WORLD SERIES TRIPLE

Three players have appeared in the Little League, College and Major League Baseball World



Michael Conforto (in pic above, front row, second from left)

- 2004 LLWS, Redmond North LL (Washington)
- 2013 College World Series, Oregon State
- 2015: MLB World Series, New

Jason Varitek

- 1984 LLWS, Almonte Springs National LL (Florida)
- 1994 CWS, Georgia Tech ■ 2004, 2007, MLB World Series, Boston Red Sox
- **Ed Vosburg** ■ 1973 LLWS, Cactus LL (Ari-
- zona) ■ 1980 CWS, Arizona
- 1997, MLB World Series, Florida Marlins

WINNINGEST STATES

Thirty-seven American teams have won the Little League World Series, including each of the last three. Following is a breakdown of the winningest states:

State	Titles
California	7
Connecticut	4
New Jersey	4
Pennsylvania	4
Georgia	3
Hawaii	3
New York	3
Mississippi	2
Texas	2
Alabama	1
Kentucky	1
Louisiana	1
New Mexico	1
Washington	1

FROM LLWS TO MLB'S HALL

More than 50 athletes have played in the Little League World Series and went on to Major League careers, 30 of them have made it into the MLB Hall-of-Fame. Year of Hall of Fame induction is in parentheses. An asterisk denotes the player is also in Little League's Hall of Excellence:

Roberto Alomar (2011)Jeff Bagwell (2017)Harold Baines (2019)Wade Boggs (2005)George Brett (1999)Steve Carlton (1994)Gary Carter (2003)Bobby Cox (2014)Rollie Fingers (1992)Tom Glavine (2014)Roy Halladay (2019)Trevor Hoffman (2018)Derek Jeter (2020)Randy Johnson (2015)Chipper Jones (2018)Greg Maddux

Edgar Martinez (2019)Mike Mussina (2019)*Jim Palmer (1990)*Mike Piazza (2016)Cal Ripken Jr. $(2007)^*$ Mariano Rivera (2019)*Ivan Rodriguez (2017)Nolan Ryan $(1999)^*$ Mike Schmidt (1995)*Tom Seaver (1992)***Ted Simmons** (2020)Don Sutton (1998)Frank Thomas (2014)Joe Torre (2014)Carl Yastrzemski (1989)

(1999)

Little League World Series celebrates 75th year



Fans sit on the grass hill beyond the outfield fence at Howard J. Lamade Stadium.

Expanded field to break America-international tie

hen 20 Little League Baseball teams from across the globe converge on South Williamsport, Pennsylvania, for the 75th Little League World Series, a tie will be broken. As remarkable as it sounds, in the first 74 tournaments, 37 American teams and 37 international teams have brought home the iconic world championship banners.

Beginning with Maynard Little League from Williamsport in 1947 through Taylor, Michigan in 2021, teams from seven nations have won world titles and 14 different states. A U.S. squad has won the last three titles, including the 2021 series that featured only American teams.

This year's tournament will be the largest ever, although a year later than planned. In 2019, Little League International announced that the 75th World Series would be

TITLE COUNT



Chinese Taipei: 17 (1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996)

2016, 2018, 2019, 2021)

1968, 1976, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017) **Mexico:** 3 (1957, 1958, 1997)

Japan: 11 (1967,



Antilles: 1 (2004) expanded to 20 teams.

That tournament was scheduled for 2021, but when COVID canceled the 2020 event, it pushed the anniversary back a

The 2022 event will now feature 10 American teams and 10 more international teams, up from the field of 16 that had been in place since the tournament expanded from eight teams when Volunteer Stadium was added in 2011.

The Little League World Series represents the culmination of one of the largest tournaments in the world. According to Little League history, "approximately 16,000 games are played in dozens of countries in 45 days. ... There are more games played in this 45day tournament than in six full seasons of Major League Baseball."

This year's event runs from Aug. 17 through Aug. 28, when the American and International champions will meet to break a tie that has been built over the past seven and a half decades.

HALL OF EXCELLENCE **2022 INDUCTEES**

JENNY DALTON-HILL

As a member of the Centennial Little League in Glendale, Calif., lost in the 1989 Senior Leaague Softball World Series. Went on to a dominant career at University of Arizona, breaking school records for career RBIs, walks, runs



and still holds the NCAA record for most RBIs with 328. She earned mulitple awards, including softball player of the year and Women's College World Series Most Outstanding Player. She also played baseball for the Colorado Silver Bullets and the U.S. Women's National Baseball Team, with which she earned a bronze medal in the 2010 Women's Baseball World Cup.



TODD FRAZIER

Frazier, facing the camera above, hit a home run in every game he appeared in but one for the 1998 championship team from Toms River, N.J., East. That included a 4-for-4 showing with a leadoff home run in the championship game. Frazier went on to Rutgers then to Major League Baseball, where he played for 10 seasons, mostly with the Reds and Mets, winning the 2015 Home Run Derby and making the All-Star Game roster twice. He also won gold and silver medals for Team USA Baseball.

2022 TEAMS

U.S. QUALIFIERS

Great Lakes: Hagerstown, Indiana Metro: Massapequa, New York Mid-Atlantic: Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania Midwest: Davenport, Iowa

Mountain: Santa Clara, Utah New England: Middleborough, Massachusetts

Northwest: Bonney Lake, Washington

Southeast: Nolensville, Tennessee Southwest: Pearland, Texas West: Honolulu, Hawaii

INTERNATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Asia-Pacific: Chinese Taipei Australia: Brisbane, Queensland Canada: Vancouver, British

Caribbean: Willemstad, Curacao Europe-Africa: Bologna, Italy Japan: Hyogo, Japan Latin America: Managua,

Nicaragua Mexico: Matamoras, Mexico Robin Yount Panama: Aguadulce, Panama Puerto Rico: Guaynabo, Puerto

Rico

GIRLS ON THE FIELD

All girls that have played in the baseball Little League World Series:

1984: Victoria Roche, Brussels (Belgium) LL 1989: VIctoria Brucker Eastview LL (California) 1990: Kelly Craig, Trail LL (Canada)

1991: Giselle Hardy, Arabian American LL (Saudi Arabia) 1994: Krissy Wendell, Brooklyn Center LL (Minne-

1998: Sayaka Tsushima, Kashima LL (Japan)

1999: Alicia Hunolt, Ramstein LL (Germany) 2001: Tatiana Maltseva, Khovrino LL (Russia) 2002: Sanoe Aina, Waipio LL (Hawaii) 2003: Merced Flores, Central LL (Guam)

2004: Meghan Sims, Owensboro Southern LL (Ken-2004: Alexandra Bellini, East Nepean LL (Canada) 2008: Brielle Meno, Southern Gaum LL

2009: Katie Reyes, Hastings Community LL (Can-2010: Bryn Stonehouse, Arabian American LL

(Saudi Arabia) 2013: Eliska Stejsklova, South Moravia LL (Czech Republic)

2014: Emma March, South Vancouver LL (Canada) 2014: Mo'Ne Davis, Taney Youth LL (Pennsylvania) 2019: Maddy Freking, Coon Rapids Andover LL (Minnesota)

2021: Ella Bruning, Wylie LL (Texas)



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