

**RULES OF TOWN BALL**  
**compiled and adapted for Waynesboro At War**

Four Bases (wooden stakes, projecting four feet from the ground) forming a square shall constitute a Round.

The distance between each Base shall be sixty feet.

The Striker shall stand inside of a space of four feet in diameter, at equal distance between the first and fourth Bases.

The Thrower shall stand thirty-five feet from and on a parallel line with the Striker.

The Catcher shall not enter within the space occupied by the Striker, and must remain upon his feet in all cases while catching the Ball.

The Fielders may take their places anywhere that does not impede a Runner from taking a direct route from Base to Base, nor interferes with the Thrower's delivery of the Ball to the Striker.

The Ball may be thrown or pitched, at a slow speed, to the Bat, on the side preferred by the Striker, and within reach of his Bat, in a manner to assist the Striker in hitting the Ball.

There is no foul territory. Anytime the thrown Ball touches the Bat, the Ball is in play and the Striker is liable to be put Out.

The Ball may be caught flying or on the first bounce. The Fielder must remain on his feet after the catch. Diving catches are not permissible, and the Ball remains in play if the Fielder fails to stay on his feet.

The Ball being struck at three times and missed, and caught each time by the Catcher of the opposite team, the Striker shall be considered Out.

Or, if the Ball be ticked or knocked, and caught on the opposite side, the Striker shall be considered Out.

But if the Ball is not caught after being struck at three times, it shall be considered a Knock, and the Striker obliged to run.

A Player, having possession of the first Base, when the Ball is struck by the succeeding Player, must vacate the Base, even at the risk of being put Out.

If a Player, while running the Bases, is hit with the Ball thrown by one of the opposite side (Soaked), before he has touched the Home Bound, while off a Base, he shall be considered Out.

If a Player is touched with the Ball by one of the opposite side, before he has touched the Home Bound, while off a Base, he shall be considered Out.

A Player, after running the four Bases in consecutive order, on making the Home Bound, shall be entitled to one Tally. Runners are not obligated to take a direct course between the Bases.

Tallies made prior to a Catch or Soak will be counted.

In playing all match games, when one is Out, the side shall be considered Out, and the sides change place.

When an agreed-upon number of tallies is reached the match is declared for the side first to reach the goal, provided the sides have batted an equal number of times.

Players must take their Knocks in the order in which they are numbered; and after the first Inning is played, the turn will commence with the Player succeeding the one who was put Out in the previous Inning.

