## **Nose Behind Ball**



Skill Set: Catching

Difficulty Level: Medium

Number of Athletes and Coaches: 1 athlete and 1 coach, or 2 athletes as partners

Average Time to Complete: 5 minutes

**Equipment Required:** Catcher's gear, bucket of baseballs (at least 10)

# Goal: Keep nose behind the ball and track the ball all the way to the glove

#### **Description of the Drill:**

- Catcher in full gear in catching position (home plate optional)
- Coach/partner with bucket of baseballs 20 feet in front of the catcher
- Coach/partner throws the catcher the baseballs one at a time varying locations
- Catcher catches each ball in front of their nose, moving down or up to get behind the pitch
- Catcher should shift their weight to be behind the ball
- Catcher places each tennis ball off to the side and gets ready to receive the next throw

### Add Difficulty:

• To add a degree of difficulty, the coach or partner can vary pitches, challenging the catcher.

#### Layout of Drill (home plate is optional):

