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How to Play the APBA Professional Baseball Game

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Select nine players from each of the two teams and arrange them in batting order with the first batter on top, second underneath, and so on.

Count the fielding points for each team—nine cards—and make written notation of each total on the score sheet. The fielding points on each player's card appear after the name of his position.

Make note of the grade of each pitcher after his name on the score sheet. (A complete box score is not necessary to play the APBA baseball game, but it makes for a more interesting contest if complete records are kept on each player. When a regular league schedule is played, one of the most fascinating features of the game is lost if individual batting, fielding and pitching records are not kept.)

Now you are ready to play. The visiting team manager rolls the dice for his first batter. (One person alone can play the APBA game by rolling the dice for both teams. However, there is more realism in simulating competitive team management between two persons.)

THE DICE NUMBERS ARE COMBINED, NOT ADDED, WITH THE NUMBER OF THE LARGER DIE BEING READ FIRST. Example: A six and a three are rolled and the six is on the larger die—the number is sixty-three. If the three was on the larger die, the number would be thirty-six.

Next, look for the red number on the batter's card after the black dice number. It gives the batter's performance for that particular time at bat. Find this number on the playing board under the appropriate base situation to see what the batter does.

Some of the cards have two columns of red numbers after the dice numbers. Always refer to the first column on such cards, and if that number happens to be a zero (0), then roll the dice a second time and refer to the second column opposite the dice number for the final result of the time at bat.

After each time at bat, put the player's card on the bottom of the pack and continue on until three outs are made, at which time the opposing team goes to bat. **BE SURE TO OBSERVE THE PITCHING AND FIELDING INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PLAYING BOARDS.**

When playing a league schedule, be sure to give each regular pitcher the appropriate games rest between pitching assignments for most realistic results. Otherwise, only the high-grade pitchers might be used. A realistic use of relief pitchers and pinch hitters also is recommended.

The APBA Professional Baseball Game provides for strategic team management through the use of optional sacrifices, squeeze plays, coaching of base runners, hit and run plays, intentional walks, pulling the infield in with a runner on third, the judicious use of relief pitchers and pinch-hitters and the rearrangement of the team batting order.

FOR REALISTIC RESULTS, THE SQUEEZE AND HIT-AND-RUN PLAYS MUST NOT BE OVERUSED.