

Baseball Denied Reinstatement for 2016 Olympics

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The 2016 Summer Olympics will see the addition of golf and rugby, but don't expect to hear the crack of the bat.

The International Olympic Committee today denied baseball's reinstatement for the 2016 Summer games after being dropped for the 2012 games, set to take place in London.

The International Baseball Federation (IBAF) released a statement, reading in part:

Today is certainly a disappointing day for the billions of fans and participants around the globe who love the game of baseball, especially for the many young people from emerging countries who are now just learning the game and will not get the opportunity to realize the Olympic dream that so many before them have had. We effectively addressed all the International Olympic Committee's questions with regard to re-instatement and are confident that we had made the best presentation possible.

The IBAF added, "we predict that the IOC will be asking baseball back to the games for 2020."

Karate, roller sports, softball and squash were also not selected by the IOC today for inclusion into the 2016 games.

For more on the IBAF's efforts to have baseball reinstated into the Olympics, [see The Biz of Baseball interview with Dr. Harvey Schiller](#)

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