

3-2-1-RUN

Break your team up into 3 even groups.

One group will be placed at 3rd base. One group will be placed at 2nd base. (Fielding position not on the bag) One group will have helmets on and placed a home plate.

Place 3 balls on the ground evenly spaced, about 3/4 of the way from third base towards home plate.

The fielding team has a 3rd baseman and a group at 2nd base. Another team is at bat (without bats). When the coach yells, "Go", the 1st batter (runner) runs as fast as he can to 1st base and on to 2nd.

The fielder at 3rd base runs to the first ball and fields the ball with his bare hand, makes a throw to a teammate at 2nd base, then goes to the second ball and makes a throw to the same fielder at 2nd base and does the same thing with the third ball.

The object of this game is to make 3 good throws from 3rd base (third base line) to 2nd base before the runner gets to second base. If the runner gets there first, or if the fielder makes a bad throw or bad catch, the batters get 1 point (you can use any value you want). If the fielders get all 3 balls to second base before the runner gets there, no points are awarded.

Team mates waiting their turn at second base can be placed in right center field and the next guy up can be the backup for the 2nd baseman. This is a good opportunity to teach kids how to line their selves up for a backup.