**8.0 Advancements in Baseball**

**GRADES 6th-8th**

**Pitching**

Rate your pitches: best to worst. Explain your reasoning.

**Swinging**

Rate your swings/hit: best to worst. Explain your reasoning.

**Problem:** In Baseball, comprehensive skills (swinging and pitching) happen more quickly than we can see and analyze. How can coaches and players better analyze their skills?

Brainstorm a list of criteria and constraints with students and display below:

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| Criteria | Constraints |
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After review of Performance Technology:

**Pitching**

Rate your pitches: best to worst. Explain your reasoning. What evidence did you collect from the technology?

**Swinging**

Rate your swings/hits: best to worst. Explain your reasoning. What evidence did you collect from the technology?

Which is the best solution to the problem that coaches and players need a better way to analyze their skills: GamePlan Technology, Performance Technology or a redesign? These questions will help support your writing: Which technology – GamePlan or Performance Technology – better supports a player improving their skills? What are the similarities and differences from each technology? How do both technologies meet or not meet the criteria/constraints brainstormed in the Explain section? What improvements would you make to both technologies?

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