

SANDBAG BASEBALL

TEXAS GOOD SAM

GAME

Sandbag baseball is played similar to real baseball. The person throwing the bags (batter) gets three (3) bags to throw to get either a homerun, base hit, three strikes for an out, or throw into the out hole. If on the last bag thrown the bag goes into the foul hole without touching the floor or ground, the batter gets one more bag to throw for either a base hit, strike, or out.

SETUP

Sandbag baseball is played on a board that has been modified with openings. Sandbags will be made of denim cloth with approximate finished measurement of 3" circle and a thickness of 1" with 5 ounces of washed sand.

The game board must be placed in such a way as to allow a chair to be placed behind it (second base), a chair to be placed to the right (first base) and a chair to the left, (third base). Make sure there is a reasonable separation between the chairs which are the bases and the chairs of the teams. Team chairs should line up to the right of home base and first, and to the left of home base and third base. Team chairs must be placed in such a way as not to be in the way or obstruct the batter's view.

From the front of home plate to the rear of the game board shall be a distance of 20 feet. Face of board shall be at a 45-degree angle to the ground or floor.

A line on the ground or floor acts as "home plate". No part of the batter's foot should cross this line when throwing the sandbag. Crossing the home plate line is a foul and will cost the batter a strike.

There must be nine (9) members on each team. Draw for teams as instructed by the game official. If two (2) teams cannot be made, the nine (9) member team can play unopposed. You may bring in a substitute, but once a sub is brought in, the player replaced is out for the remainder of the game. It is important for members to return to the same chair on the same team throughout the game.

Each team elects a captain (who will keep the score) and chooses a name. A flip of a coin will give a team the choice of batting first or second.

PLAY

- 1) Each player, in turn, throws up to three (3) bags to either get a base hit, homerun, three strikes, or throws an out. If the third bag thrown goes into the foul hole without touching the floor or ground, the batter gets one more bag to throw for either a base hit, homerun, strike, or out hole.
- 2) When the batter has thrown a bag into one of the holes, player is to do what is written under the hole. For instance, the sandbag enters a 1st base hole, the player drops the remaining 2 bags and walks to and sits on 1st base chair. Player cannot leave the base (no

stealing bases) until the next batter(s) successfully throws a bag into a hole or the team makes three outs.

3) Players must walk from base to base. If a player runs, player is out. If player fails to touch base, including home base (before he returns to his seat), he is out.

4) Players must be forced to advance to the next base and forced home.

5) Each bag thrown and not entering a hole is a strike. If the first or second bag enters a foul hole, it too is a strike.

6) A player is out when three strikes are thrown or bag is thrown in the out hole.

SCORING

1) The umpire and scorekeepers will keep track of the outs and call the number out as they are made

2) The inning ends when the team makes three outs or six runs. All runs made in the same play as the sixth run count. The next inning will start with the next player in the lineup

3) If a bag only halfway enters a hole it is considered a “hanger” and taken off the board and counted as a strike,

4) If the board is equipped with catch bags and a bag enters a hole and bounces out, the batter is awarded the hole.

5) Bags must be thrown underhand. Failure to throw underhand is an out.

6) A game is complete after nine innings. After nine innings if two or more teams are tied with the highest score there will be a play-off, playing one or more innings until there is a winner

7) The role of the umpire is to watch the board to see which hole the bag enters and see if the player stays behind the home plate line while throwing the bags. The umpire also makes sure the base runners sit in the chairs, touch the chairs as they pass the bases and touch home base. Player failing to comply may cancel the run and be considered out.

8) Each team has a scorekeeper to callout the names of players as they come up to throw. The umpire will also call out the strikes and outs. After each inning, the umpire and each team scorekeeper are to compare scores and outs.

FILLING OUT THE SCORESHEET

1) Each team uses a separate score sheet. Fill in the team’s name at the top and the player’s names on the left column in order of play.

2) If a player throws a bag into a 1st base hole, circle 1B; the same is true if it should be 2B, 3B or HR

3) When a run is made, insert an X in the little box above the letters HR on the score sheet for the person making the run. The boxes with X’s are how to keep track of the runs.

4) When player throws into a home run hole, circle HR and put an X in the box for the run. If he drives in runs from any who were sitting on bases, put X’s in the boxes for their names

5) When a player is out, insert an O in the box. An inning is over when a team has an O in three boxes for that inning or six runs.

6) Draw a line under the square of the player who makes the 3rd out or brought in the sixth run so that the next inning begins with the following player.

7) The bottom line on the score sheet is for reporting the runs and each column has two triangles at the bottom. The first triangle is the total runs made in the inning. The second triangle is the running total of the game.