



PITCH

Objective: The PITCH portion of the program will test how accurately a competitor can throw strikes from 45 feet to a designated “Strike Zone” target. A pitch hitting ANY portion of the target will be deemed a strike.

Suggested Equipment:

- Six (6) baseballs
- “Strike Zone” target (provided by LEJ Sports Group)
- Pitching rubber (flat) or chalk (pitching mound is optional, but not required)
- 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 pitches to hit the designated “Strike Zone” target 45 feet away.
- 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.
- 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. One foot remains in contact with the rubber/chalk line until the ball is released, at which point both feet may follow through and finish in front of the rubber/chalk line.
- Each attempt hitting ANY portion of the “Strike Zone” target is worth 75 points.

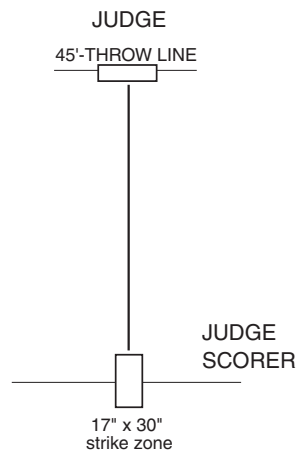
Reminder: THERE IS NO TIEBREAKER IN THE PITCH COMPETITION

Suggested Staff and Field Set-Up:

Judge: Stands at the pitching rubber/chalk line to ensure the competitor has at least one foot touching during the delivery.

Judge: Determines the number of pitches hitting the "Strike Zone" target.

Scorer: Records the number of pitches hitting the "Strike Zone" target and points earned on the scoresheet.



Scoring:

- Score is based on the number of pitches that hit ANY portion of the "Strike Zone" target.
- Each participant will receive six pitches.
- Each pitch hitting the "Strike Zone" target is worth 75 points.
- If the participant does not hit any portion of the target, he/she will receive zero points for that pitch.
- If the competitor fails to hit the "Strike Zone" target in his/her six attempts, he/she will receive the minimum score of 50 points.

Reminder: In the event of a tie for the Pitching Champion, there is no tiebreaker. At the Local level, administrators should contact National Headquarters for an additional ribbon(s) and all competitors tying for 1st should advance to the Sectional competition.