**CHANGING BASES:**

**The county now requires associations to PULL ALL BASES EVERY NIGHT. Bases must be put in the home dugout, and base plugs should be placed in each anchor. Base plugs and dig-out tools are located in the home dugout.**

**Very Important: Dirt falling into the base anchor can cause the base to become jammed. Anchors must stay clean of dirt, as much as possible. Jammed bases usually must be dug up and discarded - very hard work and expensive.**

Pinto and Shetland: Double first bases are more difficult and best to have two people pull or re-set. Grab base sides even with anchor posts.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. **TAP CORNERS OF BASE** with toe to loosen – base must **move laterally** about an inch back and forth before trying to pull base - dirt needs to fall into bottom of anchor – otherwise you may pull up entire anchor, making base permanently unusable.

2. **USE DIG-OUT TOOL** to clean out dirt about 8” deep in anchors **every time, pulling or installing bases**. Smooth surrounding dirt to be level.

3. **CHANGE BASE** without forcing base out or in.

4. **REPLACE PLUGS.**

**PLEASE, NEVER:**

Let kids change bases. They don’t know how to do this.

Pull base upward before getting it to move laterally. Can cause anchor to come up.

Fail to clean out anchor 2” deeper than base post length – usually 8” deep before setting base into it. Two fingers digging can’t get it done!

Jump on base to force into anchor. Can cost hundreds of dollars (new set of bases).

**NEVER GO OUT TO INSTALL A BASE WITHOUT A DIG OUT TOOL!**

**The base anchor design requires dirt to fall down into the bottom of the anchor, freeing the base post, allowing the base to be removed freely. The anchor needs to be cleaned out, about 8” deep, every time it is installed.**

**THANK YOU!** 2/22