

# DEADBALL

## Baseball With Dice

Happy Holidays!

I'm W.M. Akers. If you're reading this, it's because you're about to play Deadball: Baseball With Dice. Someone in your life has printed up scoresheets, laid out the dice, and they're going to teach you to play a game that will change your life—or at least your afternoon—forever.

Today we're hosting a holiday tournament between four legendary teams: the Murderville Sleuths, the Frisco Fatales, the Silent Knights, and an as-yet-nameless team that you and your loved one will build together. To start playing, grab the scoresheet for Semi Final 1. Your team already has all their relevant stats—all you need to do is fill in their names. These could be your favorite baseball players or fictional characters, admired historical figures or beloved relatives. Don't worry about filling out the bench or bullpen—for the purposes of this tournament, players don't get hurt or tired, so there's no need for substitutions.

You and your fellow player can play against each other or on the same team. The rules they teach you may seem strange, but I promise—if you love baseball, you will love this game. Around the third or fourth inning, the rules will click. You'll write “4-6-3” on your scoresheet, and instead of numbers, you'll see a lightning-fast double play, turned fast enough to end the inning and send the crowd leaping to its feet. For a moment, you'll be at the ballpark with someone who cares about you, and as far as I'm concerned, that counts as a holiday miracle.

Enjoy the game!

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