

Original Regular Season Schedules

These schedule files contain the originally planned schedules for each major league season from 1877 through 2016. There was no published schedule available for the 1876 season. Schedules were obtained from different sources, such as The Sporting News Baseball Guide and the New York Times. Occasionally there were disagreements between these sources which were then subjected to careful research. The basic format is parallel to that of the Retrosheet Game Logs, with fewer fields. The file format is described below.

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All of this data was compiled by David Vincent. He systematically compared the schedules and makeup dates to the actual games played for each season, thus producing the final set of files that are presented here.

Walter LeConte wrote an analysis of the 1995 season schedules, [found here](#).

Fields and their descriptions

Field(s)	Meaning
1	Date in the form "yyyymmdd"
2	Number of game: "0" - a single game "1" - the first game of a double header including separate admission doubleheaders "2" - the second game of a double header including separate admission doubleheaders
3	Day of week ("Sun", "Mon", "Tue", "Wed", "Thu", "Fri", "Sat")
4-5	Visiting team and league
6	Season game number for visiting team
7-8	Home team and league
9	Season game number for home team
10	Day (D), Night (N), Afternoon (A), Evening (E for twilight)
11	Postponement/cancellation indicator (more detail below)
12	Date of makeup if played in the form "yyyymmdd" (more detail below)

Field 11 explanation

This field will contain one or more phrases related to the game if it was not played as scheduled. If there is more than one phrase, they are separated by a semi-colon (";"). There are three possible outcomes for games not played on the original scheduled date:

- The game was played on another date
- The game was played on the original date but at another site
- The game was not played

This field can contain one or more standard phrases:

- No Makeup played

- Site Change
- Played at XXX (where XXX is team/city code)
- Rain
- Cold
- Snow
- Threatening weather
- Inclement weather
- Hurricane XXX (where XXX is the name of the hurricane)
- Wet grounds
- Darkness
- Power failure
- Lighting failure
- Schedule change
- World War I
- 9/11 attack
- Stadium ... (damage or others words follow)
- Strike
- Sunday game stopped
- Sunday curfew
- Accommodate large crowd
- XXX folded (where XXX is team code)
- XXX played as YYY (where XXX & YYY are team codes)
- XXX home team (where XXX is team code; used for games at alternate site)
- Death of ...
- Funeral of ...
- Unknown reason

Field 12 explanation

This field will contain a makeup date if the postponed game was played at another time or place. If an attempt was known to have been made on a date but postponed again, that date will be listed. In that case, there will be a second date for the date when the game was actually played, in this form: "20150428; 20150528" For the note about a team folding, the team code is one of the standard Retrosheet team IDs. The same is true for the team played as note. Often, the two of these are combined in one field. The teams that folded are:

Team/Lg	Last Game
SR1 NL	9/10/1879
TRN NL	9/20/1879
ALT UA	5/31/1884 [moved to KCU 6/07]
CHU UA	9/18/1884 [moved to MLU 9/27]
PHU UA	8/07/1884 [moved to WIL 8/18 to 9/12; moved to SPU 9/27]
WS7 AA	8/02/1884 [moved to RIC 8/05]
BR4 AA	8/25/1890 [moved to BL3 8/27]
CN3 AA	8/16/1891 [moved to ML3 8/18]

Downloading the schedules

There is one ZIP file that contains individual text files for each season (1877 – present) and a text file that contains all years. In addition, this descriptive text is included as a PDF.

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