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ROSTERS ANNOUNCED FOR WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC QUALIFIER IN TAIWAN**Teams Representing Chinese Taipei, Nicaragua, South Africa and Spain to Compete for Two Available Spots in 2026 World Baseball Classic;****Qualifier in Taipei to be Played Friday, February 21st-Tuesday, February 25th**

World Baseball Classic, Inc. (WBCI) today announced the rosters for World Baseball Classic Qualifier scheduled for February 21st-25th at the Taipei Dome in Taipei, Taiwan. Teams representing Chinese Taipei, Nicaragua, South Africa and Spain will participate with the top two teams advancing to the 2026 World Baseball Classic.

The rosters can be viewed in their entirety on the accompanying pages and on WorldBaseballClassic.com. The four teams will compete in round-robin play with the first place team advancing automatically, while the second and third place teams will meet on Tuesday, February 25th to determine the second qualifying team.



The Qualifier will begin on Friday, February 21st, marking the first of three consecutive days of doubleheaders. The complete schedule of games is as follows:

2025 World Baseball Classic Qualifier – Taipei, Taiwan – Taipei Dome		
TEAMS: Chinese Taipei, Nicaragua, South Africa, Spain		
Game Date	Match-Up	Time (local)
Friday, February 21	<i>Nicaragua vs. South Africa</i>	12:00 p.m.
	<i>Chinese Taipei vs. Spain</i>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 22	<i>Nicaragua vs. Spain</i>	12:00 p.m.
	<i>South Africa vs. Chinese Taipei</i>	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 23	<i>Spain vs. South Africa</i>	12:00 p.m.
	<i>Chinese Taipei vs. Nicaragua</i>	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 25	<i>2nd Place vs. 3rd Place</i>	7:00 p.m.

**Home Team in Italics*

Each game of the Taipei World Baseball Classic Qualifier will be available in Taiwan on ELTA, and around the world in English on WorldBaseballClassic.com, MLB.TV, the World Baseball Classic [YouTube page](#), and the World Baseball Classic [Facebook page](#).

The second and final World Baseball Classic Qualifier, featuring the national teams of Brazil, China, Colombia and Germany, will determine the final two entrants for the 2026 World Baseball Classic. The second Qualifier will be played from Sunday, March 2nd-Thursday, March 6th at Veterans Memorial Stadium at Kino Sports Complex in Tucson, Arizona. Rosters for the Tucson Qualifier will be announced in the coming weeks.

The World Baseball Classic is sanctioned by the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) as the sport's official World Championship.

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Numerical Guide

1	Chen, Tzu-Hao	OF
3	Chen, Wun-Jie	OF
8	Tseng, Tzu-Yu	SS
11	Gu Lin, Ruei-Yang	RHS
12	Chen, Yun-Wen	RHR
15	Lin, Tzu-Wei	UTL
16	Li, Dong-Ming	RHS
18	Chang, Yu-Cheng	SS
24	Chen, Chieh-Hsien	OF
25	Huang, Chun	LHR
27	Lin, Chia-Cheng	C
29	Hsu, Siang-Sheng	RHR
39	Wu, Nien-Ting	IF
44	Chen, Po-Yu	RHS
45	Lin, Wei-En	LHS
46	Liu, Ji-Hong	3B
48	Zhuang, Chen	RHS
55	Wu, Yu-Cheng	RHR
58	Lu, Yen-Ching	LHR
60	Tseng, Jyun-Yue	RHR
63	Chiang, Shao-Hung	C
65	Chen, Chung-Yu	C
69	Hsu, Jo-Hsi	RHS
88	Sung, Cheng-Jui	OF
91	Lin, Sheng-En	RHR
96	Sun, Yi-Lei	RHS
98	Sha, Tzu-Chen	RHS



CHINESE TAIPEI

NO	PITCHERS (15)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
11	Gu Lin, Ruei-Yang	RHS	R	R	6' 1"	179	12-Jun-2000	Taichung City, Taiwan
12	Chen, Yun-Wen	RHR	R	R	6' 0"	220	28-Nov-1995	Pingtung County, Taiwan
16	Li, Dong-Ming	RHS	R	R	6' 0"	163	29-Dec-1999	Tainan City, Taiwan
25	Huang, Chun	LHR	L	L	5' 8"	179	18-Mar-2003	New Taipei City, Taiwan
29	Hsu, Siang-Sheng	RHR	R	R	6' 1"	176	17-Dec-2005	Taipei City, Taiwan
44	Chen, Po-Yu	RHS	L	R	6' 1"	201	02-Oct-2001	Taipei City, Taiwan
45	Lin, Wei-En	LHS	L	L	6' 2"	179	04-Nov-2005	Taoyuan City, Taiwan
48	Zhuang, Chen	RHS	R	R	6' 1"	198	25-Aug-2000	Taipei City, Taiwan
55	Wu, Yu-Cheng	RHR	L	R	5' 9"	198	15-Feb-2004	Taitung County, Taiwan
58	Lu, Yen-Ching	LHR	L	L	5' 9"	143	10-Mar-1996	Kaohsiung City, Taiwan
60	Tseng, Jyun-Yue	RHR	R	R	5' 8"	150	07-Nov-2001	Taichung City, Taiwan
69	Hsu, Jo-Hsi	RHS	R	R	5' 9"	168	01-Nov-2000	Taoyuan City, Taiwan
91	Lin, Sheng-En	RHR	L	R	6' 0"	202	01-Sep-2005	Taitung County, Taiwan
96	Sun, Yi-Lei	RHS	L	R	6' 0"	181	10-Feb-2005	Taipei City, Taiwan
98	Sha, Tzu-Chen	RHS	R	R	6' 3"	169	15-Oct-2003	Taipei City, Taiwan

NO	CATCHERS (3)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
27	Lin, Chia-Cheng	C	R	R	6' 1"	206	26-Jun-1997	Taipei City, Taiwan
63	Chiang, Shao-Hung	C	R	R	5' 11"	220	13-Jul-1997	Taipei City, Taiwan
65	Chen, Chung-Yu	C	R	R	6' 0"	183	14-Sep-1995	Chiayi County, Taiwan

NO	INFIELDERS (5)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
8	Tseng, Tzu-Yu	SS	R	R	5' 8"	163	16-Sep-2003	Taoyuan City, Taiwan
15	Lin, Tzu-Wei	UTL	L	R	5' 9"	180	15-Feb-1994	Kaohsiung City, Taiwan
18	Chang, Yu-Cheng	SS	R	R	6' 1"	180	18-Aug-1995	Taitung, Taiwan
39	Wu, Nien-Ting	IF	L	R	5' 10"	165	07-Jun-1993	Taipei City, Taiwan
46	Liu, Ji-Hong	3B	R	R	5' 9"	194	03-Nov-2000	Taichung City, Taiwan

NO	OUTFIELDERS (4)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
1	Chen, Tzu-Hao	OF	L	L	5' 11"	227	29-Jul-1995	Kaohsiung City, Taiwan
3	Chen, Wun-Jie	OF	L	R	6' 1"	168	11-Oct-1997	Hualien County, Taiwan
24	Chen, Chieh-Hsien	OF	L	R	5' 8"	172	07-Jan-1994	Kaohsiung City, Taiwan
88	Sung, Cheng-Jui	OF	R	R	6' 0"	172	14-Aug-2002	New Taipei City, Taiwan

COACHING STAFF	POSITION	BIRTHPLACE
Chang, Chien-Ming	Coach	Hualien County, Taiwan
Chen, Chiang-Ho	Coach	Tainan City, Taiwan
Kao, Chih-Kang	Coach	Taichung City, Taiwan
Lin, Yueh-Ping	Coach	Kaohsiung City, Taiwan
Peng, Cheng-Min	Coach	Kaohsiung City, Taiwan
Tseng, Hao-Jiu	Manager	Taichung City, Taiwan



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1	Alegria, Benjamin	SS
2	Rayo, Elian	OF
5	Leyton, Brandon	SS
10	Burton, Kenword	RHS
18	Trujillo, Emanuel	IF
20	Orozco, Jose	OF
22	Bone, Rodolfo	C
23	Zamora, Freddy	SS
24	Cuthbert, Cheslor	3B
25	Rivera, Ronald	C
27	Novoa, Melvin	C
28	Miranda, Elian	IF
29	Glasgow, Ernesto	RHR
30	Flores, Fidencio	RHS
31	Obando, Angel	RHS
32	Mejia, Dilmer	LHS
36	Medrano, Ronald	RHS
37	Teller, Carlos	LHS
41	Gutierrez, Osman	RHS
44	Gonzalez, Yeris	RHR
45	Mendoza, Omar	LF
66	Ramirez, Juan	RHR
72	Crawford, Leonardo	LHS
77	Garrido, Jesus	RHS
78	Torres, Bryan	RHS
88	Zapata, Axel	LHS
95	Sandoval, Cristhian	CF
99	Montes, Juan	OF



NICARAGUA

NO	PITCHERS (14)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
10	Burton, Kenword	RHS	R	R	6' 0"	196	04-Aug-1998	Bluefields - RACCS, Nicaragua
29	Glasgow, Ernesto	RHR	R	R	6' 0"	190	14-Sep-1991	Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua
30	Flores, Fidencio	RHS	R	R	6' 0"	160	10-Sep-1991	El Sauce, Nicaragua
31	Obando, Angel	RHS	R	R	5' 11"	178	19-Jan-1999	Managua, Nicaragua
32	Mejia, Dilmer	LHS	L	L	5' 10"	195	09-Jul-1997	El Sauce, Nicaragua
36	Medrano, Ronald	RHS	R	R	6' 0"	168	17-Sep-1995	Managua, Nicaragua
37	Teller, Carlos	LHS	L	L	5' 11"	180	03-Oct-1986	Managua, Nicaragua
41	Gutierrez, Osman	RHS	R	R	6' 4"	250	15-Dec-1994	Leon, Nicaragua
44	Gonzalez, Yeris	RHR	R	R	6' 1"	188	04-Jul-1996	Jinotega, Nicaragua
66	Ramirez, Juan	RHR	R	R	6' 3"	175	16-Aug-1988	Managua, Nicaragua
72	Crawford, Leonardo	LHS	L	L	6' 2"	200	02-Feb-1997	Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua
77	Garrido, Jesus	RHS	R	R	5' 9"	185	10-May-1995	Managua, Nicaragua
78	Torres, Bryan	RHS	R	R	6' 2"	180	12-Apr-2001	León, Nicaragua
88	Zapata, Axel	LHS	R	L	5' 11"	195	29-Mar-2001	Chinandega, Nicaragua

NO	CATCHERS (3)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
22	Bone, Rodolfo	C	R	R	5' 11"	200	22-Mar-2000	Masaya, Nicaragua
25	Rivera, Ronald	C	R	R	6' 0"	200	28-Nov-1993	Chinandega, Nicaragua
27	Novoa, Melvin	C	R	R	5' 11"	200	17-Jun-1996	Nandaime, Nicaragua

NO	INFELDERS (6)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
1	Alegria, Benjamin	SS	R	R	5' 10"	165	06-Aug-1997	Managua, Nicaragua
5	Leyton, Brandon	SS	R	R	5' 10"	165	17-Dec-1998	León, Nicaragua
18	Trujillo, Emanuel	IF	R	R	6' 1"	205	19-Oct-2001	Chinandega, Nicaragua
23	Zamora, Freddy	SS	R	R	6' 0"	186	01-Nov-1998	Managua, Nicaragua
24	Cuthbert, Cheslor	3B	R	R	6' 1"	190	16-Nov-1992	Corn Island RAAS, Nicaragua
28	Miranda, Elian	IF	R	R	6' 1"	200	31-May-1999	El Viejo, Nicaragua

NO	OUTFIELDERS (5)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
2	Rayo, Elian	OF	R	R	6' 0"	202	04-Mar-2003	Ciudad Darío, Nicaragua
20	Orozco, Jose	OF	S	R	5' 7"	175	03-Jun-1999	Matagalpa, Nicaragua
45	Mendoza, Omar	LF	R	R	5' 8"	210	30-Oct-1997	Managua, Nicaragua
95	Sandoval, Cristhian	CF	R	R	6' 7"	210	09-May-2000	Juigalpa, Nicaragua
99	Montes, Juan	OF	R	R	6' 1"	200	15-May-1995	Guatemala City, Guatemala

COACHING STAFF	POSITION	BIRTHPLACE
García, Dorian	Coach	Jinotepe, Nicaragua
Guido, Sandor	Manager	León, Nicaragua
Murillo, Cairo	Coach	Granada, Nicaragua
Picota, Lenin	Coach	Panama, Panama
Sanchez, Julio	Coach	Managua, Nicaragua
Vega, Anibal	Coach	Managua, Nicaragua



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1	Smith, Brandon	RHS
2	Smith, Tyler	SS
3	White, Jaryd	RHS
5	November, Josh	IF
6	Diedericks, Mathew	IF
7	Stevens, Lloyd	RHS
9	Ngoepe, Tlou	SS
10	Milne, Tyrone	C
11	Edmunds, Brandon	OF
12	Jacobs, Dean	RHS
13	Perkins, Damian	LHS
14	Phillips, Jonathan	IF
17	Beyers, Christiaan	OF
18	Tribe, Josh	RHS
20	Carelse, Jason	OF
21	Bouillon, Brandon	OF
22	Erasmus, Justin	RHS
23	Phillips, Anthony	SS
26	Deyzel, Vince	RHS
27	Elario, Jared	RHS
28	King, Damon	RHS
29	Wentzel, Joshua	OF
31	Feldtman, Dayle	C
32	Ebersohn, Rowan	LHR
34	November, Luke	C
48	Sayers, Anthony	RHS
50	Unsworth, Dylan	RHS
54	Mendelsohn, Daniel	RHR



SOUTH AFRICA

NO	PITCHERS (14)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
1	Smith, Brandon	RHS	L	R	6' 2"	194	12-Feb-2000	Durban, South Africa
3	White, Jaryd	RHS	R	R	6' 5"	172	08-Apr-2002	Johannesburg, South Africa
7	Stevens, Lloyd	RHS	R	R	5' 9"	194	24-Mar-1988	Cape Town, South Africa
12	Jacobs, Dean	RHS	S	R	5' 10"	196	21-Sep-1991	Cape Town, South Africa
13	Perkins, Damian	LHS	R	L	5' 11"	192	29-Jan-1994	Durban, South Africa
18	Tribe, Josh	RHS	R	R	6' 5"	198	20-Aug-2003	Durban, South Africa
22	Erasmus, Justin	RHS	R	R	5' 10"	209	22-Jan-1990	Johannesburg, South Africa
26	Deyzel, Vince	RHS	S	R	6' 2"	216	09-Feb-1998	Durban, South Africa
27	Elario, Jared	RHS	R	R	5' 9"	250	14-Oct-1988	Cape Town, South Africa
28	King, Damon	RHS	R	R	6' 4"	231	21-Aug-1997	Johannesburg, South Africa
32	Ebersohn, Rowan	LHR	L	L	5' 9"	243	16-Apr-1996	Johannesburg, South Africa
48	Sayers, Anthony	RHS	R	R	6' 1"	200	06-Dec-2000	Benoni, South Africa
50	Unsworth, Dylan	RHS	R	R	6' 1"	213	23-Sep-1992	Durban, South Africa
54	Mendelsohn, Daniel	RHR	R	R	5' 10"	187	09-Feb-1998	Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

NO	CATCHERS (3)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
10	Milne, Tyrone	C	R	R	5' 10"	207	20-Feb-1997	Cape Town, South Africa
31	Feldtman, Dayle	C	R	R	5' 10"	238	04-Feb-1991	Cape Town, South Africa
34	November, Luke	C	R	R	5' 6"	212	14-Mar-2001	Cape Town, South Africa

NO	INFIELDBERS (6)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
2	Smith, Tyler	SS	L	R	6' 2"	165	04-Nov-1997	Durban, South Africa
5	November, Josh	IF	L	R	5' 5"	137	30-Nov-2005	Cape Town, South Africa
6	Diedericks, Mathew	IF	R	R	5' 10"	181	13-May-1998	Cape Town, South Africa
9	Ngoepe, Tlou	SS	R	R	5' 8"	161	09-Feb-1998	Johannesburg, South Africa
14	Phillips, Jonathan	IF	R	R	5' 11"	198	16-Apr-1986	Cape Town, South Africa
23	Phillips, Anthony	SS	R	R	5' 11"	176	11-Apr-1990	Cape Town, South Africa

NO	OUTFIELDERS (5)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
11	Edmunds, Brandon	OF	R	R	5' 11"	207	01-Sep-1989	Johannesburg, South Africa
17	Beyers, Christiaan	OF	R	R	6' 0"	203	17-May-1995	Secunda, South Africa
20	Carelse, Jason	OF	R	R	6' 2"	203	26-Dec-1997	Cape Town, South Africa
21	Bouillon, Brandon	OF	R	R	6' 0"	220	21-Mar-1989	Cape Town, South Africa
29	Wentzel, Joshua	OF	R	R	5' 7"	157	16-May-2000	Cape Town, South Africa

COACHING STAFF	POSITION	BIRTHPLACE
Adonis, Neil	Manager	South Africa
Burch, Jody	Coach	South Africa
McKinon, Dean	Coach	South Africa
Smith, Darryn	Coach	South Africa
Threets, Erick	Coach	United States
Van der Merwe, Paul	Coach	South Africa



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1	Colmenarez, Carlos	IF
2	Angulo, Andres	C
3	De Leon, Anderson	RHS
7	Beltre, Engel	OF
9	Stevens, Felix	OF
10	Jimenez, Daniel	OF
11	Encarnacion, Wander	IF
12	Baez, Fernando	RHR
13	Guillorme, Luis	IF
14	Kwitzer, Christopher	UTL
16	Ustariz, Jesus	1B
18	Estrada, Rusber	C
19	Valerio, Edison	IF
20	Garcia, Yeudy	RHS
23	Balboa, Jorge	RHS
24	Rondon, Edgar	IF
25	Campos, Jose	RHR
26	Rosso, Ramon	RHS
27	Guillen, Pablo	RHS
29	Hernandez, Frank	OF
32	Alvarez, Daniel	RHR
36	Perez, Andres	RHS
37	Negrin, Yoanner	RHS
39	Silva, Elio	LHS
40	Lino, Gabriel	C
42	Rodriguez, Orlando	RHS
53	Leyva, Elian	RHS
55	Cruz, Rhiner	RHR



NO	PITCHERS (14)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
3	De Leon, Anderson	RHS	R	R	5' 7"	154	27-Jul-1996	La Yayas, Dominican Rep.
12	Baez, Fernando	RHR	R	R	6' 1"	192	01-Feb-1992	Sabana Grande de Palenque, Dominican Rep.
20	Garcia, Yeudy	RHS	R	R	6' 2"	218	06-Oct-1992	Sabana Yegua, Dominican Rep.
23	Balboa, Jorge	RHS	R	R	6' 2"	209	15-Jul-1986	San Sebastian, Spain
25	Campos, Jose	RHR	R	R	6' 3"	229	27-Jul-1992	La Guaira, Venezuela
26	Rosso, Ramon	RHS	R	R	6' 4"	255	09-Jun-1996	Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep.
27	Guillen, Pablo	RHS	R	R	6' 1"	198	21-Jun-1998	Santa Clara, Cuba
32	Alvarez, Daniel	RHR	R	R	6' 2"	194	28-Jun-1996	Barquisimeto, Venezuela
36	Perez, Andres	RHS	R	R	6' 2"	170	08-Feb-1991	Caracas, Venezuela
37	Negrin, Yoanner	RHS	R	R	5' 11"	190	29-Apr-1984	La Habana, Cuba
39	Silva, Elio	LHS	L	L	5' 11"	169	21-Aug-1995	Aragua, Venezuela
42	Rodriguez, Orlando	RHS	R	R	6' 2"	195	16-Dec-1995	Cerro Ciudad Habana, Cuba
53	Leyva, Elian	RHS	R	R	6' 2"	209	17-Mar-1989	San Jose de Las Lajas, Cuba
55	Cruz, Rhiner	RHR	R	R	6' 2"	209	01-Nov-1986	Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep.

NO	CATCHERS (3)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
2	Angulo, Andres	C	R	R	5' 11"	181	05-Sep-1997	Cali, Colombia
18	Estrada, Rusber	C	R	R	6' 0"	215	05-Jun-1995	Guacara, Venezuela
40	Lino, Gabriel	C	R	R	6' 3"	201	17-May-1993	Maracay, Venezuela

NO	INFIELDERS (6)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
1	Colmenarez, Carlos	IF	L	R	5' 9"	172	15-Nov-2003	Yaracuy, Venezuela
11	Encarnacion, Wander	IF	R	R	5' 10"	190	25-Jan-2000	Santo Domingo Este, Dominican Rep.
13	Guillorme, Luis	IF	L	R	5' 9"	190	27-Sep-1994	Caracas, Venezuela
16	Ustariz, Jesus	1B	R	R	6' 1"	198	26-Apr-1993	Caracas, Venezuela
19	Valerio, Edison	IF	R	R	5' 10"	198	20-Aug-1994	Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep.
24	Rondon, Edgar	IF	L	R	5' 7"	170	14-Jan-1995	San Pedro De Macoris, Dominican Rep.

NO	OUTFIELDERS (5)	POS	B	T	HT	WT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE
7	Beltre, Engel	OF	L	L	6' 2"	187	01-Nov-1989	Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep.
9	Stevens, Felix	OF	R	R	6' 4"	225	30-Jul-1999	La Habana, Cuba
10	Jimenez, Daniel	OF	R	R	5' 11"	174	23-Apr-1996	Caracas, Venezuela
14	Kwitzer, Christopher	UTL	L	R	6' 0"	209	26-Jan-1995	New York, NY
29	Hernandez, Frank	OF	R	R	5' 11"	183	10-Dec-2001	La Habana, Cuba

COACHING STAFF	POSITION	BIRTHPLACE
Díaz, Candelario	Coach	Miranda, Venezuela
Domínguez, Eduardo	Coach	Madrid, Spain
García Goni, Aritz	Coach	Pamplona, Spain
Olivera, Manuel	Coach	Barcelona, Spain
Pérez, Néstor	Coach	Matanzas, Cuba
Prada, Nelson	Manager	Aragua, Venezuela