

# BYB - THIRD BASE

## SEVENTH INNING STRETCH

*Tournament Play - This is a HUGE deal! Competition should be fun, and usually is, until some adults get involved! Think about it - adults understand the strategy behind plays, the motivations of coaches and parents, and the adults who participate and volunteer their time for the team obviously have a heartfelt and vested interest in the win! **BUT LETS STAY FOCUSED** - whether their teams win or lose, we want our players to ENJOY THE GAME we love!*

### THIS IS WHEN THE GAME SHOULD GET REALLY FUN - DON'T LET MISGUIDED INTENSITY RUIN IT FOR YOUR TEAM

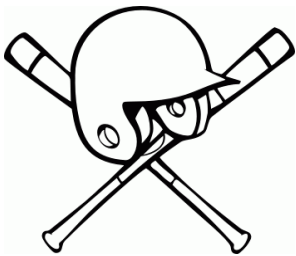
KEEP YOUR COOL :The best way to keep your cool as a coach when faced with a tough situation in tournament play =



### **PUT YOURSELF IN THEIR CLEATS**

### **DON'T FORGET**

- make sure your scorekeeper is keeping *pitch counts* in baseball tournament games please!
- acquaint yourself with the tournament rules - if you have a question about rules, get clarification BEFORE your game
- Pay attention to the names and abilities of players on OTHER teams - as a manager you will need to go into the All Star Managers Meeting knowledgeable about more players than just your own team's players
- Reread the code of conduct
- CLOSING DAY CEREMONIES: May 21, 2016 approx. 2:30 p.m.

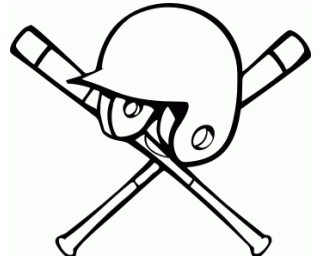


**PROVEN FACT:** Umpires are people, too!

**PROVEN FACT:** Parents are people, too.

**PROVEN FACT:** Coaches are people, too.

**PROVEN FACT:** PLAYERS are IMPRESSIONABLE people, too.



**PROVEN FACT:** Board Members are...well, we're not sure, but we do know they want you ALL to enjoy your BYB experience



**Catching some heat:** Did you know 60% of parents asked in a national survey said they had witnessed or participated in abusive sideline behavior of players, coaches or officials. Yet only 1/3 of coaches surveyed confront their parents about poor spectator behavior because they feel their hands are tied, or that it's not their job, or that it won't matter. But it will! Be the example, don't allow the negative sideline chatter, and remember that YOU the MANGER or COACH run the risk of being ejected along with them! If you can't find the right words to calm down your bleachers full of parents, then find a coach or parent who will - or use your team mom.

THANK YOU MANAGERS & COACHES FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PLAYERS.

REMEMBER THEY WANT TO PLEASE YOU AND MAKE YOU PROUD.