## Daily Flat Ground Work



Skill Set: Pitching

Difficulty Level: Easy

Number of Athletes and Coaches: 1-2 athletes and 1 coach, or 2 athletes as partners (all pitchers)

Average Time to Complete: 5 minutes

Equipment Required: Gloves and balls

## Goal: Prepare arm for pitching by going through a proper warm up routine

## **Description of the Drill:**

- This progression is to be done after the "Interval Throwing" program
- Players in partners spread out along the right or left field foul line, 45 to 55 feet from partners
- Partners go through the following flat ground work together:
  - o <u>Strikes</u>
    - Players should throw strikes to each other
    - Each partner should throw 10 strikes, and then switch
- The focus should be on the feel of pitches, the command of the fastball side to side, and the location of pitches

## Add Difficulty:

- To add a degree of difficulty, when players are throwing strikes, have them hit the following spots:
  - o <u>5 Spots</u>
    - Players should throw a pitch to each of the 5 spots (up and in, up and out, down and in, down and middle off-speed, and down and away) calling out which one they are throwing to before they pitch
    - If the player misses a spot, they must attempt to hit the spot with the next pitch

