

BOSTON RED SOX ALL-STAR TEAM, 1901-2025

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Criteria

- Players must have spent the majority or plurality of their major league careers with the franchise and at least five seasons in a Red Sox uniform. Thus, such stellar performers as Dennis Eckersley, Carlton Fisk, Jimmie Foxx, Lefty Grove, Babe Ruth, Tris Speaker, and Cy Young are not eligible for inclusion.
- Players had to be retired by January 1, 2026.
- To be eligible for a position, with the exception of the designated hitter (who can be any player who fits the first two criteria), a player must have seen action for the Red Sox in at least 162 games at that position. Pitchers need to have only 162 appearances on the mound, not necessarily 162 starts.

Starters

RHP: Pedro Martinez

- Arguably baseball's most dominating pitcher during his seven years with the Red Sox. He went an incredible 117-37 (a .760 winning percentage), led the majors in ERA four times, and won back-to-back Cy Young awards in 1999 and 2000.

C: Jason Varitek*

- Not only was Tek a valuable team leader who played on two World Series-winning teams (2004 and 2007), but he was also an excellent handler of pitchers, catching a major league record four no-hitters during his 15-year career with Boston. Carlton Fisk, the usual selection as the all-time catcher for the Red Sox, spent a majority of his career with the Chicago White Sox.

1B: Carl Yastrzemski*

- Yastrzemski with his seven Gold Gloves ideally belongs in left field, but since that position needs to be relinquished to Ted Williams, Yaz takes up his secondary position, where he played more than 760 games.

2B: Dustin Pedroia*

- Energetic second baseman was a four-time All-Star, with four Gold Gloves to go with his Rookie of the Year (2007) and MVP (2008) awards. He was also a key member of two World Series-winning teams in 2007 and 2013.

SS: Nomar Garciaparra

- A five-time All-Star who won two batting titles and hit .323, with a .923 on-base plus slugging average (OPS), during his nine-year Red Sox career.

3B: Wade Boggs

- Hall of Famer who captured five American League batting titles and six on-base percentage championships, while hitting .338 and appearing in eight All-Star games during his 11 seasons in Boston.

LF: Ted Williams*

- One of the greatest hitters in baseball history needs no additional justification.

CF: Dom DiMaggio*

- Many (particularly in Boston) consider him to be even better defensively than his legendary brother, Joe. Although also an excellent performer with a bat in his hands, he lost several years in his prime to military service during the Second World War, like numerous players of his generation.

RF: Dwight Evans

- Dewey earned eight Gold Gloves patrolling Fenway's notoriously difficult right field, while pounding out 925 extra-base hits for the Sox.

DH: David Ortiz

- Big Papi's Hall of Fame bat makes Ortiz an obvious choice at designated hitter. He helped lead Boston to three World Series championships (2004, 2007, and 2013), hitting .455 in the process. During the regular season, he smashed 483 homers, drove in 1530 runs, and had a .956 OPS.

Bench

SS: Joe Cronin

- Slugging Hall of Fame shortstop's best years were with the Washington Senators, but he still received five All-Star nods during his 11 seasons as a

player-manager for Boston. After retiring as a player, he managed the Red Sox for two additional seasons, including a pennant-winning effort in 1946.

2B: Bobby Doerr*

- Nine-time All-Star and Hall of Famer, who led American League second basemen in putouts, assists, double plays, and fielding percentage, a combined 16 times.

SS/3B: Rico Petrocelli*

- Versatile infielder played 774 games at shortstop and 727 games at third base, providing both solid defense and offense.

LF: Jim Rice*

- One of the most feared sluggers of his era, he amassed 406 total bases in his 1978 MVP season, the most ever by anyone wearing a Red Sox uniform.

Pitching Staff

RHP: Roger Clemens

- In his 13 years with Boston, he won three Cy Young awards and an MVP award. He left the team with 192 victories, tied with Cy Young for the most ever by a Red Sox hurler, and 3.03 strikeouts for every walk that he issued.

RHP: Ellis Kinder

- Excelled as both a starter and reliever, going 23-5 as a starter in 1949 and making a major league-leading 69 appearances in 1953, with a 1.85 ERA, as well as topping both leagues in saves with 27.

LHP: Jon Lester

- The big southpaw's 110 victories are second only to Mel Parnell's 123 among BoSox lefties. In two World Series appearances with Boston (2007 and 2013) he went 3-0, giving up just a single earned run over 21 innings pitched.

RHP: Jim Lonborg

- A serious off-season leg injury shortened his promising career, but for Boston's "Impossible Dream" season of 1967, he was the key pitcher.

RHP: Derek Lowe

- Led the American League in saves (42) in 2000. As a starter in 2002, he went 21-8, with a 2.58 ERA and a 0.974 WHIP (both second in the league).

RHP: Jonathan Papelbon

- Boston's all-time saves leader with 219. In his six years as the team's closer, he averaged 36.5 saves a season.

LHP: Mel Parnell*

- Winningest left-handed pitcher (123 victories) in Red Sox history. He had a career year in 1949 when he led the AL in wins (25), lowest ERA (2.77), and fewest home runs per nine innings (0.2).

RHP: Bob Stanley*

- Bigfoot is the all-time franchise leader in games pitched (637) and games finished (377) and is currently second to Jonathan Papelbon in games saved (132).

RHP: Luis Tiant

- Beloved by teammates and fans alike, the flamboyant "El Tiante" is credited with 20 or more wins three times during his Red Sox career and bested all junior circuit moundsmen in 1972 with a 1.91 ERA.

RHP: Tim Wakefield

- Workhorse knuckleballer played the most years (17) and started the most games (430) of any pitcher in Red Sox history. His 186 victories are third on Boston's all-time list.

RHP: Smoky Joe Wood

- His pitching career in Boston ended with an injury at age 25 after only eight seasons, but during that time he was one of the dominant pitchers of his era, including an outstanding 1912 season when he went 34-5 with an ERA of 1.91 and topped the major leagues with 10 shutouts.

*Spent entire major league career with the Red Sox.