

Baseball

**FOR TWO PLAYERS, OR TWO TEAMS
OF ANY NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

The object of Baseball is to score the most runs in nine innings. The card game follows the rules of regular baseball:

1. The game proceeds for nine innings, with each team at bat for three outs per inning.
2. Three strikes make an out. Fouls count as strikes, but not as third strikes.
3. If the game is tied at the end of nine innings, play extra innings until an inning ends with one team ahead.

- Lay out the BASEBALL DIAMOND in the center of your playing area.
- Copy the sample SCORE CARD on paper to record runs and outs. The team not at bat is responsible for keeping the score.

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- The youngest player is first at bat. Player shuffles the cards and turns them over one at a time. Keep track of any STRIKES and BALLS by laying them out in front of you as you turn them over. Continue to turn cards over until you get a HIT, an OUT, three STRIKES (an out) or four BALLS.
- If you get a HIT (SINGLE, DOUBLE, or TRIPLE) place the card on the appropriate base on the BASEBALL DIAMOND.
- You may also get on base by turning over four BALLS for a walk, getting HIT BY PITCHER or a BALK (pitcher's error).
- A FOUL BALL counts as a 1st or 2nd strike but is ignored if a batter has two strikes.
- A new batter comes to bat when the player turns over three STRIKES, an OUT, or gets on base as described above.
- With each at-bat any turned-over cards, except runners on bases, are shuffled back into the deck.

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- Play continues with the same player (or another player on that team) shuffling and turning over cards to advance around the bases. All base runners advance on SINGLES, DOUBLES, and BALKS.
- When a player turns up a stolen base card, the player chooses which runner to advance. Only an empty base can be stolen.
- A DOUBLE PLAY card tags the batter and the previous runner out. If bases are empty only one out counts.
- When a player or a team gets three OUTS, the other player or team comes to bat.
- Continue play for nine innings. The team with the most runs at the end of the ninth inning is the winner.


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