

# BEAN BAG BASEBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

## PRINCIPLES OF THE GAME

1. The Beanbag Baseball game is played on a board stand that has been modified with openings see *Diagram 1*.  
The Beanbags will be made of cloth and will measure 2 ½" x 4" with a thickness of 1".  
Cut cloth 3" x 9"
2. The rules for this game are similar to a real baseball game, that is to say that each player is allowed to throw beanbags until he has a hit, three strikes or an out.
3. An inning is over when each team has three outs.

## TEAM PLAY

1. For this game, 5 to 12 players are required for each team, depending on how many want to play. It is suggested to keep the teams even numbered for competition sake. It is desirable to have 9 players. You may have subs but once the sub is brought in the original player is out for the rest of the game.
2. Each team nominates a Captain and chooses a name. A flip of the coin by the team captains will determine which team will go first. Winner of the toss' choice.
3. Have a baseball play-off chart showing the progression of the winners and the team names.

## PLAYERS DISTANCE

1. From home plate to the front of the game board, a distance of 17 feet is required.

## POSITIONING OF 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> base), a chair to its right (1<sup>st</sup> base), and a chair to its left (3<sup>rd</sup> base). Make sure there is a reasonable separation between the chairs marking the bases and the chairs for the teams. The teams should sit between home base and first, and home base and third.
2. A line on the ground must clearly indicate where the thrower will stand. If the toe of the thrower goes ahead of the line, he is OUT. The best way to mark the line is with a small rope held down by two large nails.
3. The team 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, in the same team for the whole game.

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## HOW TO SCORE

1. Each player is allowed to throw beanbags until he has a hit, three strikes or an out.
2. When the player has thrown a beanbag into one of the holes, the player is to do what is written above the hole.  
Let's say that the bean bag enters the 1<sup>st</sup> base hole, the player drops the remaining bags and goes to sit in the 1<sup>st</sup> base at the right of the game board and waits for the next player to throw. The player cannot leave that base until the next player successfully throws a hit or the team scores three outs.  
(The players should walk from base to base – NO BASE STEALING ALLOWED)
3. If the next player throws a bag into the second base hole, the player on 1<sup>st</sup> advances to the 3<sup>rd</sup> base chair touching 2<sup>nd</sup> as he/she goes by. At the same time the player who just threw the double advances to the 2<sup>nd</sup> base chair touching 1<sup>st</sup> as he/she goes by.
4. If the following player throws a beanbag into the 1<sup>st</sup> base hole, he/she goes and sits in the 1<sup>st</sup> base chair. The player at 3<sup>rd</sup> base cannot go home and score. He only advances by next player's beanbag play.
5. When the bases are loaded and the following player throws a single the one player comes home and the others advance one base. A double two players come home, and three players come home for a triple.
6. A home run makes all players on base score including the player who threw the beanbag.
7. Each bag thrown and not entering a hole is considered a strike.
8. A player is out when he/she throws three strikes or puts a beanbag into the out hole.
9. It is preferable to have an umpire who is not a player The UMPIRE is to Call out and keep track of the outs and the strikes. He/she is to watch the board to see which hole is entered and that the player stays behind the line. Also make sure that all runners touch or sit in all chairs as they pass the bases and touch home, or the run can be canceled.
10. The inning ends when each team make three outs. When a team has three outs, the player following the one who made the last out starts the next inning.
11. If a beanbag is only half in a hole, it does not count. If a following bag throw by the same player pushes it in and enters the same hole the first bag counts.
12. You must throw the beanbags underhand.
13. A game is complete after nine innings. Short innings may be scheduled.
14. For the sake of expediency, 6 runs scored by a team in the same inning ends the play for that team.
15. A scorekeeper is required to keep score on the two teams and to call out the names as they come up to throw. The umpire will also call out the strikes and outs like a real umpire.

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## 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' names on the left column.
2. If a player throws a beanbag into the hole indicating 1<sup>st</sup> base, circle 1B, the same is true if it should be 2B or 3B or HR.
3. When a run is made, fill in the little box above the letters HR on the score sheet for the person making the run. These boxes 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 his run. If the player drives in runs from any who were sitting on base chairs, fill in the boxes under their names.
5. When a player is OUT, insert the X in the box. An inning is over when you have three boxes with an X.
6. Draw a line under the square of the player who makes the 3<sup>rd</sup> OUT, so the next inning can start with the following player.
7. 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 in the inning. The second triangle is the running total of the game. Count the filled boxes in the column to give you the runs made for the first triangle.
8. The team with the highest score after 9 innings is the winner.
9. In the event of a tie, the extra inning may be used to determine the winner.
10. In the event of a game tie after the extra inning, the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning will be a tie breaker inning and the most runs scored during that period will determine the winner.
  - If this still results in a tie, the 5<sup>th</sup> inning will be the next tie breaker inning.
  - If this still results in a tie, the 7<sup>th</sup> inning will be the next tie breaker inning.
11. Pay-off in the event a tie still remains. – Home Run Challenge
  - The team that won the initial Coin flip goes first
  - Starts at the top of the throwing order. Only one throw per team/player then on to the next team/player.
  - Each team gets to throw per challenge round
  - The rounds continue if neither team gets a Home Run or both teams get a Home Run.
  - The first round that a team gets a Home Run and the other doesn't, the team that scored the Home Run is the winner.

☆☆Kudos to both teams for an awesome game!!!

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Dimension of board and locations for holes:  
The board measure 24 inches wide by 36 inches long. Holes are 4 inches in diameter.

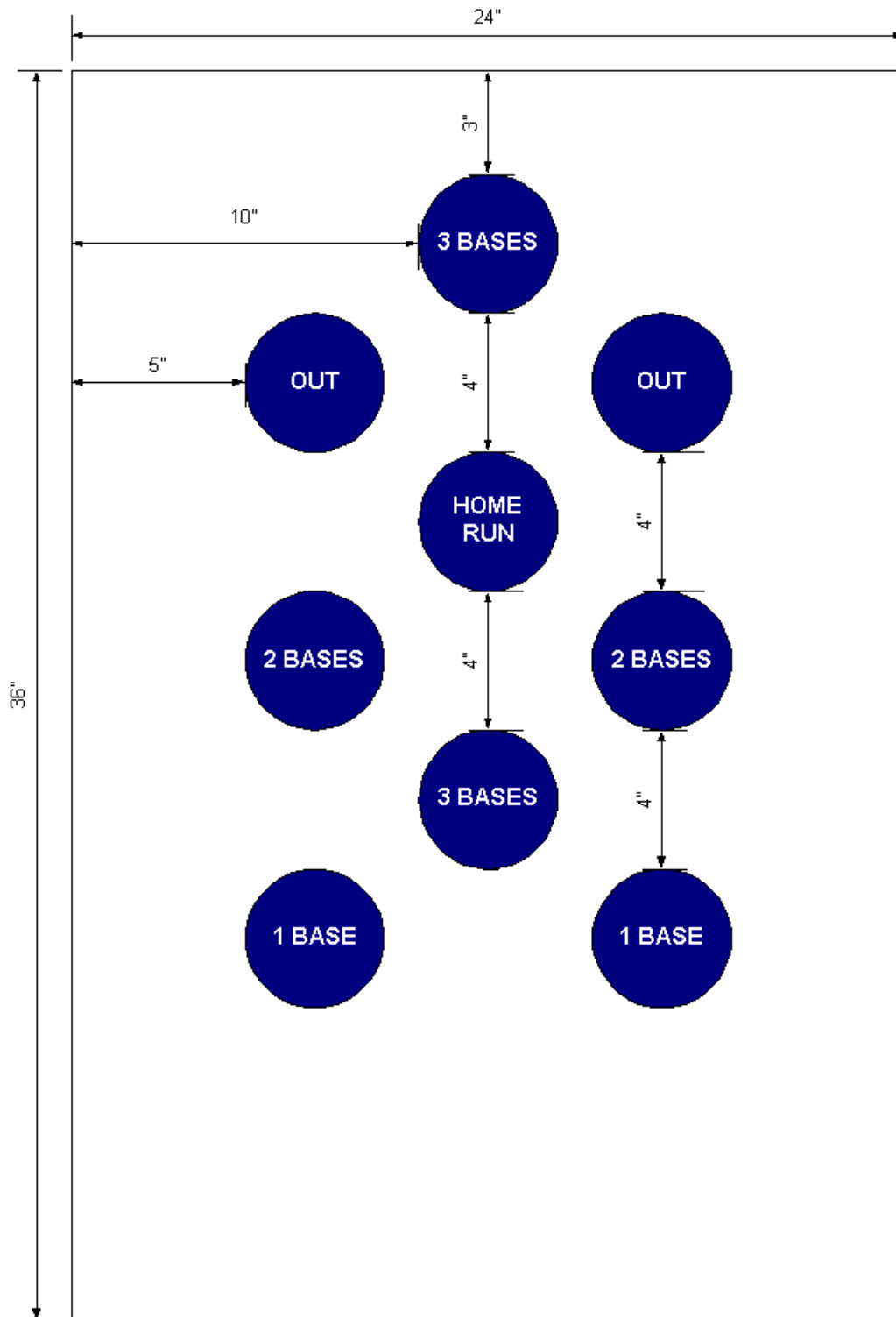


Diagram 1

Team Name:

Start Time:

End Time:

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**\*\* Inning 3 is a Tie-Breaker Inning \*\***

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Start Time:

End Time:

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