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MLB TO RETURN TO THE LEGENDARY *FIELD OF DREAMS* IN THE 2026 SEASON The Twins and Phillies Will Meet in the Third Contest Ever in Iowa and First Since the Opening Pair in 2021-22; New MLB Partner Netflix to Deliver the Special Event to Fans Globally

Triple-A's Iowa Cubs and St. Paul Saints Set to Play MiLB Game as Part of Event

Major League Baseball will return to Iowa when [the Minnesota Twins and the Philadelphia Phillies meet in the third edition of "MLB at *Field of Dreams*,"](#) which will mark one of the signature games of the 2026 regular season, MLB and Universal Products and Experiences announced today.

As part of its new partnership with MLB, Netflix will bring MLB at *Field of Dreams* to fans across the globe live from the refurbished site in Dyersville. MLB Network's Emmy Award-winning production team will produce Opening Night, the T-Mobile Home Run Derby, and MLB at *Field of Dreams* in partnership with Netflix's production team.

The Twins-Phillies matchup on August 13, 2026 will follow the previous two installments at the iconic location of the classic 1989 film *Field of Dreams*, with the first being played on August 12, 2021 between the Chicago White Sox and the New York Yankees, followed by the Cincinnati Reds and the Chicago Cubs playing on August 11, 2022. This event will be a Twins home date, with the Thursday game followed by a Friday off-day before the Clubs resume their three game-set at Target Field in Minneapolis on Saturday. The inaugural edition of MLB at *Field of Dreams* was named "Sports Event of the Year" by *Sports Business Journal*, and it earned a Sports Emmy Award for FOX Sports as Outstanding Live Special. The White Sox-Yankees thriller was also the sport's most-watched regular season game on any network in 16 years.



Commissioner of Baseball Robert D. Manfred, Jr. said: "Major League Baseball is excited to return to Iowa in 2026 and to deliver a unique experience to the Twins, the Phillies, their players, our two Minor League teams, and fans across the game. We look forward to working with Netflix and creating an event that all sports fans can enjoy."

Governor of Iowa Kim Reynolds said: "Iowa is thrilled to welcome MLB and its players back to the iconic *Field of Dreams* movie site and a new permanent stadium for one of America's favorite pastimes. Set against a backdrop of rolling cornfields and a star-filled summer sky, this is an event unlike any other. We're incredibly proud to host fans from across the country and around the world for a game they'll never forget and an opportunity to experience everything that makes our state so special."

Joe Pohlad, Executive Chair of the Minnesota Twins, said: "The Minnesota Twins are thrilled to be playing in the return of MLB at *Field of Dreams*. Taking the field in Dyersville, where so much of baseball's magic comes alive, is special for our club and for our fans in Iowa. August 13, 2026 will be a true celebration of our sport and a memorable day in Twins history."

Phillies Managing Partner and CEO John Middleton said: "It is an honor to have been selected for the return of the prestigious MLB at *Field of Dreams* game. For our players, this will be an experience they never forget as they step onto the set of one of the most iconic baseball movies ever made."

Keith Rahe, Executive Director of Dyersville Events, Inc. and President & CEO of Travel Dubuque, said: "We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Major League Baseball back to the legendary *Field of Dreams* movie site. Hosting an event of such national prestige is an extraordinary honor for Dyersville Events, Inc. — a non-profit organization — and a celebration for our entire region and the great state of Iowa. We look forward to recreating the magic of the 2021 and 2022 games and once again witnessing teams emerge from our iconic cornfield for another unforgettable chapter at the *Field of Dreams* movie site."

Once again, a Minor League Baseball game will accompany MLB at *Field of Dreams*. On August 11, 2026, the Iowa Cubs, the Triple-A affiliate of the Chicago Cubs, will host the St. Paul Saints, the Triple-A affiliate of the Twins. This will mark the second Minor League Baseball game played in Dyersville, as the Midwest League's Cedar Rapids Kernels (Twins' High-A affiliate) played the Quad Cities River Bandits (Kansas City Royals' High-A affiliate) in Dyersville on August 9, 2022.

Under Commissioner Manfred, MLB began the initiative to take regular season games to special domestic locations that are outside of direct Major League markets during the 2016 season. The first such event was the Fort Bragg Game, which featured the Atlanta Braves and the Miami Marlins meeting during the military installation's Fourth of July weekend celebration. Since playing that historic game in North Carolina, MLB has gone on to stage groundbreaking events in Nebraska (*MLB in Omaha* at the NCAA's Men's College World Series in 2019), Iowa (*MLB at Field of Dreams* in 2021-22), Alabama (*MLB at Rickwood Field: A Tribute to the Negro Leagues* in 2024) and Tennessee (last summer's *MLB Speedway Classic presented by BuildSubmarines.com* at Bristol Motor Speedway), all of which marked the inaugural American or National League games ever played in each state, as well as the annual Little League Classic in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Field of Dreams stars Kevin Costner, Ray Liotta, James Earl Jones and Amy Madigan. It was nominated for the Academy Award® for Best Picture in 1990 and was selected to the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress in 2017. The 1989 film tells the story of Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella, a husband and father who is tending to his cornfield when he hears a mysterious voice intone, "*If you build it, he will come.*" According to the American Film Institute (AFI), those words are the 39th top film quote of all-time.

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