## How to Play Indian Ball Baseball

Indian baseball is a game that both adults and children can enjoy. Unlike baseball, you can play Indian ball with only a few people. This makes the game more appealing than baseball when there are just small groups.

Gather a group of people; at minimum you will need three. Ideally, you should have four to six players. You do not need to be on a <u>baseball diamond</u>, any open area will work.

Let the youngest player bat first. This will avoid any arguing over who should go first. If it works better, the oldest may bat first, or you may draw straws. Having a set "rule" for this will avoid any problems.

Choose someone to pitch. All that is needed is someone to get the ball over the plate. There are no called balls or strikes in Indian Ball.

Players should all take their positions. There are no bases in this game, so the only the batter and the pitcher have designated areas to play. Everyone else scatters around the field.

Pitch the ball until it is hit. The idea for the fielders is to catch the ball in the air or on the first bounce. If a player does this, that person is up to bat.

Field a ground ball. If hit, a player in the field must scoop up the grounder and stop. The batter lays down the bat on the ground, and the player rolls the ball and attempts to hit the bat. If successful, that player is now up to bat and the game resumes from the beginning. If not, the batter remains up.

## Rabbit

- Purpose: To improve the player's explosive power off a base
- Procedure: Runner 1 is at first base, while runner 2 is 5-8 feet from first base and in the direction of second base. On the head coach's signal, runner 1 tries to catch runner 2 before runner 2 reaches second base.

## The Game of 500

Here is a game I used to play a lot in my younger days. (We are talking a long time ago) And I know it is still popular because my kids have played 500 and I wasn't the one who taught them.

It is a great drill for baseball practice if only about half your team shows up. If you have 12 or 14 players at practice, it could be too many to play this game. You be the judge.

This game is really batting and fielding practice, only as a game. You, the coach, pitch batting practice to one player, and the rest of the team covers the field.

The fielders receive points for batted balls caught in the air and off the ground. They get 100 points for a caught ball before it hits the ground, 50 points for catching a one hopper, and 25 points for a ground ball.

We always played the game where you were deducted the same number of points if you dropped a fly ball, one hopper or ground ball.

And when one person gets to 500 points, they get to come in and hit. You can always change the number of points to bat if things are moving slow.

There will be times when you will have to referee who gets to catch the baseball. You may have to call out the player's name that gets the chance to catch the baseball.