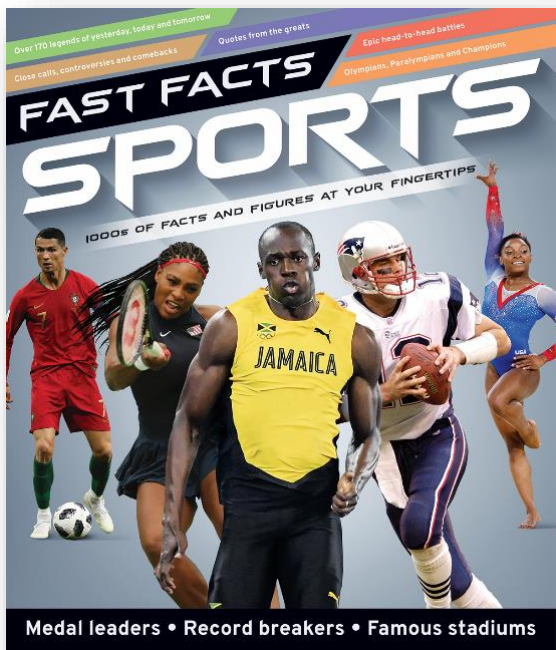


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BASEBALL

Through the first organized game held in Canada in 1838, baseball's heartland is in the United States. Here, in 1845, the game's first rules were compiled, and by the 1850s there was a national league. By 1879 it had become a major sport, taking deepest root in Japan and the Caribbean. Baseball's fans now number 500 million. Played by two teams, the aim is to score maximum runs when batting and to prevent runs when pitching and fielding. To play, you need a round ball, a ball and catcher's mitt, and four bases (home, 1st, 2nd and 3rd) placed on the corners of a square with 90-foot sides. Beyond this infield and inside the foul lines is the outfield.

Record Breakers

MLB career bats hits leaders

Pete Rose	1929-1984	4,254
Ty Cobb	1915-1928	4,191
Jackie Robinson	1947-1956	3,272
Stan Musial	1941-1963	3,630
Tom Seaver	1967-1978	3,554
Derrel Johnson	1945-1974	3,448
Alvin Dark	1917-1937	3,406
Carl Yastrzemski	1961-1983	3,419
Paul Hines	1919-1936	3,379
Alvin Karpis	1914-1938	3,353

MLB career home runs leaders

Barry Bonds	1986-2007	762
Mark McGwire	1986-1994	703
Rod Carew	1964-1978	714
Jim Thome	1991-2012	624
Andre Pujols	2001-2015	600
Sam Rice	1898-1910	600
Frank Robinson	1956-1976	596

MLB career strikeouts leaders (pitchers)

Nolan Ryan	1946-1993	5,714
Tom Seaver	1967-1978	4,673
Steve Carlton	1965-1981	4,134
Tim Lincecum	1997-1999	4,126
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Major League Baseball

Founded in 1903, MLB is a professional baseball organization of 30 teams from the National League (NL) and 20 teams from the American League (AL). Of the 30 teams, nine are from Canada. Each team plays 162 games during the roughly 30-week season. The climax of the season is a best-of-seven-games playoff, the World Series, between the NL and AL champions for the Commissioner's Trophy.

World Series winning by year (in years)

New York Yankees	1916-1919	4
St. Louis Cardinals	1925-1928	4
New York Yankees	1949-1953	5
St. Louis Cardinals	1964-1967	3
New York Yankees	1977-1979	3
Los Angeles Dodgers	1981-1988	8
New York Yankees	1998-2000	3
St. Louis Cardinals	2003-2005	3
New York Yankees	2009-2012	4

Fast Facts

Commissioner's Trophy
This trophy is presented by the Commissioner of Baseball to the winner of the World Series. It was first presented in 1903 to the St. Louis Cardinals, and is now made each year. The 28-inch tall silver trophy features 30 gold-plated bases representing each MLB team.