

2009 Doc's World Baseball Classic Schedule

Below you will find the complete schedule for the 2009 World Baseball Classic. The WBC runs from March 5, 2009 through March 23, 2009. The tournament is held at seven different sites all across the globe. There are four World Baseball Classic First Round sites where countries located within close proximity to one another will play each other in a round robin format. The top two teams in each bracket advance to the Second Round and follow a similar format.



The finals take place at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles on March 21st through March 23rd with the top two teams from each bracket in the Second Round meeting in a winner-take-all Final Four tournament. The two Semifinalists meet for a winner-take-all final game on March 23rd. In all, the World Baseball Classic features 39 games and every one of them can be seen on television.

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First Round (Top 2 in each group advance)

Japan Group: Pool A (Tokyo Dome, Tokyo)				
Game	Date	Matchup	Time (ET)	TV
1	5-Mar	China vs. Japan	4:30 a.m.	ESPN 2
2	6-Mar	Chinese Taipei vs. Korea	4:30 a.m.	ESPN 2
3	7-Mar	Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser	10:30 p.m.	ESPN 2
4	7-Mar	Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner	5:00 a.m.	ESPN 2
5	8-Mar	Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser	5:30 a.m.	ESPN 2
6	9-Mar	Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner	5:30 a.m.	ESPN 2

Mexico Group: Pool B (Estadio Foro Sol, Mexico City)				
Game	Date	Matchup	Time (ET)	TV
1	8-Mar	South Africa vs. Cuba	2:00 p.m.	MLB Network
2	8-Mar	Australia vs. Mexico	9:00 p.m.	MLB Network
3	9-Mar	Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser	10:00 p.m.	MLB Network
4	10-Mar	Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner	10:00 p.m.	MLB Network
5	11-Mar	Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser	10:00 p.m.	MLB Network
6	12-Mar	Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner	9:00 p.m.	MLB Network

Canada Group: Pool C (Rogers Centre, Toronto)				
Game	Date	Matchup	Time (ET)	TV
1	7-Mar	United States vs. Canada	2:00 p.m.	ESPN
2	7-Mar	Italy vs. Venezuela	8:00 p.m.	MLB Network
3	8-Mar	Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser	8:00 p.m.	ESPN
4	9-Mar	Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner	6:30 p.m.	MLB Network
5	10-Mar	Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 winner	5:00 p.m.	ESPN 2
6	11-Mar	Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner	6:30 p.m.	MLB Network

Puerto Rico Group: Pool D (Hiram Bithorn Stadium, San Juan)				
Game	Date	Matchup	Time (ET)	TV
1	7-Mar	Netherlands vs. Dominican Republic	11:00 a.m.	ESPN 2
2	7-Mar	Panama vs. Puerto Rico	5:00 p.m.	ESPN
3	8-Mar	Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser	4:30 p.m.	ESPN
4	9-Mar	Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner	6:30 p.m.	MLB Network
5	10-Mar	Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser	6:30 p.m.	MLB Network
6	11-Mar	Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner	5:00 p.m.	ESPN 2

Second Round (Top 2 in each group advance)

San Diego Group: Pool 1 (Petco Park, San Diego)				
Game	Date	Matchup	Time (ET)	TV
1	15-Mar	Pool A winner vs. Pool B runner-up	4:00 p.m.	ESPN 2
2	15-Mar	Pool A runner-up vs. Pool B winner	11:00 p.m.	ESPN 2
3	16-Mar	Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser	11:00 p.m.	ESPN 2
4	17-Mar	Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner	11:00 p.m.	MLB Network
5	18-Mar	Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser	11:00 p.m.	ESPN 2
6	19-Mar	Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner	9:00 p.m.	ESPN

Miami Group: Pool 2 (Dolphin Stadium, Miami)				
Game	Date	Matchup	Time (ET)	TV
1	14-Mar	Pool C winner vs. Pool D runner-up	1:00 p.m.	MLB Network
2	14-Mar	Pool C runner-up vs. Pool D winner	8:00 p.m.	MLB Network
3	15-Mar	Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser	7:30 p.m.	ESPN 2
4	16-Mar	Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner	8:00 p.m.	ESPN
5	17-Mar	Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser	7:00 p.m.	MLB Network
6	18-Mar	Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner	7:00 p.m.	MLB Network

Final Round (Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles)

Game	Date	Matchup	Time (ET)	TV
Semifinal 1	21-Mar	Pool 1 runner-up vs. Pool 2 winner	9:00 p.m.	ESPN
Semifinal 2	22-Mar	Pool 1 winner vs. Pool 2 runner-up	8:00 p.m.	ESPN
Final	23-Mar	Semifinal 1 winner vs. Semifinal 2 winner	9:30 p.m.	ESPN