

# Saskatchewan Provincial Good Sam Bean Bag Baseball

## RULES

### Principles of the Game

1. The bean bag baseball game is played on a board stand that has been modified with openings (see drawing) and bean bags.
2. Bean Bags shall be made to the following specifications:
  - a. Material – Denim
  - b. Size – 3 ½ x 3 ½ inches
  - c. Weight – 5 oz (popcorn or pinto beans)
3. The rules of the game are similar to the real baseball game, that is to say, that the person who is throwing continues to play until they get three strikes for an out.
4. An inning is over when each team has three outs.

### Team Rules

1. Teams shall not be less than 6 or more than 9 players.
2. Players may not register as a team and will be assigned to a team after signing up. Each team will be assigned a number.
3. The teams shall be even numbered for competition sake. 9 players per team are most desirable.
4. Each team shall nominate a Captain.
5. A score keeper will be assigned for each game and a general score keeper will be assigned to record the playoff chart showing the progression of the winners and team numbers.

### General Rules

1. Home plate shall be 15-17 feet from Home plate to the front edge of the board.
2. A line on the floor (ground) must clearly indicate home plate and where the thrower will stand. If the heel of the thrower goes ahead of the line, they are out. They may touch the line with their foot, but not go over it.
3. Chairs shall be placed to indicate 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base as follows:
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> base chair to be placed behind game board
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> base chair to the right
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> base chair to the leftThere should be a reasonable distance between them.
4. The player's chairs shall be placed in such a way as not to obstruct the thrower's view.
5. The players' chairs shall be parallel to the game playing area the players must retain the same chair for the duration of the game.

## Scoring

1. Each player will be given three (3) bean bags. The player will throw the bags until they have a base hit, makes three (3) strikes or makes an automatic out.
2. When the player has thrown a bean bag into one of the holes, they then are to do what is written under the hole. For example, if the bag enters the 1<sup>st</sup> base hole, the player drops the other 2 bags and goes to sit on the 1<sup>st</sup> base chair.
3. The player waits there for the next player to throw.
4. If the next player throws a bag in the 2<sup>nd</sup> base hole, the player on 1<sup>st</sup> base continues and touches 2<sup>nd</sup> base and continues to 3<sup>rd</sup> base. The player who had thrown the bean bag continues to 2<sup>nd</sup> base after touching 1<sup>st</sup> base.
5. If the next player throws a bag in the 1<sup>st</sup> base hole, they go and sit on the first base chair. The persons on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base do not move. They must be forced to move to go to home plate.
6. When the bases are loaded, if the next player throws in the 1<sup>st</sup> base hole, all players advance on base, but only the person on 3<sup>rd</sup> base gets to go to home plate, thus scoring. If the player had thrown in the 2<sup>nd</sup> base hole, all players advance 2 bases and 2 players would score. If they had thrown in the 3<sup>rd</sup> base hole, 3 players would score.
7. A home run makes all players on bases score including the player who threw the bean bag.
8. The scorekeeper will keep track of the OUTS and STRIKES and call them out to the players as they are made.
9. The inning ends when a team has three (3) outs.
10. When a team has three (3) OUTS, the player following the one who had the last OUT will start the next inning.
11. A flip of the coin will determine which team captain will start throwing.
12. If a bean bag enters only half the hole, it does not count.
13. If the next bean bag thrown by the same player pushes it in and enters the same hole, or another hole, only the last thrown bean bag counts.
14. The bean bag must be thrown underhanded.
15. A game is completed after nine (9) innings. Shorter games may be scheduled to accommodate the allowable time.
16. 6 runs in any one (1) inning by a team is maximum. It is then considered that they have three (3) outs.

## Referee & Scorekeeper

1. The referee shall not be a player. The referee's role is to watch the board to see which hole is entered and that the player stays behind the line. They shall also make sure that the runners touch or sit in all the chairs as they pass the bases and also touch home, or the run will be cancelled.
2. The referee and the scorekeeper may be the same person if people are unavailable for both positions.
3. A scorekeeper is required to record scores for both teams, and to call out the names as they come up to throw.
4. The scorekeeper shall also call out OUTS & STRIKES like a real umpire.

#### 5. Score Sheet

1. Each team uses a separate score sheet.
2. Fill in the team number and the opponent's number.
3. List the players' names on the left.
4. The scoring part comprises nine (9) columns, one for each inning.
5. The score sheet shall be filled in noting the progression around the bases. OUTS shall be marked with an 'X' in the box.
6. Draw a line under the square of the player who makes the 3<sup>rd</sup> OUT, so as the next inning will start with the proper player.
7. If 9 players have thrown and they do not have 3 OUTS, or 6 RUNS then record their second throws in the same column and make a new base outline.
8. The bottom line of the sheet is for recording the runs made in that inning.

#### Games

1. Day one: Single Knockout.
2. Day Two: Single Knock out with consolation.