

Dodgers to Be First Sport Franchise to Hit 175 Million Fans

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The Dodgers are about to make sports history.

The **Los Angeles Dodgers** announced today that they will achieve a **cumulative attendance of more than 175 million fans**

at the Tuesday, July 3 game against the Atlanta Braves. The Dodgers have played before more fans than any other sports franchise in history. To commemorate this achievement, the Dodgers have planned a special 'Thank You' celebration on July 3 for all fans in attendance at the 7:10 p.m. game. The festivities will take place during the annual "Think Blue Week."

"It has been said for many years that the Dodgers have the greatest fans in the world and on July 3 there will be no doubt," said Dodger Owner and Chairman **Frank McCourt**. "The Dodgers are one of the greatest franchises in all of sports and we cannot thank the fans enough for helping us reach this incredible milestone."

As part of the 175 million mark celebration and "Think Blue Week," the Dodgers will thank the fans as they enter the gates on July 3. Each fan in attendance will be able to redeem their valid ticket to the July 3 game for a free ticket to a select future game. To redeem their July 3 ticket for a free Reserve Level Ticket, fans can visit the Advance Ticket windows in Lot P starting July 5 during normal business hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Additionally, 175 lucky fans in attendance will be chosen at random to participate in the pre-game ceremony and join Dodger Owner Frank McCourt and Hall of Fame Dodger Manager Tommy Lasorda on the field. The Dodgers also will select a fan at the turnstiles that evening to represent all 175 million fans and this person will be invited to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. And, eight fans in attendance will be invited to "take the field" during the pre-game ceremony. The celebration will continue throughout the stadium as Dodger players and legends will be throwing and handing out 175 commemorative baseballs at the start of the game.