

# how to play baseball

## an introduction for novices

scoreboard	ball	strike	out	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	runs total
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**Baseball** is a **game**, played between **2 teams** on a **field**, with a **bat** and a **ball**.

The teams alternate turns at **offense** and **defense** each maintaining a consistent **batting order** and defensive **positions**.

Primary **offensive activities** include **hitting** the ball and **running** the **base** circuit.

Primary **defensive activities** include **pitching, throwing** and **catching** the ball and chasing or tagging base runners.

Both teams compete to score the most **runs**, and prevent their opponent from scoring.

The **defense** can terminate the opposition's **offense** opportunity by generating **3 outs** in the course of an **inning**. The team with the most runs, after 9 innings of play, is declared the winner.

