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## **MLBPA Statement Regarding IOC Executive Board Decision**

**New York, NY, Thursday, August 13, 2009 ...** The Major League Baseball Players Association today issued the following statement in response to the International Olympic Committee Executive Board's decision regarding additional sports in the 2016 Olympics.

"The Players Association congratulates Rugby Sevens and Golf on their advancement in the selection process for the 2016 Olympics. Obviously, the players are disappointed that the IOC Executive Board did not also include baseball, a sport played in over 120 countries, and enjoyed by tens of millions of fans across the globe. The IOC's decision, however, will not reduce the players' commitment to making baseball the most popular sport in the world."

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