Blocking Pitches Drill

Purpose

To work on pitched balls that are low in the dirt.

Equipment:

Tennis ball (or another type of softer ball), catcher's gear

Procedure

• Using a tennis ball, the coach stands 10 feet from the catcher and throws short hops in the dirt to simulate pitches.

Key Points

• Have catchers catch the ball with their body instead of blocking it rigidly and having it bounce far out of reach.