Legend, Superstar, Rookie, Wild Card and Pitcher.

Who will be playing?

Teams will consist of MLB Legends, Superstars, Rookies, Wild Cards and Pitchers.

MLB Legends are former MLB players, and will be the star hitters on the team.

Superstars are the best talent from women's baseball and softball.

Rookies are the most exciting local talent drawn from the men's baseball development system.

Wild Cards are high-profile content creators trained up by MLB and can be male or female

Pitchers will put the ball in the right spot every time and will be on the same team as their Batters. Full details of the teams will be revealed before each event.



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Will the same players be part of every Home Run Derby X event?

The teams will remain fixed unless scheduling, injury or illness dictate otherwise.

What experience do the Rookies have?

Rookies are male players drawn from the baseball development system. Home Run Derby X gives MLB the opportunity to highlight talent in international markets, providing a platform for local talent to showcase their skills.

What training will the Wild Cards do ahead of Home Run Derby X?

MLB have developed an intensive, elite training program to take each Wild Card from baseball novice to big hitter. Each Wild Card has been assigned a personal baseball coach who will work with them throughout the Home Run Derby X tour. They are receiving mentoring from the Legends and will also attend a Home Run Derby X training camp.



HOW DOES THE GAMEPLAY WORK?

How do you score a Home Run?

A Home Run is when a fair ball travels beyond the Outfield Fence without bouncing. It scores 1 point for the batting team.

Can you score points in any other way?

Yes, players can also score points from Target Hits or Catches. There are 4 Targets in the field of play; 2 infield and 2 beyond the outfield fence. When hit by the Batting team, they earn 1 point. In the case of the outfield fence targets, this would result in 2 points; 1 point for a target and 1 point for a Home Run. When a fielder catches a fly ball in the Catch Zone, they score 1 Point for their team.

What is a Hot Streak?

Any time during their at-bat, the hitter may call for their Hot Streak: five consecutive pitches where the outcome of the play scores double points. This can also mean double points for the defense if they make a successful catch within the catch zone.

What is a Target Hit?

A Target Hit is when a batter hits a Target without the ball bouncing. A successful Target Hit scores 1 point for the batter's team.



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Is Home Run Derby X played on a regular baseball field?

The Field of Play is a reduced version of a baseball field, with Home Plate mounted on a stage and the Pitcher's Mound on a podium.

How is a game decided?

After all four batters have completed their at-bats for both teams, the winner is the team with the most points.

What happens if there is a tied game?

Each team selects one batter to participate in a 10 pitch swing-off to determine the winner. In the Tiebreaker, only Home Runs can score points - no points are on offer for outfield catches or Target Hits.

How many Home Run Derby X games are there at each event?

The four teams will compete in a total of four Home Run Derby X games at each event.

Two Preliminary Round games will decide the teams that compete in the Final and 3rd Place Play Off. Each event will have a winning team, with the Home Run Derby X Tour Champions crowned at the end of the tour.



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HOW DOES THE TOUR WORK?

Where will Home Run Derby X take place?

In 2022, Home Run Derby X will take place in London, Seoul & Mexico City.

July 9 – Crystal Palace Park, LONDON

September 17 – SEOUL, venue to be announced

October 15 – MEXICO CITY, venue to be announced

Is there a final? Or an ultimate winner?

Yes – based on where they rank at each event, teams will be awarded points which will determine their position on the Home Run Derby X Tour leaderboard.

The leaderboard will determine seedings for the final event of the Tour which will be played as a knock-out competition to determine the Home Run Derby X Tour Champions.



WHAT ELSE HAPPENS AT THE EVENTS?

What else will be at the events?

Home Run Derby X is a full-day festival experience. The Home Run Derby X competition is at the heart and it will be surrounded by other activities. There will be digital and physical baseball activations, ballpark-inspired food and drink, live music and DJs. Full details will be announced closer to each event.

Will there be food?

Yes, at each event you will find ballpark inspired food and drink.

Will there be music?

Yes, at each Home Run Derby X event there will be DJs and headline music artists. More details will be announced soon.

What measures will be in place at events regarding Covid-19?

MLB will continue to monitor the Covid situation in all Home Run Derby X host cities and will be guided by local health authority rulings and MLB policy.



WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TICKETS?

Where can I buy tickets?

Information about buying tickets for each Home Run Derby X event will be released in due course. Please register at mlb.com/HomeRunDerbyX to be kept up-to-date and to hear the latest information.

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Can I buy a full 'tour' ticket? I.e. for all events?

This is the first year of Home Run Derby X and if you would like to attend all events, you would need to purchase each ticket independently.



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HOW CAN I BE A PART OF THE ACTION?

Where can I find out more?

All details about Home Run Derby X can be found at mlb.com/HomeRunDerbyX Follow @mlb for all the latest news.

If I can't attend, is there another way to watch Home Run Derby X online or on TV?

Yes, Home Run Derby X events will be livestreamed and highlights will also be available to watch. More details will be announced soon.

Where can I find the links to the livestream?

mlb.com/HomeRunDerbyX & @mlb



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