

## **Interval Baseball Hitting Program**

| Phase                     | Step   | Criteria for Progression  |
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| Phase 1                   | Step 1 | Tee set-up: ball placement middle of plate and at waist height  |
| Basic: Hitting off of Tee |        | Perform 25 swings at 50% of effort  |
|                           |        | Concentration should be placed on addressing mechanics of the baseball swing  |
|                           | Step 2 | Tee set-up at waist height  |
|                           |        | 50% effort  |
|                           |        | 15 swings middle of plate   |
|                           |        | 15 swings tee set-up inside corner of plate   |
|                           |        | 15 swings tee set-up outside corner plate   |
|                           | Step 3 | Tee set-up at waist height  |
|                           |        | 75% effort  |
|                           |        | 15 swings middle of plate   |
|                           |        | 15 swings tee set-up inside of plate  |
|                           |        | 15 swings tee set-up outside of plate   |
|                           | Step 4 | 75% effort  |
|                           |        | <ol> <li>swings middle of plate consisting of:         <ol> <li>5 swings letter/chest height</li> <li>10 swings waist height</li> <li>5 swings just above knees</li> </ol> </li> <li>swings inside corner of plate consisting of:         <ol> <li>5 swings letter/chest height</li> <li>10 swings waist height</li> <li>5 swings just above knees</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |
|                           |        | 20 swings outside corner plate consisting of: 1. 5 swings letter/chest height 2. 10 swings waist height 3. 5 swings just above knees  |



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|  | Step 5 | Repeat Step 4   |
|  |        | 90%-95% effort  |
|  |        | 20 swings middle of plate consisting of: 1. 5 swings letter/chest height 2. 10 swings waist height 3. 5 swings just above knees                 |
|  |        | 20 wings inside corner of plate consisting of: 1. 5 swings letter/chest height 2. 10 swings waist height 3. 5 swings just above knees           |
|  |        | 20 swings outside corner plate consisting of: 1. 5 swings letter/chest height 2. 10 swings waist height 3. 5 swings just above knees            |
| Phase 2 Basic: Soft Toss   | Step 6 | Soft toss (underhand toss) 25 swings at 50% effort with partner, set-up at 45 degrees away from hitter. Hitter will be hitting into net or cage |
| *prior to performing each step in phase 2, perform<br>10-15 swings off of tee as a warm-up |        | Placement of ball should be at waist and middle of plate  |
|  |        | Concentration should be placed on addressing mechanics of the baseball swing  |
|  | Step 7 | 50% effort  |
|  |        | 10 swings with ball placed at waist height & middle of plate  |
|  |        | 10 swings with ball placed at letters height & middle of plate  |
|  |        | 10 swings with ball placed just above the knee & middle of plate  |
|  | Step 8 | Repeat Step 7   |
|  |        | 75% effort  |
|  |        | 10 swings with ball placed at waist height & middle of plate  |
|  |        | 10 swings with ball placed at letters height & middle of plate  |
|  |        | 10 swings with ball placed just above the knee & middle of plate  |



|   | Step 9  | 75% effort   |
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|   |         | 30 swings middle of plate consisting of: 1. 10 swings waist height, middle of plate 2. 10 swings ball chest/letters height, middle   |
|   |         | plate 3. 10 swings ball just above knees, middle of plate  |
|   |         | 10 swings with ball placed for outside corner  |
|   |         | 10 swings with ball placed for inside corner   |
|   | Step 10 | 90%-95% effort   |
|   |         | 30 swings middle of plate consisting of: 1. 10 swings waist height, middle of plate 2. 10 swings ball chest/letters height, middle of plate 3. 10 swing ball just above knees, middle of plate |
|   |         | 15 swings with ball placed for outside corner  |
|   |         | 15 swings with ball placed for inside corner   |
| Phase 3  Basic: Simulated Hitting  *prior to performing each step in phase 3, perform | Step 11 | This phase should be performed in a batting cage or on the field   |
|   |         | 30 swings of fastballs consisting of: 10 inside, 10 outside, 10 middle of plate  |
| 10-15 swings of soft-toss   |         | Height of pitch can be left randomized   |
| *the partner should use an "L" screen for protection                                  |         | Perform at 50% effort  |
|   | Step 12 | 75% effort   |
|   |         | In cage/on field   |
|   |         | 25 swings against fastballs; randomized placement  |
|   |         | 15 swings at change-ups; randomized placement  |
|   | Step 13 | 75% effort   |
|   |         | In cage/on field   |
|   |         | 25 swings against fastballs; randomized placement  |
|   |         | 15 swings against change-ups; randomized placement   |
|   |         | For ages 14 and above add in 15 swings against curveballs  |



| Step 14 | 90%-100% effort   |
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|         | 25 swings against fastball; randomize placement           |
|         | 15 swings against change-ups; randomized placement        |
|         | For ages 14 and above add in 15 swings against curveballs |