

BeanBag Baseball Rules

As sanctioned by the Intergalactic BeanBag Baseball Assn

- The person throwing the beanbags (“the batter”) continues to play until he gets a hit or 3 strikes for an out.
- Missing the board is a strike.
- If the batter gets a foul on the third throw, he gets 1 more throw. A foul on the first or second or throw is a strike. If the batter is getting a fourth throw because he got a foul on the third throw and gets another foul on the fourth throw, it is an out.
- If the batter scores 1, 2, or 3 bases, he goes to that appropriate base. He must touch all bases that he passes.
 - For example, if the batter scores 3 bases, he must touch first and second bases and then sit in the third base chair.
- If the batter hits a home run, he must touch all 3 bases and then the home plate.
- Subsequent batters will force players ahead of themselves to advance if there is not an empty base for the subsequent batter. If there is an empty base for the subsequent batter, no one is forced to advance.
- A player must touch home plate to score. If he fails to touch home plate before the next runner touches it, the first player is out and the score does not count. If this is the third out of the inning, no further scores count.
- A batter must stand behind the home plate marker. If he touches it, or goes forward of it, with his foot, it is a strike. This is the umpire's decision. The umpire must see it to call it.
- “Pinch runners” are allowed.
- Walk between bases – running is not allowed.

- An inning is over when each team has 3 outs.
- A team can score no more than 5 runs in an inning. After five runs, that team's inning is over.

- “Hangers” do not count. They are a strike. However, if a subsequent throw knocks a hanger in, the hanger then counts. The player gets credit for the higher-scoring beanbag. For example,
 - If there is a hanger on “out” and the subsequent throws “2-bases” and knocks the hanger in, the player gets 2-bases.
 - If there is a hanger on “homerun” and the subsequent throw goes into “1-base” and then the hanger falls into “homerun”, the “homerun” counts.
 - If there is a hanger on “3-bases” and the subsequent throw goes into “Out” and then the hanger falls, the “3-bases” counts.

- If a beanbag bounces out of the pocket, it is a foul.
- A coin toss will determine which team plays first.
- Beanbags must be thrown underhand.
- Today we will play ___ innings.

Optional Non-rules of the game

- Physical harrasment of the opponents is discouraged. Verbal harrasment is ok.
- The umpire is infallible. His decision is final. He can make new rules as he sees fit.