

G'day, Bandits fans! Use this "cheat sheet" as you prepare for your next trip to Holloway Field or bring it to a game and follow the action!



BUSTER'S BASEBALL BASICS



Baseball is played by two teams who alternate between **offence** and **defence**. The goal is to score more **runs** than your opponent. Each time a player circles the four bases on the field, they score a run.

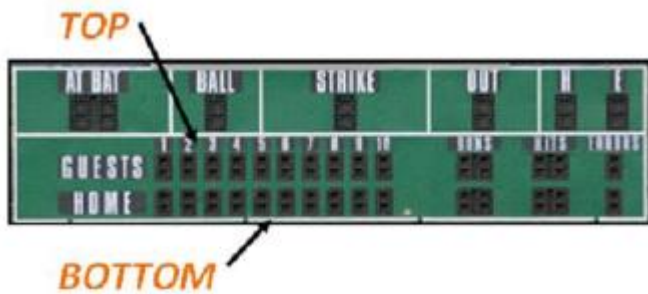


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What most sports refer to as "points" are called runs in baseball-speak.

There are nine innings in a standard baseball game. Each **inning** is comprised of a top (when the visiting team hits) and a bottom (when THE BANDITS hit). The team that has the most runs after nine innings wins!



Baseball is one of the only sports where the defence has control of the ball.

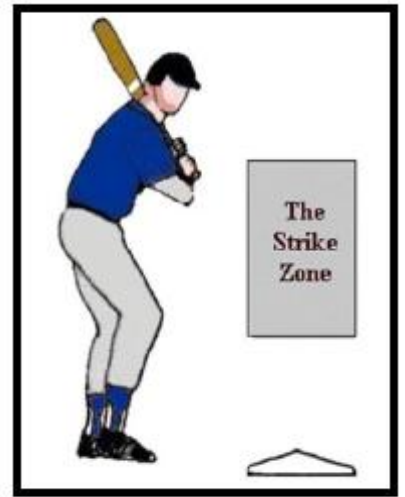


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The defence must get three **outs** on the other team. As the offensive player batting or while on the bases, you can make an out against your team.



Each team has an order or “line-up” in which they send their players to attempt to hit the ball. The pitcher throws a ball toward the batter at **home plate**. The batter’s goal is to hit the ball with the **bat** and reach a base. The pitcher’s goal is to throw the ball in the “**strike zone**”.

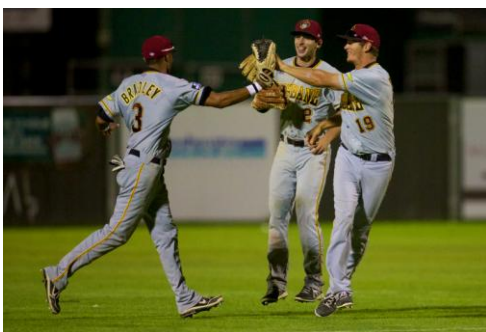


If the batter allows the pitcher to accumulate three **strikes** (either by swinging and missing or not swinging at a ball that went through the strike zone), he “strikes out”. If the pitcher throws **four balls** (a pitch that is not in the strike zone), the batter is allowed to go to first base. This is called a **walk**.



If a batter hits the ball, they must run to first base before the other team can throw the ball to the base. If he makes it before the throw, he is **safe**. If not – you guessed it, that’s another way for the defence to earn an out.

Another way for a batter to be out is if the ball is hit in the air and caught by the defence. This is called a “fly ball”.



If it’s a really good hit, the batter might try to run even farther than first base. If they reach second base, it is called a **double**. A hit that allows a batter to reach third base is a **triple**. And if the batter hits the ball over the fence, his team automatically receives a run. This is called a **home run**.



The baseball movie *Bull Durham* said it best: “This is a simple game. You throw the ball. You hit the ball. You catch the ball”. So have fun and go Bandits!