

Baseball for the Blind Request for Sponsorship 501c3 # 74-266164



What is beep baseball?

Beep Baseball is a sport for the blind and visually impaired. The ball beeps, the bases buzz, and the competition is fierce. In a nutshell, a sighted pitcher throws a beeping ball to the blindfolded batter. Once the ball is hit, the player must run to a buzzing base before one of six blindfolded defenders can pick the ball up. If the batter is quicker, a run is scored. If the defender picks the ball up first, an out is recorded.

There are regional tournaments around the United States and an annual World Series of Beep Baseball. With beepball teams registered in Canada, Taiwan, and Dominican Republic, the World Series is an international event.



Isaiah Wilcox of the Atlanta Eclipse (2016 Defensive MVP) makes a putout in the World Series in Ames, IA



Aaron Almanza scores for the San Antonio Jets in the Texas Round Up Vs. Lonestar May, 2016

How does beep baseball help individuals?

Individuals with a visual impairment are highly susceptible to isolation. Studies show frequent abuse of illegal drugs and alcohol are very common among people who have blindness and visually impairments. According to the National Federation for the Blind (NFB) about 30% of working age persons with a visual impairment live below the poverty line. Baseball for the blind provides a positive outlet and competitive goals for the visually impaired community. Beepball is therapy through physical activity with a goal oriented team environment.

The main aspect of beep baseball for players and volunteers alike is how much fun and competitive the game is. The game offers freedom of movement like no other sport for visually impaired persons. The game rewards fitness and skill development, but it's not required for the participants to thoroughly enjoy playing it.

How does beep baseball help the community?

Beep baseball promotes inclusion and cooperation between all participants. The game itself is set in a team environment that naturally fosters positive relationships between the sighted and visually impaired. The mutual benefits of event competitions extend to all sighted volunteers and are evident in bonds formed within communities.

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What can I do to help?

Beep Baseball players need funding to reach the goal of competing in the World Series of beep baseball each year. The player funding goes directly to covering travel, lodging, and equipment expenses for two regional weekend tournaments, and a weeklong World Series Tournament. On average, the annual cost of getting a player to two regional tournaments and the World Series is \$5,000.

Tax deductible donation goes a long way to making dreams come true.

When you have a chance visit the link below to get a better idea of how baseball for the blind makes dreams come true for sighted and visually impaired.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/the-all-stars-of-beep-baseball/> - Must see CBS special about Beepball