

**Overview:**

BlastBall!® provides an ideal entry level of play for the youngster who will go on to other advanced levels of the game. It is also a great fitness and recreational activity for schools and community programs as well as the family and friends.

BlastBall!® is meant to put FUN back into the game of Baseball. It is designed to generate fast-paced action, provide recreation and exercise, create enthusiasm and through simplicity, allow retention of youth participants in the game.

BlastBall!® teaches all five basic fundamentals of baseball and softball...hitting, throwing, catching, running and fielding. It is also just a ton of fun with fast and continuous action and simple rules.

BlastBall!® can be played indoors or out, regardless of the weather.

**Equipment:**

BlastBase (honking base)

Tee

Rubber balls

Foam Bat

Cones

Line Marker

**Gameplay:**

BlastBall!® is played with a maximum of 5 players per side. A smaller number, such as 2-3 players per side works equally well. You will split your team in half to get your two sides. For younger players it is recommended that everyone bat, every inning and you may not even want to keep score.

The defensive players take an infield or outfield position. A BlastBall is placed on the Tee and the first batter hits the ball and runs to the BlastBase. If the batter reaches the Base (the only base used) before a defensive player either catches the BlastBall in the air (an automatic out) or fields it and yells "BLAST ", they score a run. If the ball is caught or fielded and "BLAST " is yelled before the runner gets to the BlastBase, then the runner is out. It's just that simple! You may end the (half) inning by batting once around the line-up or making 3 outs.

The BlastBase is audible, emitting a loud "H O N K " that the kids love whenever the runner stomps on the base. When fielded, the defensive player can throw the BlastBall back to another player, an adult or a SportsNet™ positioned near home plate (safely away from the Tee). Gloves/mitts are not needed because of the softness and size of the Ball. The fear factor of being hit is eliminated from the game all together.

While batting helmets are not needed because the BlastBall is not being pitched or thrown to make the out, for optimum safety helmets are recommended.

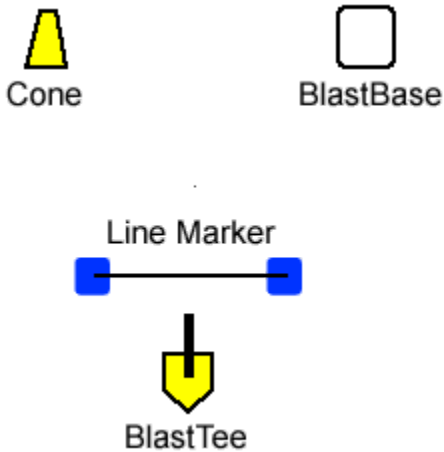
### Field Set-Up:

In an open area, like a backyard, field or park, position your Tee/home plate so that hitting allows you a safe area of play. If using a regular baseball diamond, place it at homebase, or close to it. From the Tee pace off 30 to 50 feet to the right (towards first base if using a ball diamond) and position your BlastBase (note recommended base distance below). This establishes your fair/foul line to the right.

To the left of the Tee (toward third base) and perpendicular to your BlastBase line, pace off an equal distance and position your Cone. This establishes your fair/foul line to the left.

Now pace off 10-15 feet directly in front of the Tee and lay out your Line Marker running between the (hypothetical) first and third base lines. This becomes the fair/foul line for play. If a ball is hit inside of that line it is foul and should be placed back on the tee for another try. If it goes beyond the line, either in the air or on a roll it is considered in play.

### Blastball field diagram:



### Recommended Blast Base Distance:

Ages 3-5    20 ft.

Have A Blast!