

TOT/PRESCHOOL BASEBALL (AGES 3-5) ACTIVITY REFENCE GUIDE



Baseball Archery:

Purpose: Throwing

<u>Equipment:</u> 1 SNAG Ball of each color/kid (7-Total). Bucket/kid. Large Colored Spot /kid. 2 Small Colored Spot/kid. Bulls-eye Target, Stand or Tee

<u>Set Up:</u> Prop up Bulls-eye target on stand or tee. Put large colored spots in a **slight** semi-circle facing the bulls-eye target. Put 2 small colored spots to the left of large spots (for righties), or right of the large spots (for lefties). These spots show where their feet go so space them out accordingly. Put 7 SNAG Balls in each bucket (one of each color – Blue, Red, Yellow, Green, Purple, Orange, Multi-Color) and place the bucket on their large spot.





Execution:

- 1. Assign each player to a color
- 2. Have all players stand on their 2 small spots, so their feet at pointing towards their buck. Coach should give all of the kids a high-five to figure out if they are right/left handed. Move their small standing spots accordingly. The kids will not know if they are right or left handed so don't ask.
- 3. Coach tells the players that they throw like they are shooting a bow and arrow. (breakdown, demonstrate)
- 4. Each kid grabs their first ball (arrow). Coach makes sure they are facing in the correct position.
- 5. Coach yells commands:
 - a. "READY" Kids put their arrow (ball) on their pretend bow. Arms out in front, hands together
 - b. "AIM" kids pull their throwing arm back as far as it can go. No throwing arm facing the target
 - c. "Fire" Kids throw their ball at the target
- 6. Continue 5x until all balls have been thrown. Make sure kids stay on their small colored circle the entire time
- 7. Coach counts the balls while he/she pulls them off the bulls-eye target.
- 8. When Coach yells "Easter Egg Hunt", the kids grab their bucket, leave their spot, and fill their bucket with all 7 of their SNAG balls (one of each color)
- 9. Once the kids have found all five balls, they put their bucket back on the large colored spot.
- 10. Repeat. Reinforce technique, Storyline, Flow, and Encouragement/Praise throughout.
- 11. Continue as time permits
- 12. Recap throwing throwing and when/why it is used in Baseball.

<u>Comments:</u> For smaller groups, use FLEX, POINT, THROW for coaches cues. It is easier than the Bow & Arrow.



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