**Water Balloon Baseball**

**Materials**

* Lots of filled water balloons
* Bucket
* Plastic baseball bat
* Optional: hula hoops for bases
* Optional: orange cone for t-ball
* Optional: slip-and-slide

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**Steps**

1. Set up the playing field as a standard baseball diamond, using hula hoops as bases (optional).
2. Place a bucket of filled water balloons on the "pitcher's mound."
3. One person at a time stands at "home plate" to bat.
   * The pitcher throws one balloon at a time to the batter.
   * The pitcher throws balloons until the batter hits and breaks one.
   * Alternatively, use an orange cone for t-ball.
4. After the batter hits and breaks a balloon, they run to first base.
   * As they run, the pitcher tries to tag them with a balloon before they get to first base.
   * The pitcher gets one throw per base (one throw from home to 1st, one throw from 1st to 2nd, etc).
   * If the water balloon hits the runner, they are out.  If the water balloon misses the runner, they keep running.
   * The runner can choose to run to the next base or stay on the base they are on.
5. If the runner gets all the way back to home base without being hit by a water balloon, they get a run.
   * Optional:  Use a slip-and-slide for sliding to home base.
   * Keep score if you'd like, or just play for fun!

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**Variation**

1. Instead of playing a game of baseball, set up for batting practice:
   * Place a bucket of filled water balloons on the "pitcher's mound."
   * One person at a time stands at "home plate" to bat.
   * The pitcher throws one balloon at a time to the batter.
   * The pitcher throws balloons until the batter hits and breaks one.
   * Optional:  Whoever breaks the most balloons wins.