

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



Mickey's Baseball Clubhouse

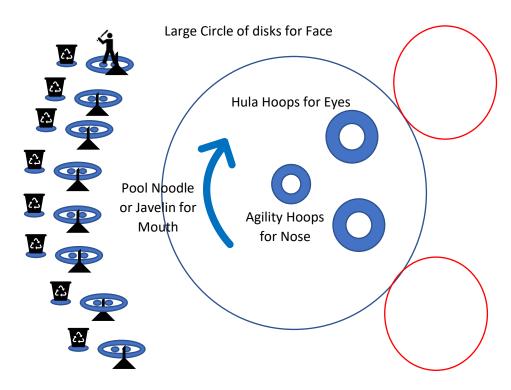
Purpose: Hitting

<u>Equipment:</u> 2-Soccer Nets, 1 Baseball Tee/Kid, Large Bucket/Kid, 7 Whiffle Balls/Kid (one of each color), Hula Hoop/kid, Colored Spot/kid,

Set Up:

- · Create Mickey's Face as shown below
- Set-up Baseball Tee's in a slight semi-circle facing Mickey
- Put a Hula Hoop next to each Tee for the kids to stand on. The side of the Tee will depend on whether the child is Righty or Lefty.
- Put a matching colored spot behind each Tee for the kids to put their bucket full of Whiffle Balls on their spot.
- Put 2 rows of tape in the middle of each hula hoop to show where the kids feet go.





Execution:

- 1. Have each child stand in their Hula Hoop.
- 2. Review the correct way to hold and swing a baseball bat
- 3. Give each kid their Baseball Bat and have them show you your ready position.
- 4. Tell the kids that they we are going to see how many Baseballs we can hit onto Mickey's Face:
 - a. Mickeys Head 1-Point
 - b. Mickeys Ears 2 Points
 - c. Mickeys Eyes 5-Points
 - d. Mickeys Nose 10-Points



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- 5. Make sure the kids understand they must stay in their Hula Hoops at all times. Tell them you will collect all of the Baseball's at the end
- 6. Coach tells all the kids to "GRAB YOUR RED BALL AND PUT IT ON THE TEE".
- 7. Once all kids have balanced their ball on the tee and are in the correct batting stance, coach blows his/her whistle and all of the kids hit the ball towards the net. Kids should shout out what part of Mickey's Face they hit when they land a ball in the target area. "I got Mickey's Ears"!
- 8. Coach tells the kids to "GRAB YOUR WHITE BALL AND PUT IT ON THE TEE".
- 9. Coaches walk around to work on hitting technique.
- 10. Once you have gone through all 7-colors, coach tells kids to put their baseball bat down inside there Hula Hoop.
- 11. Coaches count up how many points they scored as a team.
- 12. Coach calls "easter egg hunt" and the kids grab their buckets and fill their bucket with 7 Whiffle Balls (one of each color). Then put their bucket back down on their spot
- 13. Review Hitting Technique and play another round. See if you can score more goals as a team the second time around
- 14. Continue as time permits. Reinforce technique, Storyline Flow, and Encouragement/Praise throughout.
- 15. Recap Hitting and when/why it is used in Baseball.