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Yankee Stadium



Yankee Stadium (<http://newyork.yankees.mlb.com/nyy/ballpark/>) is located in the Bronx (NYC), and is home to the world famous New York Yankees of Major League Baseball (MLB). The NY Yankees are one of the most successful sports clubs/franchises in the world, having won 18 division titles, 40 American League pennants, and 27 World Series championships. Many former players are household names in the United States and around the world including Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle,

Yogi Berra, and Derek Jeter.

The new \$2.3 billion Yankee Stadium opened in 2009 approximately one block north of the old Yankee Stadium (the previous site now a public park called Heritage Field). The new stadium incorporates replicas of some of the design elements from the original Yankee Stadium, including the rooftop frieze that was a trademark of the previous stadium, and a “cutout” of the wall behind the bleacher seats that reveals the passing elevated subway trains. Another design element replicated in the new stadium was the placement of Monument Park – an open air museum containing a collection of monuments, plaques, and retired numbers honoring distinguished members of the New York Yankees – behind the fence in straightaway center field. Field dimensions are Left Field 318’, Left Center 399’, Center Field 408’, Right Center 385’, and Right Field 314’; all an exact replication of the dimensions in the old Yankee Stadium. Total seating capacity of the new stadium is 50,287.

MLB teams play 81 games a year in their “home” stadiums. In addition to baseball, Yankee Stadium is a multi-use facility, often host to major outdoor concert events, the annual New Era PinStripe Bowl (college football bowl game) at the end of the college football season since 2010, and was designated the temporary home field of the Major League Soccer (MLS) expansion team, New York City FC, beginning in 2015.

Meet the Turf Manager:

Mr. Dan Cunningham is the head grounds manager at Yankee Stadium. He graduated with a degree in turfgrass management from the University of Rhode Island in 1988, and has worked with the NY Yankees since 1989.