

Regeln BBQ Cup

General

- Players listed on a roster of the German Baseball and Softball Association (DBV) are not permitted to participate.
- A maximum of 2 players per team may be members of a baseball or softball club and participate in active league play (including Funball).
- A player may not play for more than one team.
- Each team is assigned a coach; this coach tosses the ball to their own team during their turn at bat.
- **One inning is played per game**, during which **twelve batters** must hit for each team, regardless of how many outs are recorded.
- If a team consists of fewer than twelve players, players may bat a second time, but a maximum of 12 batters total may hit.
- A maximum of 12 players from a team may play in the field (defense) per game.
- If both teams have the **same number of points after one inning**, an **extra inning** is played. In this case, the attacking team starts with a runner on second base and receives two batters.
- Participants may use their own baseball gloves.
- Shoes with plastic cleats are allowed.

Pitching

- The ball is **tossed** from the **front**.
- There is **no strike zone**; if the batter does not swing, it is counted as a "Ball".
- Foul balls are not counted as strikes.
- There are **no walks** after 4 balls.
- Only a "**swing and miss**" is counted as a **strike**.
- The batter is **OUT** after 3 strikes.

Field

- Only **force plays** are allowed; tagging runners is not permitted.
- If a player is not forced and therefore does not run, no force play can be made.
- However, if a runner covers more than half the distance to the next base while not being forced, a force play can still be made.
- **Bases may be overrun**, and the runner remains safe.
- To avoid collisions, **the runner does not have to touch the base**.
- A runner is safe if they pass within one step of the base before the ball arrives.
- If a runner runs into a defensive player standing on a base, the runner is OUT.
- Runners may only leave their base once the batter has hit the ball.
- If a runner leaves the base before a fly ball is caught directly out of the air, they must return to the base but cannot be put out.
- **There are no "tag up" plays**. The play is over once a fly ball is caught, with the only exception being the 12th (last) batter.
- The play ends when the ball is with the pitcher.
- The final play for the 12th batter only ends when the ball is played to Home.
- If a player hits a ground ball into another field, it is ruled a **Ground Rule Double**.

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- In the event of a Ground Rule Double, the batter receives second base, and all runners on base advance two bases from their starting positions.
- If a player hits the ball significantly over the outfielders, the umpire may grant a Home Run at their discretion.
- The player must run all bases even in the case of a Home Run.
- **No sliding of any kind.** Anyone who slides is **OUT!**