

The Gaming Baseball by Playfinity Is a Finalist in *Fast Company*'s 2023 Innovation by Design Awards

Playfinity's innovative Active Gaming technology is recognized alongside industry leaders such as Adobe, PepsiCo, Canva, and more.

Oslo, Norway, August 22, 2023 -- <u>Playfinity's</u> Gaming Baseball was honored in Fast Company's Innovation by Design Awards for 2023 in the Sports and Recreation category.

The Innovation by Design Awards, featured in the September 2023 issue of Fast Company, celebrate visionary designers and forward-thinking businesses that tackle today's most critical challenges while anticipating tomorrow's pressing issues. Now in its 12th year, this prestigious competition showcases a diverse range of esteemed companies, promising startups, and ambitious young talents. Undoubtedly, it stands as one of the most coveted design accolades in the industry.

<u>The Gaming Baseball</u> is the first of its kind. It is regulation size and weight and connects to a free app packed with interactive games to play with teammates, friends, family, or challenging players from around the world in a virtual league. It makes baseball practice and being active more fun and keeps youth playing longer. <u>It provides a playful and engaging</u> way to train, compete in a fun environment, and develop core throwing, catching, and fielding skills.

"Screen time and inactivity are on the rise, and 70% of kids drop out of sports by the age of 13 because it is "no longer fun". We truly believe that Active Gaming is the future to keep youth active and engaged in sports, but this is just the beginning," says Pippa Boothman, CEO of Playfinity. "We at Playfinity are honored and proud to have received recognition from Fast Company's Innovation by Design Awards for our Gaming Baseball and are excited to continue to innovate and create unique products and experiences with the utmost commitment towards creating a healthy, fit, and active world for our kids."

"So much innovation news these days is focused on AI," said Brendan Vaughan, editor-in-chief of Fast Company. "This year's Innovation by Design honorees are a reminder that it's human ingenuity that drives invention." "We are excited to see how our Gaming Baseball continues to inspire players of all ages to practice more and have fun while doing it! Congratulations to all other Innovation by Design Award honorees," says Pippa Boothman.

The judges include renowned designers from a variety of disciplines, business leaders from some of the most innovative companies in the world, and Fast Company's own writers and editors. Entries are judged on the key ingredients of innovation: functionality, originality, beauty, sustainability, user insight, cultural impact, and business impact.

Winners, finalists, and honorable mentions are featured online, and winners and finalists are featured in the August 29, 2023 issue of Fast Company magazine, on newsstands.

To see the complete list, go to https://www.fastcompany.com/innovation-by-design/list

About Playfinity

Playfinity is the home of Active Gaming. They are a Norwegian sports-tech company on a mission to create a more active future for our kids. Playfinity develops products, technology, and gaming experiences that inspire, motivate, and connect children, coaches, parents, families, friends, and teammates around the world, providing new ways to discover, play, compete, and have fun together based on the sports they love.

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