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#### Dr. Lynn Lashbrook, SMWW President and Founder

Dr. Lashbrook, President & Founder of Sports Management Worldwide, the first ever online sports management school with a mission to educate sports business executives. Lynn has been working and teaching in Sports Management for over 40 years and has demonstrated a lifelong passion for helping students strategize and reach their career goals in the world of sports. SMWW, under Dr. Lashbrook's guidance, offers a global sports faculty with over 30,000 alumni from 163 countries. In addition, Dr. Lashbrook is an NFL registered Agent having personally represented over 200 NFL clients including Dallas Cowboys special teams player KaVontae Turpin. Lynn is President of the SMWW Agency with over 100 Agent Advisors worldwide representing hundreds of athletes including certified hockey agents and their clients.

Dr. Lashbrook continues to spearhead an effort to bring Major League Baseball to Portland, Oregon. He led the lobbying efforts that resulted in a \$150 million construction bill for a new baseball stadium in Portland. Under his leadership, the group secured legislative action to subsidize a new stadium with ballplayers' payroll taxes. Due to this campaign, a 25,000-seat stadium in the heart of the city was revitalized rather than torn down, now home to the MLS Portland Timbers.

Prior to SMWW, Dr. Lashbrook served at the collegiate level as Athletic Director or Asst AD at University of Missouri, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks. At the University of Missouri, the Men's Basketball won 4 consecutive Big 8 Championships. While at University of Alaska Fairbanks, Dr. Lashbrook created the Top of the World Basketball Tournament.

Dr. Lashbrook is well known for his ethical compass, integrity...and puns! We encourage you to introduce yourself to Dr. Lashbrook. He loves meeting people! Twitter: @SMWW

#### John Boggs, John Boggs and Associates President & CEO and MLB Agent

As founder and President of the company, John's passion for Major League Baseball has been the driving force behind the success of JBA. John brings over twenty years of experience in the sports industry as a Major League Baseball Players Association certified agent since 1986 and is a registered athlete agent in the state of California.

John's success in the industry is evident by his track record. JBA has negotiated over \$900 million worth of Major League baseball contracts, highlighted by a \$154 million, 7 year deal for Adrian Gonzalez in April 2011. At the time, the deal was the largest in Red Sox history in terms of annual value and the 8th largest in the history of MLB in terms of the total value. As well as the \$144 million, 6 year deal for Cole Hamels on July 25th of 2012. This is the largest contract ever given to an athlete by a Philadelphia sports franchise. The contract is the second-largest ever for a pitcher in MLB. Other notable deals include a \$30.5 million, 5-year contract for Trevor Cahill in 2011, the precedentsetting \$10.5 million contract for Mark Prior in the 2001 draft, and the \$20.5 million dollar contract for Cole Hamels during the winter of 2009. John also represents Shane Victorino who is contracted at 3 years, \$39 million with the Boston Red Sox.

A graduate of American University, his career in the athlete representation business began in 1983 when he was Vice President of Garvey Marketing Group, a sports marketing company founded by former Dodger and Padre Great, Steve Garvey. At Garvey Marketing Group, John counseled and represented many of the top players in baseball including Tony Gwynn, Robin Ventura, and Paul Molitor in their contract negotiations and or marketing endeavors. After a successful tenure at Garvey Marketing Group, John left in 1986 to form JBA.

John's marketing background serves as a constant source of exposure and opportunity for JBA clients. An example of John's creativity was when he introduced Oakley sunglasses as a presence in Major League Baseball. With Tony Gwynn's cooperation, a new concept in eyewear on the field was created. John has also nurtured relationships with other sports-related companies such as Nike, Louisville Slugger, Rawlings, Under Armour, Franklin, and No Fear.

John also has a commitment to charitable endeavors. He is on the Board of Directors for the TAG Foundation (Tony and Alicia Gwynn Foundation) which provides funding for several charitable institutions that care for children in the San Diego area who have been abused or are seriously ill. John is also a Champion level member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. John's support helps to ensure that the Hall of Fame will continue to preserve baseball's priceless treasures, share the rich history of our National Pastime with generations of baseball fans and reach more than 10 million school children through their education programs. John is married to his wife Mary and has two children, Katie and Steven. Twitter: @JBASPORTS

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#### Scott Bush. SABR CEO

Scott Bush joined SABR in 2018 after serving as the Senior Vice President for Business Development with the Goldklang Group. His demonstrated commitment to creativity and his established track record of generating revenue, cultivating new markets, and collaborating with a wide range of stakeholders make Bush an ideal fit for the next stage of SABR's evolution within the baseball ecosystem.

Since graduating from the University of Minnesota, Bush held positions with increasing responsibilities in both sports and media, including a five-year stint as Assistant General Manager for the St. Paul Saints, where he played a key role in establishing CHS Field in St. Paul, Minnesota. Twitter: @sabr

#### Dan Duguette, Former Baltimore Orioles General Manager and SMWW Faculty

Dan Duquette is the former General Manager of the Baltimore Orioles (2011 - 2018). He was previously the General Manager of the Montreal Expos (1991-1994) and the Boston Red Sox (1994-2002). He is also the founder of the Dan Duquette Sports Academy. He has twice been named the Major League Baseball Executive of the Year by the Sporting News (1992 with the Expos and 2014 with the Orioles).

After graduating from Amherst College, Duquette became a scouting assistant for the Brewers and worked in the scouting department for 7 years. In 1987, he was hired by the Montreal Expos as the Director of Player Development. He spent a few years in that position before being promoted to Vice President /General Manager in 1991. Over the course of his six years with the Expos, Duquette had a hand in drafting players like Rondell White, Marquis Grissom, Cliff Floyd, Jose Vidro, Kirk Reuter, and Javier Vasquez.

In 1994, he became the General Manager of the Boston Red Sox. He spent eight years at the helm of his hometown team. The Red Sox achieved a record of 656-574 under Duquette, setting attendance records and appearing in the playoffs on three separate occasions (1995, 1998, and 1999). The team won the American League East division in 1995. As the Red Sox GM, Duquette made several notable moves, including drafting Nomar Garciaparra in 1994 and trading for Pedro Martínez in 1997. He is also known for letting Roger Clemens leave in free agency in 1996. He is largely considered to have laid the groundwork for the 2004 Red Sox World Series winning team by signing and drafting players like Tim Wakefield, Johnny Damon, Jason Varitek, Manny Ramirez, Derek Lowe, and Kevin Youkilis. In 2002, Duquette was dismissed from his general manager post less than 24 hours after the Red Sox had officially been sold to a new ownership group. In 2003, he opened the Dan Duquette Sports Academy, a sports training center designed for children aged 8 to 18.

Duquette became the General Manager of the Baltimore Orioles in November 2011. In 2012, the team made the playoffs for the first time since 1997. In 2014, the Orioles won the American League East with 96 wins and made it to the American League Championship Series. Duquette was dismissed after the 2018 season. Twitter: @danduquette

#### Jim Duguette, Former New York Mets General Manager

Jim Duquette is an American baseball executive. He was the general manager of the New York Mets from 2003-2004. After Duquette's tenure as General Manager, he stayed on with the Mets in a front office job for a full season before moving on to the Baltimore Orioles. With the Orioles former vice president of baseball operations, where he worked under Mike Flanagan, the team's general manager. Duquette is currently a host on SiriusXM's MLB Network Radio. He is also a columnist for The Athletic.



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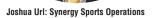
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# and SMWW Mentor

A former General Manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Dan has been in professional baseball for over three decades and has had decision-making roles with five MLB franchises throughout his career. He is currently a Major League Scout & Director of Pacific Rim Operations for the Toronto Blue Jays, mentor for Sports Management Worldwide's "Baseball GM and Scouting" course, member of the Baseball Prospectus Advisory Board, and a Board of Director for the Rocky Mountain SABR Chapter.

The Chicago native began his baseball journey as an intern for the Chicago White Sox while a junior at DePaul University, and has worked for the White Sox, Chicago Cubs, Dodgers, Seattle Mariners, and Blue Jays. Evans' experience is wide-ranging, as he is the only former GM of an MLB club who also led a baseball agency.

During his tenure with the White Sox, he was involved in the draft of Hall of Famer Frank Thomas and All-Star Mark Buehrle, along with the acquisition of Paul Konerko. Evans' .548 winning percentage is the second-best mark for any GM in Los Angeles Dodger history and during his tenure he led the transformation of a Dodger franchise which had sunk to an overall rating of 28th among MLB clubs by rebuilding the organization's scouting and player developments to secure the #1 spot just two years later. He was the primary architect of the Dodgers' 1st playoff club in more than a dozen years and built the National League's best bullpen staff since World War II.

A pioneer in using technology and computers in baseball analysis, Evans evaluates talent throughout the game worldwide at all levels for the 2015 American League Eastern Division champions.

His Twitter account (@DanEvans108) was recently cited by Forbes as among "Top 100 Must-Follow Sports Business Twitter Accounts," and he was an original board member of the Professional Baseball Scouts Foundation. Twitter: @DanEvans108

Dan is also a mentor for SMWW's Baseball GM & Scouting Course.

#### Hank Jones, Former Los Angeles Dodgers Scout and SMWW Faculty

For nearly 40 years Hank Jones worked the Pacific Northwest region as a trusted scout for the Los Angeles Dodgers, helping the organization win two World Series (1981, 1988) and succeeding under four different ownership groups, seven general managers and five scouting directors.

Often when there is an organizational regime change, the scouting staff is turned over to new members. But not Hank, His reputation in MLB is beyond reproach, and every new GM and scouting director wanted Jones to stay on their staff. A slick-fielding middle infielder, Jones was drafted in the 15th round of the MLB Draft to the San Francisco Giants in 1972. He played three seasons in the Giants minor league system before joining the Dodgers organization in 1976 Rule 5 Draft. For the rest of his career in baseball, he represented Dodger blue.

As a scout, Jones was assigned to the Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Alaska, Hawaii, and Western Canada areas. He was a fixture during the draft, often the only amateur scout allowed in the room due to his highly sought-after judgment and reputation. His expertise is baseball scouting, player evaluation and understanding organizational decision making is beyond compare. Sign up for SMWW's Baseball GM and Management online course and you can learn from this pillar of the game.

Hank is a mentor for SMWW's Baseball GM and Scouting Course.







#### Dan Evans, Former LA Dodgers GM, Field of Dreams, SABR Board Memeber

Congrats to Dr. Nick Nurse and Dr. Adrian Griffin who graduated with their doctorates at SMWW/Concordia University Chicago

Left to right: Dr. Adrian Griffin, CUC President Dr. Nick Nurse, Dr. Lynn Lashbrook.

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#### Ari Kaplan, Scoutables President, MLB Analyst and SMWW Faculty

Ari Kaplan is a leading figure in business, technology, and analytics. Named by Sports Illustrated as a "Top Ten MLB General Manager Candidate" in 2011, he received the California Institute of Technology's "Alumni of the Decade" distinction for pioneering groundbreaking methods in analytics. Crain's Chicago Business also recognized Kaplan's work in business, baseball, and humanitarian endeavors by including him in their annual "40 Under 40" list. Ari has worked as a Special Consultant to the GM with the Baltimore Orioles since 2013. Twitter: @arikaplan1

Ari is a mentor for SMWW's Baseball Analytics Course.



#### Liz Lashbrook, Executive Director of Sports Management Worldwide

Liz Lashbrook is the Executive Director of Sports Management Worldwide and a 30-year veteran of the sports industry in sales, marketing, advertising, project management and taking care of what needs taking care of.

Liz has been an integral part of the growth of SMWW since her beginning with the company in 2004 when there was just one course, one conference and one faculty member (her husband and business partner, Dr. Lashbrook). Now, SMWW offers over 40 courses, has 50 faculty members and hosts industry-leading sports career conferences 8 times per year at major sports events including the NFL combine, Baseball's Winter Meetings, the NHL Draft and the Portsmouth Invitational Tournament.

It all started with a one-month sabbatical, where Liz imagined she would take some time to help Dr. Lashbrook grow SMWW. That one-month sabbatical turned into a decade-plus of growing the business through her efforts in marketing, advertising, developing the sales force and the business's online presence. A small ambitious company with 100 or so students has since developed into the most respected online sports skills training company with over 15,000 alumni hailing from over 162 countries.

An expert in advertising Liz has worked with SLAM, Hockey News, Hockey Now, Cricketer, Sports Business Journal, Sports Pro Magazine, Baseball America, WorldSoccer, FourFourTwo, Rugby World, Fox Sports News, ESPN Radio, ESPN, Fight Magazine, Sherdog, National Speedsport News, and National Dragster to help grow the SMWW brand.

Prior to joining SMWW, Liz was the Sales & Marketing Manager for Cascade Athletic Clubs, a small family-owned chain of clubs in Oregon and Washington. Tasked with managing over 20 salespeople at five different athletic facilities in the region, Liz handled the marketing efforts for the corporation and was an active speaker in the health club industry at regional and national conferences.

At SMWW, Liz focuses on just about everything, with a mission to improve the student experience while increasing the probability of students attaining a sports job.

#### Tim Mead, Former LA Angels VP of Communications and Former President of the Baseball Hall of Fame

Tim Mead is the former President of the Baseball Hall of Fame. Prior to that he was with the Los Angeles Angels organization for 40 years, he spent 22 years as Vice President of Communications. He oversaw media relations, publicity, and broadcasting for the Club.

Mead spent four seasons as assistant general manager (1994-97) under former GM Bill Bavasi.

Mead, 59, began his career with the Angels as an intern in the Public Relations Department in 1980. He was appointed the director of media relations in 1985 and later assistant vice president of media relations in 1991. During his tenure in media relations, Mead and his staff have been responsible for the handling of media during the Angels' 1986, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2014 postseason appearances, the 1989 and 2010 All-Star Games at Angel Stadium, and the Halos memorable World Series run in 2002.



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Hockey Analytics - \$1450: Advanced hockey scouting, game and player analysis, using hockey analytics and statistical tools utilized by the NHL. Live Audio Chats with NHL Experts hosted by Peterborough Petes' GM, Mike Oke, Peterborough Petes' Analytics, Clair Cornish, and Elite Prospects.

Hockey GM & Scouting - \$1450: Includes training with Steva DVE and Rinknet, the scouting software used by the NHL, traditional scouting skills, evaluation tools and the business side of managing a team, player personnel and the job of the GM. Live Audio Chat Mentors: Harry Sinden, Boston Bruins former GM, and Mike Oke Peterborough Petes' General Manager.

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Founder and publisher of August Publications, a publisher of sports-business and active living websites and books. Over the last 30 years Kevin has worked in almost every aspect of publishing -- magazines, books, web. As the content world changed, Kevin has been on the leading edge.

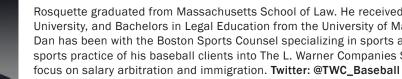
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#### Trey Rose, Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Assistant Director of Baseball Operations

Trey Rose is the Assistant Director in Baseball Operations with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

A graduate of Virginia Military Institute, Trey took SMWW's "Baseball GM & Scouting" course in 2016 with an amazing capacity for work, established himself as a part-owner and analyst for MLB Reports, then secured a fellowship with the Pirates in 2017 where he worked through the ranks to his current role. Twitter: @rosetc16

#### Dan Rosquette, The Warner Companies Vice President, General Counsel & **MLB** Agent



### Cory Schwartz, MLB Vice President Data Operations

Cory is the Vice President of Data Operations for Major League Baseball, overseeing live data capture for the official stats for all Major League Baseball, minor league and winter league games, as well as the revolutionary Statcast player and ball-tracking system. These datasets are used to fuel live applications on the MLB App and MLB.com, in ballparks, on broadcasts, by all 30 MLB Clubs, and by media and business partners around the world. Cory was honored by the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) in 2014 with the Chadwick Award, for his role in fueling the growth of independent research using pitch tracking and other baseball data. Before joining MLB in 2001, Cory worked for the National Basketball Association and the New York Yankees, and is a graduate of Guilford College. Twitter: @schwartzstops



Rosquette graduated from Massachusetts School of Law. He received his Masters in Criminal Justice from Boston University, and Bachelors in Legal Education from the University of Massachusetts. Upon completion of his law degree, Dan has been with the Boston Sports Counsel specializing in sports and immigration law. In 2013, Dan merged the sports practice of his baseball clients into The L. Warner Companies Sports Management Group. Dan continues to





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#### **Ryan Spilborghs, MLB Network Radio Host**

Ryan Spilborghs joined the Rockies television broadcast team in 2014. As a former National League Champion with the Rockies in 2007, Spilborghs provides a unique perspective on the broadcasts in his roles as game analyst alongside play-by-play man Drew Goodman, as well as sideline reporter.

Spilborghs is also a host on MLB Network Radio, and has served as emcee at numerous charity events in the Denver area.

A Santa Barbara, Calif. native, Spilborghs was recruited to play baseball at the University of California - Santa Barbara, where he was a two-time Big West selection. After being selected in the seventh round of the 2002 MLB First-Year Player Draft by the Rockies, he spent six seasons as an outfielder for the team, doing his part to advance the 2007 and 2009 Rockies teams to the postseason. One of his most memorable achievements came against the Giants in late August of 2009, when he hit the first walk-off grand slam in Rockies team history.

Spilly has spent 8 years building and developing a dream site, Future Legends is a 118-acre sports complex designed to host guests for major sports tournaments, events, leagues, and more. An hour north of Denver, Future Legends is Colorado's elite sports facility for players of all ages and skill levels. With a professional stadium, multiple baseball diamonds, multi-purpose fields, indoor bubble sports arena, lodging, retail and more. Spilborghs lives in Denver with his wife Stacey and their children, Kierra and Tatum.



#### **Oscar Suarez, MLB Certified Agent and SMWW Faculty**

Oscar Suarez is an MLBPA-certified agent with over 25 years of experience. He has worked in the USA and foreign baseball markets and negotiated numerous contracts for his players which have included the likes of Armando Reynoso, Joakim Soria, Leo García, Francisco Cordova, Elmer Dessens, Ed Vosberg, Juan Castro, Dennys Reyes, Jolbert Cabrera, Ricardo Rincón and Balbino Gálvez amongst others. He has also helped several management personnel with their contractual needs; amongst them are Al Pedrique, Tim Johnson, Charlie Montoyo, and his son, Gabriel Suarez. Oscar has a Bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University and a Master's degree from the University of Denver, both with majors in Accounting. He was born in Cuba and spent his youth years in Puerto Rico before commencing his college studies in the USA. He heads Suarez & Associates, LLC, and is fluent in Spanish. Twitter: @osuarez24

Oscar is a mentor for SMWW's Baseball Agent course the SMWW Agent Advisors.



#### Jared Vasiliauskas, MLBPA Expert Agent Advisor

Mr. Vasiliauskas focuses his practice in the areas of Business, Labor/Employment Sports Law. Throughout his practice, he has represented various entities in the negotiation of their contracts. He has also assisted companies with forming their entities and drafting various business agreements.

Additionally, he has represented both employers and employees in sports and other industries in the negotiation of the terms of their employment agreements, including post-employment separation agreements. He has counseled numerous companies on employment-related matters, and the preparation of their policies.

He is a former general counsel of a sports agency who has experience in all aspects of being a sports agent and representing sports agents who have built and manages the Sports Law practice at Power & Cronin, Ltd. He became a partner with the firm in 2021. He has experience representing athletes against the United States Anti-Doping Agency and U.S. Center for SafeSport. In addition, Mr. Vasiliauskas has represented sports agents in their legal disputes and helped agents prepare for contract negotiations with professional sports teams through both salary arbitration and free agency

Mr. Vasiliauskas also has represented several entities within the sports space, negotiating agreements with professional sports leagues, and major apparel brands.



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## **SMWW CAREER CONFERENCES & EVENTS**

## **MLB WINTER MEETINGS FAQ**



**Soccer College Cup Meet and Greet** Cary. North Carolina - December 9-10, 2022

## **Football Career Conference at the NFL Combine**

Indianapolis, Indiana - March, 2023

### **Hockey Career Conference at the NHL Draft**

Nashville, Tennessee - June, 2023

**Basketball Career Conference** Las Vegas, Nevada - July, 2023



RON KNIGHT Atlanta Braves Manager, Minor League Adminstration



MIKE MATHENY Kansas City Royals Manager



Boston Red Sox Scouting Supervisor



ÉRIC GAGNÉ Former LA Dodgers Pitcher



#### What are the MLB Winter Meetings?

Every December members of the MLB, Minor League Baseball and approved non-members get together to discuss MLB business as well as any off-season trades and transactions. Representatives of all 30 Major League Baseball teams and their 120 minor league baseball affiliates convene for four days. Attendees include league executives, team owners, general managers, team scouts, visitors from baseball-playing countries, trade show exhibitors, current and former players, and MLB Agents.

#### Are the Winter Meetings open to anyone?

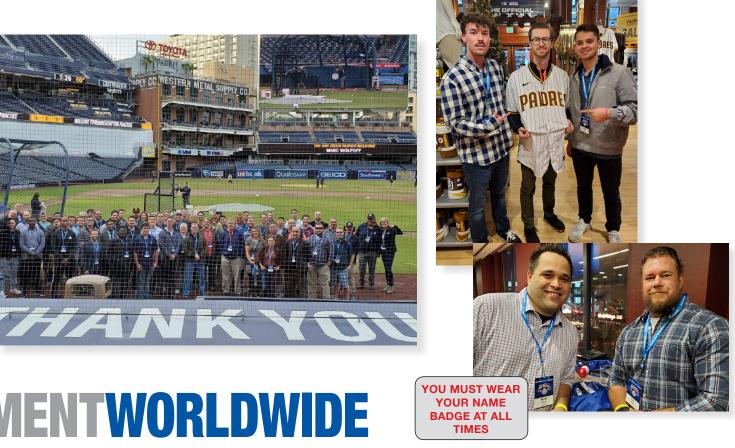
The MLB Winter Meetings are closed to the public and only for league executives, team owners, general managers, team scouts, visitors from baseball-playing countries, trade show exhibitors, and those seeking employment in the minor league association. The SMWW Baseball Career Conference gives attendees the opportunity to network within the business of baseball.

#### What is the Rule 5 draft?

The Rule 5 Draft occurs each December at the Winter Meetings to help prevent teams from stockpiling too many young players on their minor league teams when other organizations would be willing to have them play in the major leagues. Players are eligible if they are not on their major league organization's 40-man roster and those who were drafted and signed their first pro contract in 2019, or those who first signed in 2018 but were under the age of 19 at the time.

#### What is the MLB Lottery?

New to the Winter Meetings in 2022, the MLB Draft Lottery will also take place as agreed upon in the last Collective Bargaining Agreement. The top 6 draft picks will be determined by lottery and announced on December 6th.



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# **SMWW ADVANCED CERTIFICATE**

#### December 6, 2022:

Recipients of the Hall of Fame's 2023 Frick Award for broadcasters and BBWAA Career Excellence Award for writers are announced.

#### December 7, 2022:

Rule 5 Draft.

#### January 13, 2023:

Deadline to avoid arbitration – If teams are unable to reach an agreement with arbitration-eligible players on a contract for the 2023 season by this date, they will begin an arbitration hearing.

## January 15, 2023:

International signing period begins.

#### January 24, 2023:

The National Baseball Hall of Fame class of 2023 will be announced live on MLB Network.

#### January 30 - February 17, 2023:

Arbitration hearings for players that did not agree to terms on a contract with their club.

#### February 2023, TBA:

Pitchers and catchers report for spring training, and spring training begins.

#### March 8, 2023:

The 2023 World Baseball Classic is a round-robin event featuring five-team pools. The event spans from March 8-21 with games being played in Taiwan, Japan and the United States.

March 30, 2023: Opening Day 2023.

#### June 24-25, 2023:

MLB World Tour: London Series: St. Louis Cardinals take on the Chicago Cubs at London Stadium in England.



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