

ONT Field Named 2026 BaseballParks.com Ballpark of the Year

Home of the Ontario Tower Buzzers selected for “impeccable execution” of aviation theme and “best in class” pro baseball experience

ONTARIO, CA, UNITED STATES, September 3, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [ONT Field](#), home of the [Ontario Tower Buzzers](#), the Single-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers, has been named the 2026 [BaseballParks.com](#) Ballpark of the Year, recognizing the venue as one of the premier fan experiences in Minor League Baseball.

Designed by global design firm Populous, in partnership with the City of Ontario, Diamond Baseball Holdings, and the Ontario Tower Buzzers, ONT Field was selected for the award for its “impeccable execution” of a unique aviation theme and the City of Ontario’s commitment to creating a “best in class” professional baseball experience.

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From its inception, ONT Field was envisioned as a fully immersive fan experience. The Tower Buzzers’ aviation-themed brand comes to life through engaging architecture, dynamic storytelling, and family-friendly entertainment throughout the ballpark.



Logo of the Ontario Tower Buzzers

ONT Field draws on its proximity to Ontario International Airport with thematic experiences throughout the venue, from a center field food hall inspired by a baggage-claim carousel to the left field concourse designed as an interactive runway that, along with a vintage airplane, lights up following a Tower Buzzers home run.

"ONT Field's recognition as Ballpark of the Year is a reflection of the vision that drove the design from day one," said Jason Michael Ford, Principal at Populous. "This honor reflects the creativity, collaboration and dedication that went into every aspect of the ballpark, and we are proud to see that work recognized with this award."

Additional branding throughout ONT Field reflects the club's affiliation with the Los Angeles Dodgers. The left-field scoreboard resembles the iconic hexagonal boards at Dodger Stadium and a Fernando Valenzuela mural and other celebrations of Dodgers history appear throughout the ballpark, connecting the franchise's past with the next generation of players and fans.

"ONT Field is the result of an incredible shared vision for Southern California's professional baseball scene," said Pat Battle and Peter Freund, Executive Chairman and CEO of Diamond Baseball Holdings, respectively. "It began with the City of Ontario's commitment to creating a destination for the community, a vision executed to perfection through Populous' expertise, and brought to life through the passion that the Tower Buzzers' front office staff delivered day in and day out all season long. From a sold-out Opening Day to a season filled with record crowds and unforgettable moments, it's wonderful to see the team's debut culminate with an award recognizing the hard work and dedication behind creating something that feels authentically Ontario."



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The award also highlights the City of Ontario's long-term vision for ONT Field as a catalyst for economic activity, tourism, and civic pride. Purpose-built as both a Minor League ballpark and a year-round community destination, the ballpark strengthens Ontario's position as a regional sports and entertainment hub while creating a new public gathering place for residents across the Inland Empire.

"We are very grateful for the honor of Ballpark of the Year," said Scott Ochoa, City Manager of the City of Ontario. "ONT Field is such a source of pride for the community and City Council that receiving this award is a recognition shared by all of Ontario. The ballpark was truly a labor of love and it is a living legacy and testament to our residents and businesses as well as the power of baseball to bring communities together."

This is Populous' 13th venue to earn Ballpark of the Year. BaseballParks.com's annual Ballpark of the Year award is selected by a committee of ballpark experts and recognizes excellence in sports venue design, operation, and fan experience.

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About the Ontario Tower Buzzers

The Ontario Tower Buzzers are the Single-A Minor League Baseball affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers. The team plays its home games at ONT Field in Ontario, California, and is committed to delivering affordable, community-focused professional baseball to fans throughout the Inland Empire

For tickets, schedules, and event details, visit www.milb.com/ontario.

About Populous

Populous is a global design firm that began with a singular focus — to draw people together around the things they love through experiences that capture all the senses and amplify the emotion shared in human moments. Over the last 40+ years, the firm has designed more than 3,500 projects worth over \$60 billion across emerging and established markets. With nearly 1,700 employees in more than 40 offices on four continents, and regional centers in Kansas City, London and Brisbane, Populous designs destinations that bring people together and leave a lasting impact. For more information, visit www.populous.com.

About the City of Ontario

The City of Ontario is enhancing the quality-of-life by creating urban lifestyle districts that create sustainable places to live, work and play. Located just east of Los Angeles and Orange counties,

the City of Ontario is ideally situated as a gateway to Southern California. With major freeways, rail transportation and an International Airport, Ontario invites the rest of the world to be a part of a culturally diverse community with rich history that is well positioned for quality development and economic sustainability for its residents. Complementing its business and residential core, Ontario offers premium entertainment venues such as the Ontario Convention Center, Toyota Arena, ONT Field and Ontario Mills. To learn more about the City of Ontario, visit OntarioCA.gov or call (909) 395-2000.

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