

# BBQ Cup Rules

## General

- Each team will be assigned a coach, who will throw the ball to their own team when in offense.
- One inning is played per game and **twelve batters** must bat for each team, **regardless of how many outs** are scored. If a team consists of fewer than twelve players, players may bat a second time.
- **On defense, all players** on a team are always allowed to play, as the focus should be on fun for all involved.
- If after an inning both teams have scored the **same number of runs**, there will be an **extra inning** where the offense team gets a **runner on second base** and **two batters**.

## Pitching

- There is **no strike zone**, if the batter does not swing, it counts as a ball
- Foul balls are not counted as strikes
- There is also **no walk** after 4 balls
- Only **swings & misses are counted as strikes**
- The batter is OUT after 3 strikes

## Field

- **There are only force plays, tagging is not allowed.** If a player is not forced and therefore does not run, then no Force Play can be played. However, if a player is running and runs **past half of the base distance** and is not forced, a force play can still be played.
- The bases may be run over and the runner still counts as save.
- The base may not be left until the batter has hit the ball.
- If the runner gets loose from the base before a ball is caught directly out of the air, he must return to the base, but cannot be made out.
- **There is no tag up play.** The **play is over** when a **ball is caught in the air, exception** only for the **last batter**.
- The play is over when the ball is at the pitcher.
- The last play at the **12th batter** is not over until the **ball is played to home**.
- If a player hits a **ground ball into another field**, it is considered a **ground rule double**.
- In a **ground rule double**, the **batter gets second base** and all **runners on the bases get two bases from where they started**.
- If a player clearly hits over the outfielders, the Umpire may grant a **home run** at his discretion. The player still has to run over **all bases**.
- **No sliding at all**