

The Pitch

Objective: The PITCH portion of the program will test how accurately a competitor can throw strikes to a designated "Strike Zone" target from a designated distance (35 feet for the girls softball division and 45 feet for the boys baseball division). **Any method of underhand/overhand pitching or throwing is accepted.** An attempt hitting ANY portion of the target will be deemed a strike.

Suggested Equipment:

Six (6) baseballs (All boys division participants)

Six (6) 11-inch softballs (7/8 and 9/10 girls division participants)

Six (6) 12-inch softballs (11/12 and 13/14 girls division participants)

"Strike Zone" target (provided by LEJ Sports Group)

Pitching rubber or chalk line

Cable Ties (provided by LEJ Sports Group)



Note: Experience has shown that the above equipment listed is the minimum necessary to conduct a successful competition. It is important to have additional numbers in case of equipment failures.

Procedure:

Each competitor receives six attempts to hit the designated "Strike Zone".

Competitors in the boys division pitch/throw from 45 feet away and the girls division competitors from 35 feet away.

Participants in the 7/8 and 9/10 girls division should compete with an 11-inch softball, whereas those in the 11/12 and 13/14 girls division should compete with a 12-inch softball.

All participants in the boys division compete with a standard baseball.

The "Strike Zone" target (17" x 30" banner) reflects a standard MLB™ strike zone.

It is recommended that the "Strike Zone" target be adhered to a backstop/fence or net with the provided Cable Ties. The bottom of the "Strike Zone" target should measure 20 inches from the ground for all competitors.

The competitor must start from the pitching rubber or chalk line and deliver each ball to the "Strike Zone" target. **Treat the rubber/chalk line just as you would a pitching rubber in a real game.**

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Each attempt hitting ANY portion of the "Strike Zone" target is worth 75 points.

Reminder: THERE IS NO TIEBREAKER IN THE PITCH COMPETITION

