

# ★ ★ CHICAGO ★ ★ SPORTS MUSEUM

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**MATT BARRIE, ESPN SPORTSCENTER ANCHOR**

Called an “an essential hometown resource,” by the *Chicago Tribune*, and “a shrine to the most sacred moments of Chicago sports.” by *60 Minutes Sports*, the Chicago Sports Museum is a unique and immersive museum curated by die-hard Chicago sports fans just like you!

From game-worn uniforms to THAT foul ball from the Cubs’ 2003 playoff game, get up-close-and-personal with some of Chicago’s greatest legends. The museum boasts celebrity partners like Blackhawks star Patrick Kane, Bears’ Hall of Famer and Super Bowl MVP Richard Dent who each contributed to interactive skill challenge games in the museum’s Hall of Legends.

## **MEMORABILIA**

The Museum is constantly updating; it’s a living, breathing monument to the greatest sports city in the world. Some of the treasures currently on display are:

- The hoop from Michael Jordan’s Last Shot as a Chicago Bull – Backboard, hoop and net from Michael Jordan’s last shot as a Chicago Bull which clinched the team’s sixth NBA championship
- Super Bowl XX Chicago Bear MVP Richard Dent’s Super Bowl XX Trophy
- HOF Chicago Bear Walter Payton’s final touchdown football
- Chicago Bear Coach Mike Ditka’s personal playbook from Super Bowl XX
- HOF Chicago Cub Ernie Banks’ Medal of Freedom and Hall of Fame Ring
- Last out bat from Chicago White Sox 2005 World Series Championship
- Chicago White Sox Legend Ron Kittle’s Rookie of the Year Award
- Ramon Castro’s catcher’s glove that caught White Sox Pitcher Mark Buehrle’s perfect game (July 23, 2009)
- Chicago Cub Sammy Sosa’s infamous Corked Bat
- Benny the Bull Mascot Suit
- Hover Board from *Back to the Future II*

The Chicago Sports Museum is proud to host the largest collection of Chicago Cubs World Series memorabilia in the city. The collection has been curated from fans across the Chicagoland area and includes:

- David Ross’ Game 7 Catcher’s Gear
- Kris Bryant’s Game 7 Cleats worn during the final out
- Joe Maddon’s “We Did Not Suck 2016” T-shirt (from the Championship rally at Grant Park)
- Game 6 Grand Slam Ball
- Anthony Rizzo’s 2016 NLCS Game-Used Bat and Cleats worn in Games 3, 4, and 5.



## EXHIBITS

### Measure Up

Begin your tour of Chicago sports history with a chance to test your skills against some of the all-time greats. Learn to throw a curve ball from Cy Young Award-winning pitcher Steve Stone, test your vertical leap against Michael Jordan, and compare your wingspan to Scottie Pippen. Around the corner you'll find cases full of game worn memorabilia and championship rings. Remember Bears great William "Refrigerator" Perry? Try on a replica of his Super Bowl ring, the largest one ever crafted.

Other displays include:

- Hand-eye coordination and reaction time challenge
- Compare your grip to strong man Chicago Bear Kyle Long
- Game-used uniforms of your favorite Chicago athletes

### Forensic Sports

Sleuth it up in Forensics using CSI-type technology to unravel some of Chicago's most infamous sports mysteries.

- Learn how the FBI helped uncover what happened to the puck shot in overtime in Game 6 of the 2010 Stanley Cup finals by Patrick Kane to give the Blackhawks their first championship since 1961.
- Look inside baseballs dating back to the 1860's to learn how they have evolved over the last century and the impact that may have had on the game.
- Take a CAT Scan journey through Sammy Sosa's infamous Corked Bat to discover how the bat that led to his downfall was actually constructed.

### Fan Zone

It's only fitting that the center of the Museum be dedicated to the greatest fans in the world – Chicago sports fans! Step into the replica broadcast booth straight out of the Friendly Confines and take a chance at impersonating the greatest Chicago baseball fan who ever lived: Harry Caray. Looking for your next Instagram post—climb up on one-of-a-kind photo-op replicas of some of Chicago's greatest athletes and strike a pose.

The most recent addition is perhaps the most exciting: the backboard, hoop and net from Michael Jordan's buzzer-beating shot in the 1998 NBA Finals! Previously on display at the Basketball Hall of Fame, it now claims center stage in the Museum's Fan Zone.



## Curses and Superstitions

When you're a team plagued by a 108 year World Series drought, superstitions become a way of life. Immerse yourself in the world of Cubs lore and legends, from the remains of the Infamous Foul Ball from the 2003 playoff run to the Sports Almanac from *Back to the Future II* which predicted the Cubs would win the World Series.

- Learn the sports superstitions Chicago fans fears most
- Experience the rituals of your favorite teams and players
- Witness fan attempts to eliminate sports "curses," such as the destruction of the Infamous Cubs Foul Ball

## Hall of Legends

Step right up, it's your turn to go face-to-face with Chicago's greatest legends of all time.

- All Star Home Run Contest – Step into All-Star Hall of Famer White Sox Frank Thomas' shoes and knock one out of the park!
- Quarterback Challenge – Think you can get one past Bears Hall of Famer and Super Bowl MVP Richard Dent? Aim for the targets down field before you get sacked!
- Shooting Challenge – You better practice your best slap shot, because Chicago Wolves hockey legend Wendell "Ringmaster" Young is ready to take the heat!
- Shooting Hoops – Race against the clock with Bulls star Scottie Pippen as you aim to rack up as many points as possible before time runs out!
- Defense – He's hockey's greatest offensive player in recent history. Think you can defend the goal against Patrick Kane?

## CELEBRITY PARTNERS

- Patrick Kane – Chicago Blackhawks, 2016 NHL MVP
- Bobby Hull – Chicago Blackhawks Hall of Famer
- Richard Dent – Chicago Bears Hall of Famer and Super Bowl XX MVP
- Starlin Castro – Former Chicago Cub, 3x MLB All-Star
- Brandon Marshall – Former Chicago Bear, 5x Pro Bowler
- Marv Levy – Buffalo Bills Coach Hall of Famer
- Ron Kittle – Former Chicago White Sox, 1983 AL Rookie of the Year



## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

Culture Trip | Chicago's Best Baseball Landmarks To Check Out | May 28, 2019

If you have kids – or if you're just young at heart – the Chicago Sports Museum is filled with interactive exhibits that provide fun for the whole family. It also houses an exciting collection of Cubs memorabilia from the curse-breaking 2016 World Series.

Sauk Valley Media | February 21, 2019 | Andrea Mills

"If your goal is to have some fun and learn about popular pastimes, The Chicago Sports Museum at Water Tower Place scores on both accounts. This celebration of all things sports will have you singing "Take me out the museum, take me out to the games ..." in no time."

Make It Better | February 20, 2019

The Ultimate Guide to Chicago Museums – 2019 Editions

"A sports fanatic's dream, the Chicago Sports Museum is a conglomeration of virtual experiences and game-winning artifacts and memorabilia."

Thrillist | April 26, 2018

Named Best Sports Museum of the Coolest, Weirdest and Best Museums in Chicago

"The Chicago Sports Museum is a must-see for any sports fan."

Chicago Tribune | March 7, 2018 | Lori Rackl and Tim Bannon

Named #10 of 20 Must-See Sports Attractions in Illinois

SportsCenter | November 1, 2016 | Matt Barrie

"If you're a Chicago sports fan, this is a must."

Comcast Sports Net | Dave Kaplan

"The Chicago Sports Museum is going to fill a hole in this sports-crazy town,"

"We have lots of great museums in Chicago, but nothing dedicated to sports. Fans are going to love it."

60 Minutes Sports, ShowTime, Armen Keteyian

"This is amazing!... shrine to the most sacred moments of Chicago sports."

ESPN's Mike & Mike | April 29, 2016

"Fabulous"



Top Family Attractions Worth Traveling For | 50 States Series | February 9, 2016  
Illinois: Chicago Sports Museum

USA Today | November 19, 2015 | Jamie Bartosch  
Named one of Top 10 Best Museums in Chicago for Families

WGN Radio | October 26, 2015 | Steve Dale  
"new memorabilia including the hoop, backboard, and stand from Michael Jordan's last shot. Jordan doesn't have it, the Chicago Sports Museum does."

ESPN1000 | September 4, 2015 | Waddle & Silvy  
"Where they've made like the Chicago Sports Hall of Fame."  
"Awesome place"

WGN | September 3, 2015  
Named #1 on the list of the 5 Best Football Season Hangouts in Chicago

WGN | September 18, 2014 | Cherese Weekes  
Listed one of WGN's "Winter Staycation Ideas"  
"Not only can it break up a day of shopping on the Mag Mile but, along with seeing very unique memorabilia, you can test your skills against the pros"

WGN Radio | March 30, 2014 | Kristin Decker  
"a great atmosphere" "a great venue and bar to watch games"

Huffington Post | January 23, 2014 | Lizzie Schiffman  
"a memorabilia mecca for tourists and fans of Chicago sports."

## PLAN A VISIT

Water Tower Place, Level 7  
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Tickets are \$10 general admission for adults, \$ for students, \$6 for seniors and children ages 4-11 and free for children under 3. Museum admission is complimentary for guests who dine at [Harry Caray's 7th Inning Stretch](#).