



# Baseball

Baseball is a sport played on a field by two teams against each other. In baseball, a player on one team throws a small round ball at a player on the other team, who tries to



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hit it with a bat. Then the player who hits the ball has to run around the field. Players score points by running around in a full circle around three markers on the ground called bases, to back where they started, which is called home plate. They have to do this without getting caught by the players on the other team.

Baseball started in the United States in the 1700s and 1800s, but historians are not sure who invented it. Many people in North America, South America, and East Asia play baseball, but the sport is most popular in the United States and Japan. In the U.S., baseball is called the national pastime, because so many people in the United States used to spend a lot of time playing or watching baseball games. Today, though, most Americans follow football more than baseball, especially when it comes time for the Super Bowl.

Major League Baseball (MLB) is a professional baseball league in North America. It is the highest level of professional baseball in the world. This league is further divided into two sub leagues, the National League and the American League. Each league has three divisions: east, west and central. Every year the World Series Championship is held by the Major League Baseball. There are currently 30 teams in MLB, 29 from the United States and one from Canada, the Toronto Blue Jays.

Here are 5 best known US baseball teams: New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox, Philadelphia Phillies, St. Louis Cardinals, Los Angeles Dodgers.

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