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Guide to the World Series: How the teams get there

Here it is in five steps. We'll point to the National League as an example.

The American League follows an identical process. The 2015 season is shown.

1.

The Regular Season

Best of 162 games

In the regular season, each team plays 162 games, vying for a place in their league's Division Series.

2.

The Wild Card Games

One-game playoff

Within each league, the team with the highest win-loss percentage in each of the three divisions, East, Central and West, will advance. Of the remaining twelve teams, the two with the highest win-loss percentages (the Cubs and the Pirates in 2015) compete in a Wild Card Game — a single game that determines the fourth team.

3.

The Division Series

Best of five games

The teams with the highest win-loss percentage in their divisions (the Mets, Cardinals, and Dodgers), along with the winner of the Wild Card Game (the Cubs) will play in two different Division Series.

The team with the highest win-loss percentage pairs with the Wild Card team.

A team needs to win three out of five games.

4.

The League Championship

Best of seven games

Also known as "the Pennant," the two winning teams from the Division Series will play each other. A team needs to win four out of seven games.

5.

The World Series

Best of seven games

The team that wins the National League pennant will play the American League's pennant winner in the World Series. Four out of seven games must be won to become the World Series champions.

The National League

East

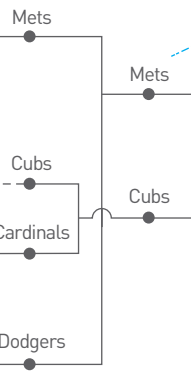
- Atlanta Braves
- Miami Marlins
- New York Mets
- Philadelphia Phillies
- Washington Nationals

Central

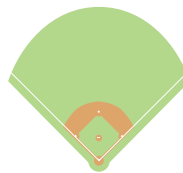
- Chicago Cubs
- Cincinnati Reds
- Milwaukee Brewers
- Pittsburgh Pirates
- St. Louis Cardinals

West

- Arizona Diamondbacks
- Colorado Rockies
- Los Angeles Dodgers
- San Diego Padres
- San Francisco Giants



World Series



The American League

East

- Baltimore Orioles
- Boston Red Sox
- New York Yankees
- Tampa Bay Rays
- Toronto Blue Jays

Central

- Chicago White Sox
- Cleveland Indians
- Detroit Tigers
- Kansas City Royals
- Minnesota Twins

West

- Houston Astros
- Los Angeles Angels
- Oakland Athletics
- Seattle Mariners
- Texas Rangers

