

Chicago White Sox Win World Series



Even people who are not baseball fans like to watch the World Series in October. This year, the Chicago White Sox, the champions of the American League, beat the Houston Astros, champions of the National League, to become the world champions. This is the first time the White Sox have won the World Series since 1917!

A team has to win four out of seven games to be crowned champion. The White Sox won four games in a row to take the series; they won two games in Chicago, and then two games in Houston. The last time the White Sox played in the World Series was 1959, when they lost to the Los Angeles Dodgers. So White Sox fans have a lot to celebrate this year. The city of Chicago plans to host a rally and a parade for the team.

This also was the first year the Houston Astros played in the World Series since the team was started 44 years ago.

The first World Series was played in 1903. The Boston Red Sox of the American League beat the Pittsburgh Pirates of the National League. The teams had to play nine games instead of seven back then.

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MORE FACTS ABOUT THE WORLD SERIES

- The New York Yankees have won the most world championships of any major league baseball team -- 26 in all.
- The World Series is sometimes called by its nickname, the "Fall Classic."

THINK ABOUT THE NEWS

Did you have a favorite team in this World Series?
Which team was it, and why did you root for that team?

In what ways do you think the World Series is different today than it was the last time that Chicago fans celebrated a victory (1917)?