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Baseball Fans, Rejoice! Baseball's Magna Carta Exhibit Goes "Extra Innings" – Extended through Sunday, October 16

Portland, OR – October 4, 2016 – The Oregon Historical Society is pleased to announce that due to popular demand its exhibition of [Baseball's Magna Carta](#) has been extended one week, with its final day on view being Sunday, October 16, 2016. Located in downtown Portland, the Oregon Historical Society is the first and only venue to share this rare piece of sports history with the public.

This exhibit features both the original drafted rules of baseball written by Daniel "Doc" Adams in 1856, as well as the living document developed in 1857 at an unprecedented meeting of New York area baseball clubs. Visitors will see the scrawls, cross outs, and amendments that were made by hand during the historic meeting that forever changed the way baseball was played.

Up until this meeting, games were played under a variety of rules, including teams that ranged from eight to eleven players, games that ended when a team scored twenty-one runs, and no set base path distances. Among other rules, the document entitled "Laws of Base Ball" established the base paths at ninety feet, conclusively set the number of players to a side at nine, and fixed the duration of the game at nine innings.

"Baseball fans from across the country have made a road trip to Portland to view this historic exhibit," said Oregon Historical Society Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk. "We invite many more to join them in the weeks ahead!"

The Oregon Historical Society's museum (1200 SW Park Avenue, Portland) is open seven days a week, Monday – Saturday from 10am – 5pm and Sunday from 12pm – 5pm.

Admission is \$11, and discounts are available for students, seniors, and youth. Admission is free for OHS members and Multnomah County residents thanks to the recent renewal of the Oregon Historical Society levy.

About the Oregon Historical Society

For more than a century, the Oregon Historical Society has served as the state's collective memory, preserving a vast collection of artifacts, photographs, maps, manuscript materials, books, films, and oral histories. Our research library, museum, digital platforms & website (www.ohs.org), educational programming, and historical journal make Oregon's history open and accessible to all. We exist because history is powerful, and because a history as deep and rich as Oregon's cannot be contained within a single story or point of view.