

# BORED BOY BASEBALL

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A DEADBALL SUPPLEMENT

## WHAT IS GOING ON?

You are bored! You need to play baseball! You have no dice! You have no phone! But you have this deck of cards! Hmmm...

Well, you'll need a lineup. Flip 8 cards and write down the numbers. Face cards count as 10. Aces count as 1. If the card you flip is below 4, flip until you get a card that's 4 or higher. Those are your position players' Hitter Values. Write them down. Put your pitcher at the bottom; his Hitter Value is 3. Do the same thing for the second team, or else you're cheating!

Flip a card for each pitcher. If it's below 7, flip again. Jacks count as 11, Queens as 12, Kings as 13. That's the Pitcher Value.

## HOW DO YOU PLAY?!

With extreme gusto! You'll need a scorecard. Use a sheet of paper, a blank scorecard, whatever. You'll keep score just like you do in Deadball. There's no time to go over this again. You're bored! You have to go!

Got your scorecard? Phew! Away team bats first.

Flip two cards. The first is the Hitter Card (HC), the second is the Pitcher Card (PC). Aces count as 1. Face cards count as 10. We find out what happens next using...a formula! And that formula is...

$$\begin{aligned} &(\text{Hitter Value} + \text{Hitter Card}) - \\ &(\text{Pitcher Value} + \text{Pitcher Card}) = \\ &\text{The Result} \end{aligned}$$

You do the math! No, really. You have to.

## IF RESULT IS...

-5 or less	Out, possible double play
-1 or -2	Out, can advance runners
0	Walk
1-3	Single, runners advance 1
4-5	Single, runners advance 2
6	Double, advance 2
7	Double, advance 3
8	Triple
9+	Home run

If the Result is an out, find the second number of the Pitcher Card on the out table:

## OUT TABLE

0-2	Strikeout (K)
3	Groundball to 1B (3u)
4	Groundball to 2B (4-3)
5	Groundball to 3B (5-3)
6	Groundball to SS (6-3)
7	Pop-up to Left (F-7)
8	Pop-up to Center (F-8)
9	Pop-up to Right (F-9)

## DEMONSTRATE WITH AN EXAMPLE!

You've got your leadoff hitter, right? What's his HV—a 10 or something? Okay! And you've got the home team's pitcher? What's his PV? It's a 12? Great!

You draw a 4 and a King! That's  $(10 + 4) - (12 + 10)$ . That's -8. That's an out! A pop-up to center field!

Or maybe you didn't. Maybe I lied! Maybe instead you draw a Queen and a 2. That's  $(10 + 10) - (12 + 2)$ . That's a 6. Wow! You got a double! Hooray! That's an at-bat! Write down what happens on your scorecard.

## I WANT TWO MORE RULES!

Does your pitcher suck? Do you hate her now? Get her out of here! Relievers and pinch hitters are random, generated just like you made the teams to begin with.

Starters have to pitch three innings, no matter how much you hate them. After that, they're knocked out after giving up three runs in an inning or five overall, or after the seventh inning they've pitched. Relievers have to change every inning!

Do you have a friend? Play with him! Make it more interesting by drawing three cards at a time, and choosing which one to play for each at bat. Shout at your friend if he does better than you.

Score a lot of runs and you can win. Give up a lot of runs, and you can lose!

That's Bored Boy Baseball! If you're still bored, it's your fault now!

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