

HANDLING SITUATIONS

TYPES OF SITUATIONS:

1. IMMEDIATE EJECTION
 - Language ("You're ")
 - Gesture
 - Bump [Deliberate, intentional contact with the umpire. Distinguish from incidental contact.]
 - Violent throwing of equipment.

2. IGNORE
 - Remarks like: "Shake yourself!"
"Bring it up!"
"Bear down!"

3. RESPOND

4. OTHERS
 - [Leaving position and] arguing balls and strikes.—Get warning in.
 - Arguing check swing—Get warning in.

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Young umpires need to learn when it's time to say something back and when to let it go Without saying anything.

*Many young umpires have a difficult time deciding "How much 'crap' should I take on the field?" They MISTAKENLY believe that the only way to gain and command RESPECT on the field is not to take ANY crap. **WRONG!!***

RESPECT is gained through showing hard, dedicated work on the field and handling situations in a firm, fair, courteous manner—knowing when to keep quiet (not respond), when to answer back, and at what point to become more aggressive.

Always self-analyze the situation later to see if you have responded (or not responded) as the situation dictated (i.e., were you assertive enough? Were you too aggressive? Did you become more assertive at the right moment? Did you match your "intensity level" with the level of the situation? etc.)

PHRASES TO AVOID IN SITUATIONS

Certain phrases are like adding gas to the fire and only incite things further. Some phrases automatically put the offender on the defensive and make things worse. Avoid all irritating or *sarcastic remarks, as this is only asking for trouble.*

AVOID	USE INSTEAD
"One more word and you're done."	"Knock it off I don't want to hear any more."
"You control them or I will."	"I'm telling you I don't want to hear any more of that off the bench!"
"Shut up."	"Knock it off."
"Swing the **#@* bat."	"Good pitch; let's go."
"That will cost you!"	"You're on report for throwing your
"I've got you now!"	"Let's go; don't make things any worse than <u>they already are.</u> "
"If you've got something to say, come out here and say it."	"Knock it off in there."
"You just drew your own strike zone." [Batter drew a line.]*	"Don't ever draw a line and show me up <u>like that again.</u> " [And if he does, eject him.]
"Don't show me up."	"Don't be doing that out here."

*There is no rule or regulation that says that a batter MUST be ejected for drawing a line.