

Region 9
BEANBAG BASE BALL RULES

Principle of the game:

1. The Beanbag Baseball game is played on a board stand that has been modified with openings, see Diagram 1, and beanbags that are made of denim cloth with a finished measurement of a 3” circle and a thickness of 1”.
2. The rules for this game are similar to the real baseball game, that is to say, that the person who is throwing (batter) continues to play until they get a hit or three strikes for an out.
3. An inning is over when each team has three outs.

Team Play:

1. For this game, five (5) to eleven (11) players are required for each team, depending on how many want to play.
2. Each team nominates a Captain and chooses a name.
3. Have a baseball play-off chart showing the progression of the winners and the team names.

Player's Distance:

1. From Home Plate to the rear of the game board, 21 feet is required, 17 feet from the front leg.

Positioning the Players and the Stand:

1. The game board must be placed in such a way as to allow a chair to be placed behind it (2nd base); a chair to its right (1st base); and a chair to its left (3rd base). Make sure there is reasonable separation between the chairs marking the bases and the chairs where the teams sit. Team chairs should line up to the right of home base and first base, and to the left of home base and third base.
2. A line on the ground must clearly indicate where the thrower (batter) stands. This line should be in front of home base. If the thrower’s toe goes ahead of the line, the thrower is OUT. The best way to mark the line is by a small rope held down with two large nails and use 1” X 4” board eight inches long for home base if playing outdoors. If playing indoors, use masking tape for the line and making home base.

3. The Teams chairs must be placed in such a way as not to obstruct the thrower's view.

4. It is important that each player retains the same chair, (line up) in the same team, for the entire game.

How to score:

1. Each player is allowed to throw beanbags until player has a base hit, three strikes or throws an out.

2. When the player has thrown a beanbag into one of the holes, player is to do what is written for that hole.

3. For instance, the first beanbag thrown enters the 1st Base hole, the player drops the remaining 2 beanbags and walks to and sits on the 1st Base chair. Player cannot leave the base (NO STEALING BASES) until the next player(s) successfully throw a beanbag or the team scores three OUTS. (Players must WALK from base to base. If player RUNS, player is OUT.)

4. If the next player throws a beanbag into the 2nd Base hole, the player at 1st Base goes, touches 2nd Base chair, and continues to the 3rd Base chair. At the same time, the player who has just thrown the bag walks to and touches the 1st Base chair, continues on to and sits on the 2nd Base chair.

5. If the following player throws a beanbag into the 1st Base hole, he walks to and sits in the 1st Base chair. The player at 3rd Base cannot go home and score. He has to be forced to go Home.

6. When the 3 bases are loaded, if the next player throws into the 1st Base hole, all players advance one chair, but only the player on 3rd Base gets to score. If that player had thrown in the 2nd Base hole, two players would score, and if he had thrown into the 3rd Base hole, three players would have scored.

7. A home run advances all players on the Bases to home plate, including the player who threw the beanbag.

8. Each bag thrown and not entering a hole is considered a strike. If the 1st or 2nd bag enters the FOUL hole, it is also considered a strike.

9. A player is OUT when player has three strikes or if player throws a bag into an OUT hole.

10. If the 3rd bag enters the FOUL hole, the player is allowed to throw another beanbag until a base hit, a strike, or an OUT is made.

11. The umpire will keep track of the OUTs and strikes, and call them out to the players as they are made.
12. The inning ends when each team scores three OUTs. When a team has three OUTs, the player following the one who had the last OUT will start the next inning.
13. A flip of a coin determines which team captain will start. The winner has the option of starting first or letting the other team be first to play.
14. If a beanbag only halfway enters a hole, it does not count. If a following beanbag thrown by the same player pushes it in and enters the same hole, or another hole, only the first bag counts.
15. Beanbags must be thrown under hand.
16. A game is complete after nine innings. A shorter number of innings may be scheduled.
17. For expediency purposes, six (6) runs in any one inning by a team are the maximum. When a team has scored six (6) runs in an inning, it is considered as if they have three outs.
18. It is preferable to have an umpire who is not a player. Their role is to watch the board to see which hole is entered, and see that the throwing player stays behind the line. The umpire also makes sure that base runners walk, touch or sit in all the chairs as they pass the bases and touch home base. Players failing to comply with the above may cancel the run.
19. One scorekeeper is required for both teams, and to call out the names as they come up to throw. The umpire will call out the strikes and OUTs like a real umpire.

Unit Teams will be selected that consist of 5 to 11 players each. If a Unit has more than one team the number of players on each team may be adjusted insuring that each team has the required 5 to 11 players. To permit each Unit Member who desires to play a position, a Unit may have more than one team based upon the following number of Unit Members Playing:

| <u>Number of Unit Players</u> | <u>Number of Unit Teams</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 5-11 | 1 |
| 12-22 | 2 |
| 23-33 | 3 |
| 34-44 | 4 |
| 45-55 | 5 |
| 56-66 | 6 |

Tournament Single Elimination Play will start with each Team's name being placed in a hat. Then the Team Names will be drawn and placed on the Tournament Team Play Chart in the order that they are drawn. (For example the first Team drawn is entered on line # 1, the second Team drawn is entered on line # 2, and so forth until all the Team Names are drawn and placed on the Chart.) Multiple Teams from one Unit are treated as separate Teams and if they are drawn and placed on the chart where they play each other, that is the luck of the draw.

Odd Number of Teams will require the last Team drawn to not play in a Bracket and have a "BY" where they will advance to the next Bracket and play a Team in that next Bracket. No Team will have more than one (1) "BY" in the tournament until all Teams have had at least one "BY".

Number of Innings to be played will be determined from the following chart after all the Teams have signed up to keep the length of tournament play from being too long:

| <u>Number of Teams</u> | <u>Number of Innings</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2-8 | 9 |
| 9-16 | 7 |
| 17-32 | 5 |

When each Two (2) Teams have completed a Bracket, the Team with the highest score advances to the next Bracket and plays the winner of another two (2) Teams as illustrated on the Tournament Team Play Chart. Each game stands alone as a win or loss and no scores are carried forward to the next Bracket. Once a Team loses one (1) game they are out of tournament. The tournament play continues until there is only one (1) winning Team. This Team is awarded the First Place Ribbon. The Team that lost this last play-off game is awarded the Second Place Ribbon. The other two (2) Teams that lost in the Bracket prior to the final play-off bracket will each be awarded Third Place Ribbons.

How to fill in the score sheet:

1. Each team uses a separate score sheet. Fill in the team's name at the top and the players' name on the left column.
2. If a player throws a beanbag in the hole indicating 1 Base, circle 1B; the same is true for 2B, 3B, or HR.
3. When a run is made, fill in (black out) the little box above the letters HR on the score sheet for the person making the run. These solid boxes (blacked out) are how to keep track of the runs.

4. When a player throws into the Home Run hole, circle the HR and fill in the little box for this run. If this player drives in runs from any that were sitting on Bases, fill in the boxes for their names.
5. When a player is OUT, insert an X in the box. An inning is over when a team has an X in three boxes for that inning or six runs.
6. Draw a line under the square of the player who makes the 3rd OUT, so that the next inning begins with the following player.
7. Do not shift to the next inning column each time; keep track of the innings by these lines. The whole team may have to play before having 3 outs or 6 runs, and you may run out of columns. Using the line method, you may only need 5 columns during the 9 innings. Use as many columns as needed.
8. The bottom line on the score sheet is for reporting the runs. Each inning column has two triangles. The first triangle is for the runs made by the first 11 players. Count the filled in boxes in the column to give you the total number of runs made for the first triangle. The second triangle is the running total of the game.

Beanbag Board Stand Construction:

Dimension of board and locations for holes in simple text:

Get yourself a 1/2" piece of plywood that is 24" wide x 36" long. You'll need a leg assembly to hold the board up

Make your holes centered at the following points...

| Hole size: | Distance from left: | Distance from top: | 2" Label: |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 4" | 12" | 5" | 3 BASES |
| 4" | 7" | 9" | OUT |
| 4" | 17" | 9" | OUT |
| 4" | 12" | 13" | HOME RUN |
| 4" | 7" | 17" | 2 BASES |
| 4" | 17" | 17" | 2 BASES |
| 4" | 12" | 21" | 3 BASES |
| 4" | 7" | 25" | 1 BASE |
| 4" | 17" | 25" | 1 BASE |
| 8" x 5" rectangle | 12" | 32" | FOUL |

Beanbag Construction:

Material for bags measure about 3 ½" x 7"

Fold material in half, sewing circular ½" side seams, leave about a 2" opening

Turn bag with seams inside. Fill with pinto beans making bag 1" thick. Finish sewing bag shut

Finished bag measures 3" circle and 1" thick