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## ICHIRO SUZUKI ELECTED TO THE NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

*Ichiro joins fellow Mariners Hall of Famers Edgar Martinez, Ken Griffey Jr. in Cooperstown*

**SEATTLE, Wash.** – National Baseball Hall of Fame President Josh Rawitch announced this afternoon on the MLB Network that Mariners legend **Ichiro Suzuki** was among three players elected today into the National Baseball Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2025.

“Ichiro is truly one of a kind. His commitment, legendary work ethic, physical endurance, mental toughness, attention to detail and passion for the game are all on a different level,” Mariners President of Baseball Operations **Jerry Dipoto** said. “His on-field accomplishments and career achievements put him among the all-time greats, but it’s his impact on the game from a global perspective that will forever set him apart.”

Ichiro becomes the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mariners player to be elected to the Hall of Fame – joining 2016 inductee **Ken Griffey Jr.** and 2019 inductee **Edgar Martinez** – and joins CC Sabathia and Billy Wagner in being elected today, as well as Dave Parker and Dick Allen, who were voted in by the Classic Baseball Era committee, in this year’s class. The Kasugai, Japan native is the first Asian-born player to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

“Congratulations, Ichiro, on your first-ballot election today,” Mariners Senior Director of Hitting Strategy and Baseball Hall of Fame Class of 2019 member **Edgar Martinez** said. “It’s great to see you every day at the ballpark, but I am really looking forward to seeing you in Cooperstown in July.”

“Ichiro, congratulations on being named to the Baseball Hall of Fame. It is an unbelievable honor,” Baseball Hall of Fame Class of 2016 member **Ken Griffey Jr.** said. “Edgar and I couldn’t be more proud of you. We met in ’95 and we’ve been good friends ever since then. Just want to let you know that it is a privilege and an honor to share the Hall with you.”

In his first year on the ballot, Ichiro earned 99.7% of votes, tied for the second-highest voting percentage in history and first among position players. Hall of Fame voters consist of members of the Baseball Writer’s Association of America with at least 10 consecutive years covering baseball. This year’s induction will take place on Sunday, July 27 at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, NY.

Ichiro was one of the best hitters of his generation – and in the history of professional baseball – combining his unique hitting style with dynamic speed, incredible defense and a one-of-a-kind dedication to the sport that made him an international superstar.

Ichiro played 28 professional seasons: 9 with the Orix Blue Wave of the Japanese Nippon Professional Baseball Organization (1992-2000) and 19 Major League seasons with the Seattle Mariners (2001-12, ’18-’19), New York Yankees (2012-14) and Miami Marlins (2015-17). In 19 MLB seasons, Ichiro played in 2,653 games, collecting 3,089 hits (2,514 singles, 362 doubles, 96 triples and 117 home runs), scoring 1,420 runs, collecting 780 RBI and going 509-for-626 in stolen base attempts. He finished his career with a .311 batting average (3089x9934), a .355 on-base percentage and a .402 slugging percentage (.757 OPS).

The left-handed hitting outfielder was an American League Most Valuable Player (2001), American League Rookie of the Year (2001) and the 2007 All-Star Game Most Valuable Player. He was a 10-time All-Star (2001-10), 10-time Gold Glove Award Winner (2001-10), a 3-time Silver Slugger (2001, 2007 and 2009) and a 2-time batting champion (2001 and 2004). He set the Major League record for most hits in a single season, collecting 262 hits in his historic 2004 season, earning the 2005 Commissioners Historic Achievement Award for his efforts. He became the 30<sup>th</sup> member of the 3,000-hit club on Aug. 7, 2016 while he was a member of the Miami Marlins. During his 28 year playing career, he collected 4,367 hits – more professional hits than any other player in baseball history.

Ichiro was an integral part of the Mariners historic 2001 team that won a record-tying 116 games, winning both the AL MVP and Rookie of the Year awards, only the second player in MLB history to accomplish the feat in the same season (also: Fred Lynn-BOS in 1975). He also was an American League All-Star, a Rawlings Gold Glove Award Winner and a Silver Slugger that season.

A veteran of two postseason runs (2001 with Seattle and 2012 with New York-AL), Ichiro combined to hit .346 (27x78) in 19 career playoff games. He also helped lead Team Japan to back-to-back World Baseball Classic titles in 2006 and 2009, being named to the All-Tournament team in the inaugural WBC in 2006. Ichiro was inducted into the Mariners Hall of Fame on Aug. 27, 2022, becoming the 10<sup>th</sup> member of the Mariners Hall of Fame, joining Alvin Davis (1997), Dave Niehaus (2000), Jay Buhner (2004), Edgar Martinez (2007), Randy Johnson (2012), Dan Wilson (2012), Ken Griffey Jr. (2013), Lou Piniella (2014) and Jamie Moyer (2015). Suzuki has since been joined by Félix Hernández, who was inducted during the 2023 season. Ichiro ranks among the franchise leaders in nearly every offensive category, including owning the franchise records for at-bats (7,907), hits (2,542), triples (79), batting average (.322) and stolen bases (438).

### HIGHEST FIRST-BALLOT VOTE TOTALS

Player (Year)	% OF VOTE
Mariano Rivera (2019)	100.0
<b>ICHIRO SUZUKI (2025)</b>	<b>99.7</b>
Derek Jeter (2020)	99.7
<b>Ken Griffey Jr. (2016)</b>	<b>99.3</b>
Tom Seaver (1992)	98.8
Nolan Ryan (1999)	98.8
Cal Ripken Jr. (2007)	98.5
Ty Cobb (1936)	98.2
George Brett (1999)	98.2
Henry Aaron (1982)	97.8

### HALL OF FAMERS WITH MARINERS CONNECTIONS

**Ichiro** joins Edgar Martinez, Ken Griffey Jr. and Ford C. Frick Award Winner Dave Niehaus as Hall of Famers with the Seattle Mariners as their primary team.

CLASS	HALL OF FAMER
2025	<b>ICHIRO SUZUKI</b> (2001-12, '18-'19)
2024	Adrian Beltré (2005-09)
2019	<b>Edgar Martinez</b> (1987-2004)
2016	<b>Ken Griffey Jr.</b> (1989-99, 2009-10)
2008	<b>Dave Niehaus</b> (1977-2010)*
2015	Randy Johnson (1989-98)
2011	Pat Gillick (2000-03)**
2009	Rickey Henderson (2000)
2008	Goose Gosage (1994)
2008	Dick Williams (1986-88)^
2001	Bill Mazerowski (1979-80)^
2004	Paul Molitor (2004)^
1991	Gaylord Perry (1982-83)

\*Ford C. Frick Award winner

\*\*General Manager

^Coach      ^^Manager



Following his retirement in 2019, Ichiro has served as the Mariners Special Assistant to the Chairman, where he continues to work with the Major League players and staff.

ICHIRO’s PLAYING RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	OBP	SLG
1992	Orix	.253	40	95	9	24	29	5	0	0	5	1	0	0	3	11	3	2	.276	.305
1993	Orix	.188	43	64	4	12	17	2	0	1	3	1	0	0	2	7	0	2	.212	.266
1994	Orix	.385	130	546	111	210	300	41	5	13	54	7	2	10	51	53	29	7	.445	.550
1995	Orix	.342	130	524	104	179	285	23	4	25	80	0	3	18	68	52	49	9	.432	.544
1996	Orix	.356	130	542	104	193	273	24	4	16	84	0	4	9	56	57	35	3	.422	.504
1997	Orix	.345	135	536	94	185	275	31	4	17	91	0	5	4	62	36	39	4	.414	.513
1998	Orix	.358	135	506	79	181	262	36	3	13	71	0	2	7	43	35	11	4	.414	.518
1999	Orix	.343	103	411	80	141	235	27	2	21	68	0	5	7	45	46	12	1	.412	.572
2000	Orix	.387	105	395	73	153	213	22	1	12	73	0	6	4	54	36	21	1	.460	.539
2001	SEATTLE	.350	157	692	127	242	316	34	8	8	69	4	4	8	30	53	56	14	.382	.457
2002	SEATTLE	.322	157	647	111	208	275	27	8	8	51	3	5	5	68	62	31	15	.388	.425
2003	SEATTLE	.312	159	679	111	212	296	29	8	13	62	3	1	6	36	69	34	8	.352	.436
2004	SEATTLE	.372	161	704	101	262	320	24	5	8	60	2	3	4	49	63	36	11	.415	.455
2005	SEATTLE	.303	162	679	111	206	296	21	12	15	68	2	6	4	48	66	33	8	.350	.436
2006	SEATTLE	.322	161	695	110	224	289	20	9	9	49	1	2	5	49	71	45	2	.370	.416
2007	SEATTLE	.351	161	678	111	238	292	22	7	6	68	4	2	3	49	77	37	8	.396	.431
2008	SEATTLE	.311	162	686	103	213	265	20	7	6	42	3	4	5	51	65	43	4	.361	.386
2009	SEATTLE	.352	146	639	88	225	297	31	4	11	46	2	1	4	32	71	26	9	.386	.465
2010	SEATTLE	.315	162	680	74	214	268	30	3	6	43	3	1	3	45	86	42	9	.359	.394
2011	SEATTLE	.272	161	677	80	184	227	22	3	5	47	1	4	0	39	69	40	7	.310	.335
2012	SEATTLE	.261	95	402	49	105	142	15	5	4	28	0	4	0	17	40	15	2	.288	.353
	NEW YORK-AL	.322	67	227	28	73	103	13	1	5	27	5	1	2	5	21	14	5	.340	.454
2013	NEW YORK-AL	.262	150	520	57	136	178	15	3	7	35	6	2	1	26	63	20	4	.297	.342
2014	NEW YORK-AL	.284	143	359	42	102	122	13	2	1	22	2	2	1	21	68	15	3	.324	.340
2015	MIAMI	.229	153	398	45	91	111	5	6	1	21	5	4	0	31	51	11	5	.282	.279
2016	MIAMI	.291	143	327	48	95	123	15	5	1	22	3	2	3	30	42	10	2	.354	.376
2017	MIAMI	.255	136	196	19	50	65	6	0	3	20	1	0	1	17	35	1	1	.318	.332
2018	SEATTLE	.205	15	44	5	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	.255	.205
2019	SEATTLE	.000	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	.167	.000
JAPAN Totals		.353	951	3619	658	1278	1889	211	23	118	529	9	27	59	384	333	199	33	.421	.522
SEATTLE Totals		.321	1861	7907	1181	2542	3292	295	79	99	633	28	37	47	517	800	438	97	.365	.416
ML Totals		.311	2653	9934	1420	3089	3994	362	96	117	780	50	48	55	647	1080	509	117	.355	.402
Combined Totals*		.322	3604	13553	2078	4367	5883	573	119	235	1309	59	75	114	1031	1413	708	150	.373	.434

\*NPB and MLB

ICHIRO’s POSTSEASON TOTALS

YEAR	SERIES	CLUB, OPP	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	OBP	SLG
2001	ALDS	SEA,CLE	.600	5	20	4	12	13	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	.619	.650
	ALCS	SEA,NYY	.222	5	18	3	4	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	4	2	0	.364	.278
2012	ALDS	NYY,BAL	.217	5	23	2	5	7	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	.250	.304
	ALCS	NYY,DET	.353	4	17	1	6	9	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	.389	.529
LDS TOTALS			.395	10	43	6	17	20	3	0	0	5	1	0	0	2	3	2	3	.422	.465
LCS TOTALS			.286	9	35	4	10	14	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	5	6	2	0	.375	.400
POSTSEASON TOTALS			.346	19	78	10	27	34	4	0	1	8	1	0	0	7	9	4	3	.400	.436

Details on Ichiro’s Hall of Fame career, his Induction in Cooperstown and all celebrations surrounding his election will be updated throughout the year on [MARINERS.COM/ICHIRO](#).

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