

## **Idaho District 2 Thrown Bat Policy**

The definition of a thrown bat is an unsafe, uncontrolled release of the bat after a swing. This is a judgment call by the umpire. Use common sense when making this call. The first offence by a team is a warning to the whole team (through the manager). A warning to one team does not affect the other team. They still get one warning of their own when they have their first thrown bat. When a bat is thrown after, the team has been warned wait until all play has stopped then call time. Go to the manager of that team and explain that there was another thrown bat and that he should remove the player that threw the bat. If he/she refuses to, explain that if he/she does not then you will have to in which case it becomes an official ejection and the player will have to sit out another game because ejections affect the next game too. If the team does not have a legal substitute available then follow the ejection rule and have the other team choose a player that is not in the game to replace him/her. If the team has only nine players, the game is over and the board of directors will decide if and when it should be finished.