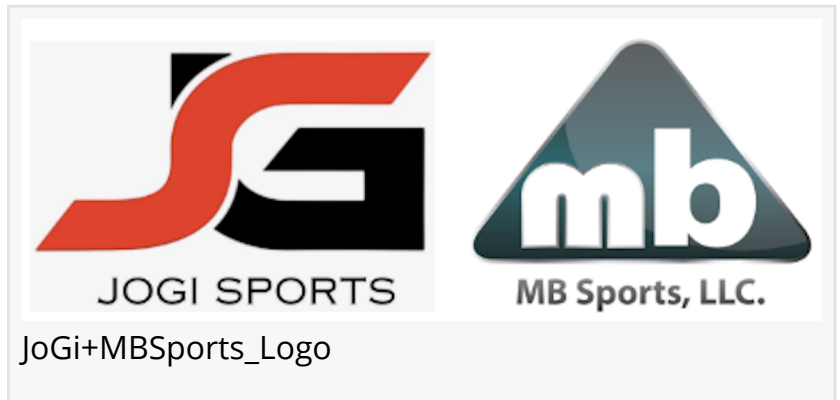


Eight Division I Baseball Teams Announced for 2nd Annual Puerto Rico Challenge 2026

Boston College, Indiana State, Manhattan U, NC State, Seton Hall, U of Houston, U of Washington and Wake Forest to headline premier early-season baseball event.

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Following the success of its inaugural 2025 event series, the [Puerto Rico Challenge](#) will return February 13–16, 2026, bringing eight elite Division I college baseball teams to the cities of Ponce and Caguas. Produced by JoGi Sports and MB Sports, the event is already recognized as one of the most anticipated early-season showcases in collegiate baseball.



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Thousands of fans, families, and alumni from across the United States and Puerto Rico are expected to enjoy high-level games set against the backdrop of the island's vibrant culture, historic cities, and world-famous beaches. Last year's inaugural event generated more than \$1,274,000 for the local economies, with the 2026 series expected to substantially surpass that, underscoring the importance of sports tourism as Puerto Rico continues to strengthen its global positioning after recent challenges.

The series will once again be played in professional-quality stadiums that are inspected and approved annually by the MLB Commissioner's Office. Both are equipped with

TrackMan services for use by participating teams, and Rawlings returns as the official baseball. In Ponce, games will be played at Francisco “Paquito” Montaner Stadium, home of the Puerto Rico Winter League's Leones de Ponce. The venue seats 8,000, features new artificial turf, and is widely used by MLB players for winter training. In Caguas, games will take place at the newly renovated Yldefonso Solá Morales Stadium, which seats 10,000 and stands as one of Puerto Rico's most iconic baseball venues.

Puerto Rico's unique advantages make it an ideal host for this event. With its perfect year-round baseball climate, Ponce and Caguas are also home to upscale hotels, diverse dining, and authentic cultural experiences. Unlike other Caribbean destinations, U.S. visitors require no passport to travel to Puerto Rico, no currency exchange is needed since the U.S. dollar is the official currency, and U.S. cell phones work seamlessly without international plans.

"In just its second year, the Puerto Rico Challenge has become a coveted opportunity for Division I teams to compete in world-class facilities while experiencing Puerto Rico's baseball-rich culture," said Jorge Medina, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of JoGi Sports. "With so many teams already committing for 2027 and 2028, we are proud to help position Puerto Rico as a premier global destination for baseball."

Beyond the games themselves, the Puerto Rico Challenge emphasizes its community impact. Veteran MLB players and coaches will host free clinics and Q&A sessions with local youth, offering valuable guidance on how baseball can create opportunities for admission into prestigious U.S. colleges. These conversations highlight the role sports can play not only in opening doors to professional baseball but also in providing pathways to academic achievement and future careers beyond the game.

The Puerto Rico Challenge is owned and operated by JoGi Sports and MB Sports, sports marketing partners specializing in the production of premium sporting events. Headquartered in New York and Puerto Rico, the organizations are committed to showcasing elite talent and delivering exceptional experiences for participating teams, players, fans, sponsors, broadcasters, and hospitality partners alike.

For additional information or to learn more about sponsorship opportunities for the 2026 Puerto Rico Challenge, please contact info@jogisports.com or visit our website at www.PRBaseballChallenge.com.

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Boston College, Indiana State, Manhattan University, North Carolina State, Seton Hall, University of Houston, University of Washington, and Wake Forest will compete in Puerto Rico's premier early-season college baseball event.

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