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Introduction to Softball

Abner Doubleday, of Cooperstown, New York, is credited with developing the game of baseball in 1839. There was a variation of the game, however, played in America in the late 1700's. Until shortly after the Civil War, the game was played only by amateurs. The first true major league (National League) was formed in 1876.

Softball is a variation of baseball. It was invented to provide a more recreational and coed sport for all ages and sizes. Softball's original name was "Playground Ball," since it was the favorite of many recreational centers and schools.

Evaluation

Evaluations will be made of each student's performance level by observing them in the following drills:

- Throwing and catching with a glove
- Pitching underhand
- Standing in the correct position for batting

Students will be tested on softball rules (10 questions).