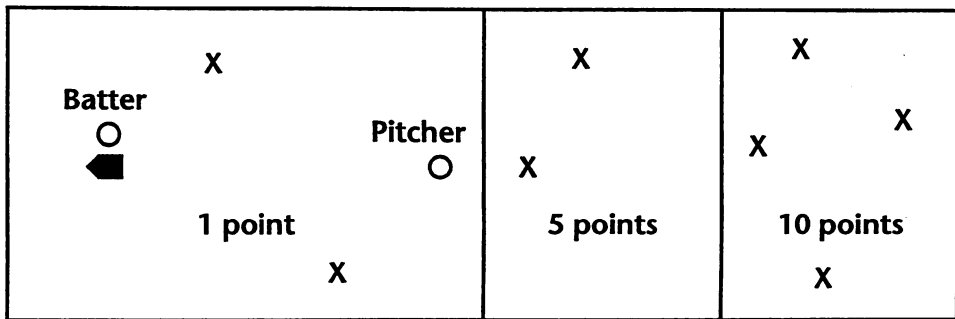


# Score Ball

This variation of baseball is a great equalizer of talent—nonathletic players do as well as athletes. Mark an indoor or outdoor playing area into zones as per the diagram below. Get a bat and three Nerf balls of different colors.

Divide your group into two teams. Have the fielding team spread out in the field. Score Ball is played this way:

- A batter gets only three pitches. Three strikes put him or her out, as does a fly ball that a fielder catches.
- The three colored balls are pitched in the same sequence for each batter. The first pitch (e.g., the red ball) is worth one point if it is hit; the second (yellow), two points; the third (blue), three points. Using colored balls makes it easy to keep track of the points. A batter may choose either to hit any ball or to wait for the second or third pitch. The batter may score only once each turn at bat.
- The point value of a hit ball is multiplied by the point value of the zone it lands in (see diagram). For example, if a player hits the second pitch (two points) into the middle zone (five points), she or he earns ten points for her or his team. A hit, therefore, can earn from one to thirty points. Play as many innings as you like.



X = Defensive players