

# **DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES**

NOTE: THESE ARE JUST GUIDELINES AND OTHER ISSUES OCCURING THROUGHOUT A BALLGAME MAY CAUSE WARNINGS TO BE VOIDED AND EJECTIONS LIKELY.

# INTENTIONAL PROFANITY-

- KEEP IT INSIDE THE FENCES- DON'T LET SPECTATORS HEAR IT.
- o SAID IN DISGUST- DON'T REPEAT IT.
  - UMPIRE MAY ASK- WHAT DID YOU SAY? "I SLIPPED" IS THE IDEAL RESPONSE. REPETITIVE OFFENSES MAY REQUIRE A TEAM WARNING WHICH WOULD THEN CAUSE AN AUTOMATIC EJECTION ON THE NEXT OFFENSE.
  - DO NOT DIRECT IT AT ANOTHER PLAYER OR UMPIRE.
  - NOTIFY PLAYERS OF WHAT THE PENALTY CAN BE FOR USE OF PROFANITY.
  - DON'T MAKE ANY COMMENTS PERSONAL
    - "THAT CALL SUCKS"
    - "YOU SUCK"- EJECTION

## INTENTIONALLY THROWING BATS-

WHEN DONE WITH FORCE AGAINST A FENCE OR OUT OF THE FIELD OF PLAY, WHERE IT COULD INJURE SOMEONE WATCHING OR PLAYING.

✓ PROBABLY AUTOMATIC EJECTION

#### INTENTIONAL FAKE TAGS-

- > DONE TO CAUSE A RUNNER TO SLOW DOWN FROM ADVANCING BASES.
- > IF THE RUNNER IS FORCED TO SLIDE EJECTION
- > RUNNER SLOWS UP OR STOPS OBSTRUCTION WITH WARNING.

## FIGHTING-

- **❖ PUNCHES THROWN- AUTOMATIC EJECTION**
- **❖** IF YOU CANNOT HELP BREAK IT UP WITHOUT CAUSING MORE ALTERCATIONS- STAY OUT OF THE ISSUE.

#### ARGUING WITH AN UMPIRE-

IF YOU DON'T LIKE A CALL- MAKE ONE COMMENT AND LET IT GO- REPEATED DIALOGUE PUTS YOU AT RISK FOR EJECTION.

# LET THE MANAGER HANDLE IT- PROFESSIONALLY

- > AS A MANAGER- TALK TO THE UMPIRE DON'T CHARGE OR YELL AS NOTHING WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED.
- > TALKING TO THE UMPIRE IN A CIVIL TONE WILL GET YOUR POINT ACROSS AND YOU WILL GET A BETTER RESPONSE.
- > IF A PLAYER STARTS AN ISSUE GET IN THERE AS A MANAGER AND GET THE PLAYER OUT OF THERE AND HANDLE THE ISSUE PROPERLY. KEEP EMOTIONS IN CHECK DURING THIS DISCUSSION.