## **How to play Celebrity Trivia Dice Baseball**

- 1. The game will be played between two individuals, two teams of two individuals, or an individual versus a team of two individuals.
- 2. Each side will be given the following: One pair of dice; TWO laminated dice roll outcome tables; each game will be supplied with a multi-game scoreboard scoresheet on a clipboard; each side will receive four base runners represented by vanilla or chocolate colored wooden checkers. A corrugated plastic ball field representation will be used to place and move the base runners (checkers) as the game progresses. The dice will be "rolled" into a wooden tray/box with 7" x 11" of interior space with interior sides of ¾" to prevent dice from rolling away. Dice have to be rolled with enough forward momentum so that each die hits one side of the rolling box. This ensures a legal roll and prevents fixed lay downs! The game of craps basically requires a roll against the far end of the craps table for the same reason. A felt-like material is recommended for the bottom interior of the box similar to that found on a craps table. CHECK OUT THE VIDEO OF THE GAMES PIECES JUST BELOW THIS GRAPHIC.
- 3. Home team & visitors will be determined by both sides rolling the dice with the higher roll getting to choose home or visitors. Visitors will "bat" (roll) first to start the game. Straight dice baseball simply follows the "outcome" of each roll and batters and runners move according to the table. This "straight" version is basically the luck of the roll. Trivia Dice Baseball adds skill & strategy to the game. Here is how that is accomplished:
- 4. Each side is given 9 trivia challenges to be used when a side is rolling (at bat). Here's the classic example: You have a runner (checker) on 2<sup>nd</sup> base and on 3<sup>rd</sup> base but 2 outs against you. You roll an out outcome that would normally retire your "at bat" with no runs scored. You invoke one of your trivia challenges to "earn" a do-over roll. How do you earn the do-over? Simply by answering a drawn trivia question correctly, otherwise, you lose the challenge and the original "out" roll stands. You give up the challenge even if you answer correctly. Here's the real "kicker" to the challenge. If you challenge, you have to roll immediately to see if you get a "easy" trivia question, an "average" trivia question, or a "difficult" level question. If you roll a 6, 7, or 8 you get an "easy" question, if you roll a 4,5,9,or 10 you get a moderate or average question, but if you roll a 2,3,11, or 12 then you have to answer a difficult level question. If you fail to answer your trivia question correctly you either concede the original out or retire from that inning OR you can double-down one time per inning

and invoke another challenge to see if you can win the challenge and get a hit to bring your base runners in to score. You can only double-down once in each inning! Now the final "kicker" is a good one. When you roll to determine what level of difficulty your trivia question will be, there can be an advantage to getting the more difficult levels. If you have to answer a mid-level question and do so, you get two do-over rolls if you need the extra attempt. If you are forced to answer a question from the most difficult level and answer correctly, you "earn" two additional do-over rolls if you need them. We highly recommend to not use your challenges with no base runners unless it is very late in the game. We have over 250,000 excellent trivia question and all used questions will be retired until all questions have been used. Each game needs to start with 18 trivia questions for each level of difficulty for a total of 54 unused questions. A physical Trivia Dice BB game pack comes with 200 EASY's, 150 AVERAGE's, & 100 DIFFICULT's for a total of 450 Trivia Question Cards color coded.

- 5. THIS STEP IS NOT NECESSARY!: The MS-Excel computerized version of the game supplies the user to generate a Home Celebrity 22 person roster & a Visitor's Celebrity Roster OR Home & Visitor rosters of 1960 Major League players from a 637 player database representing all of the 16 teams from the 1960 major league season. Where does the "Celebrity" part of the format come into play? This version is where the most "formal" version of Dice Baseball is played. Each side will be given a 22 person roster of various famous people, some current Celebrities, some famous dead people like most of our past Presidents. The 22 person roster will be randomly generated from our approximately 1,000 name Celebrity database that resides in the Excel spreadsheet program that produces all the forms, graphics, tables, and much more baseball related data. If you choose to play the game of Dice Baseball you will have to agree to announce each of batters just before they come to bat, track your line-up's order of appearance, and substitute available players informing your opponent(s). Celebrities are presently categorized by 17 unique notations. For example, all Celebrity women known for their beauty like Brigitte Bardot are given a "10" and the most evil infamous characters like Adolph Hitler are given a "1". The Celebrity Roster is just adding "FUN" to the game, but does not really affect how the Trivia Dice Baseball is played; it is all about the ridiculous rosters that are generated randomly by the program. If you choose to play this "Line-up" version it will slow down play.
- 6. Here's the make-up of the 22 person roster given to both sides. It takes a lot of bodies to play a "professional" game of Dice Baseball. 12 of the 22 are your players: a pitcher, a catcher, a 1<sup>st</sup> baseman, a 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman, a 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman, a shortstop, a left fielder, a center fielder, a right fielder, a designated hitter, a pinch hitter, and one

relief pitcher for a total of 12 players. What about the remaining 10 people on the roster of 22? Each roster has a manager of the team, an owner of the team, a 1<sup>st</sup> base coach, a 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach, a head cheerleader and two assistants, a team broadcaster, and each team is responsible for providing 2 umpires to complete the 4 umpire crew assigned to the game. The Dice Baseball software can even generate an entire random roster of a single category of Celebrity. For example, you could request a roster of all "10's" or of all infamously evil people. Early on we tried for all 10's but did not have enough candidates to fill out two full rosters. We had to round up a dozen or so more to produce a truly "10" rated game! Here's graphics of the HOME & VISITORS rosters that I randomly generated for this informative piece on Celebrity Trivia Dice Baseball.

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## **Examples of top level of difficulty trivia questions:**

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Example of easiest level of trivia questions:

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This rocky British crown colony is known as "Gib" for short_EAP_"G"EOGRAPHY	State of matter a substance is in after it's gone through evaporation_EAP_SIMPLE SCIENCE	"Body Heat"_EAP_ACTRESSES' FIRST FILMS							
Gibraltar	gaseous	Kathleen Turner							
Examples of moderate level of difficulty:									
Literary sisters whose elder sisters Maria and Elizabeth died at ages 11 & 10, respectively_CHLNG_LITER ARY RELATIVES	Italian pie shack_CHLNG_FAST FOOD CHAINS IN OTHER WORDS	Car lovers go to San Bernardino, home of the Route 66 Rendezvous festival in this state_CHLNG_ROUTE 66 REVISITED							
The Bronte Sisters	Pizza Hut	California							

I hope that this was enough information to give the reader a feel for the full potential of playing Celebrity Trivia Dice Baseball in a future tournament format. That format will guarantee within one inning the same amount of play for every participant. We will test market the concept to see if 35 or 36 innings is the right amount of play to give everyone who enters the tournament. Stay tuned and check out my YouTube channel "The Undertaker Navigator" and my most recent video on "How Dice Baseball was created in 1960 by three 12-year-olds out of boredom!"

Sincerely,

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(Emily and Charlotte)

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I have run over 200 sanctioned tennis tournament including The USPTA and PTR national teaching pro tournaments a combined 11 times utilizing my own tournament software written in the early 1990's. My latest project is Celebrity Trivia Dice BB.