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MLB Launches Home Run Derby X

An electrifying new baseball format that takes MLB on a global tour.
Former Major League All-Stars and World Series Champs to Swing for the Fences

March 30 2022 - Major League Baseball, today announced the launch of MLB Home Run Derby X, an electrifying new baseball format that will go on a global tour to London, Seoul and Mexico City in 2022.

- July 9 – LONDON - Crystal Palace Park
- September 17 – SEOUL - venue to be announced
- October 15 – MEXICO CITY - venue to be announced

[Access the digital press kit here .](#)

Inspired by the success and simplicity of the Home Run Derby the day before the MLB All-Star Game, Home Run Derby X has been developed with the goal of attracting a new audience to baseball; creating high-energy live event experiences and opportunities for digital storytelling. Fans will see some former heavy-hitting Major League All-Stars and World Series champions show off their power including Jonny Gomes, Adrián González, Geo Soto, and Nick Swisher.

Home Run Derby X is played on a reduced version of a baseball field, with Home Plate mounted on a stage and the Pitcher's Mound on a podium. The field of play is adaptable and has been designed to fit within a variety of environments, from festival sites to stadiums.

The teams competing will represent four of Major League Baseball's most historic Clubs; Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Yankees. Each team will consist of competitors from four categories: MLB Legend, Superstar, Rookie and Wild Card. Legends are MLB icons who bring big hitting talent to the roster. Superstars are the best talent from softball & women's baseball. Rookies are from the men's baseball development system and will be announced as part of the build up to each event. Wild Cards are influential content creators, fired up for a huge challenge, as they embark on an intensive training program taking them from baseball beginner to big hitter.

While Home Runs and epic catches steal the show, Home Run Derby X offers more than just big hits to event attendees. Each event will feature live music, baseball inspired activities, ballpark food, fashion, gaming and more to push it to the next level and offer an unforgettable experience.

In each game, points are available for 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 also additional ways to score, inspired by video games, including Target Hits in the infield and beyond the fence. 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.

The four teams will compete in a bracket style competition at each event and based on where they finish, will be awarded points to 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.

Fans can follow the full Home Run Derby X Tour at @mlb and regional channels @MLBEurope, @mlb.korea, and @MLBMexico. MLB will be documenting the progress of the teams, the Wild Card's training journey, and all the live and behind-the-scenes action from each event.

Details about 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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Quotes from Legends

“Anytime I get to wear the Red Sox jersey and help grow the great game of baseball, count me in! Traveling and hitting Home Runs are two of my favorite things to do, so I can’t wait to be a part of MLB Home Run Derby X.”

Jonny Gomes, MLB Legend, Boston Red Sox

“The Chicago Cubs signed me at 18 years old, so to get another opportunity to put that jersey back on and be a part of Home Run Derby X is an honor and a privilege. I can’t wait for my kids to see me swing the bat and hit Home Runs. There’s nothing like being a part of the crowd and seeing baseball in action!”

Geo Soto, MLB Legend, Chicago Cubs

“I think Home Run Derby X is a great way to bring more eyes to baseball on a worldwide level and it will feel great to represent the Dodgers organization in these events. I’m looking forward to meeting baseball fans in different parts of the world.”

Adrián González, MLB Legend, Los Angeles Dodgers

HRDX Squads

Rookies - to be announced

Boston Red Sox

Jonny Gomes, MLB Legend

Paige Halstead, Superstar

Liv Cooke, Wild Card

Chicago Cubs

Geo Soto, MLB Legend

Alex Hugo, Superstar

Spencer Owen, Wild Card

Los Angeles Dodgers

Adrián González, MLB Legend

Ashton Lansdell, Superstar

Yoongy Kwak, Wild Card

New York Yankees

Nick Swisher, MLB Legend

Erika Piancastelli, Superstar

Stefania Aradillas, Superstar (Mexico only)

Daniel Corral, Wild Card