

BASEBALL

1. THE GAME

- Hard ball, bat
- 2 teams of 9 players
- 9 periods – innings, the winner is the one that scores the most runs
- top inning – visiting team plays offense at bat, after the offense has three outs - bottom – they switch positions

2. THE FIELD

- fair territory = infield + outfield; foul territory
- home plate
- pitcher's mound
- dugouts – shelters for other players

3. EQUIPMENT

- Bat, spikes
- fielders – catching glove
- batters – helmet
- catchers – helmet, mask, chest protector, shin guards

4. THE TEAM

- 9 players
- pitcher – throws the ball – each throw = pitch
- catcher – receives the ball, defends home plate
- 3 basemen, shortstop, 3 outfielders
- manager – responsible for strategy – hand signals
- umpires

5. THE RULES

- strike – pitch that the batter swings at but does not hit and hits into foul ter.
- Ball – pitch outside the strike zone (between batter's Armpits and knees)
- Walk – 4 balls – batter can proceed to the first base
- Fielders attempt to put the runners out – they can tag them with the ball or tag the base

6. SCORING

- a runner scores by moving around all bases and crossing the home plate without being out
- if a batter gets around all bases on one hit – home run, if the team scores 4 runs – grand slam