

## **BASE UMPIRE TAKING OWN PLAYS**

There has been considerable discussion in the past couple of years of changing the mechanic for base umpires in a two man system.

In the past, the thinking is that if the base umpire, usually from the B or C position, has a play at first in which he is unsure of a pulled foot or sweep tag, the umpire is to ask for help from his partner before making a call.

More and more umpire groups are changing this mechanic to require that the base umpire make a call the best he can, before asking for help. The reasoning is that each umpire has his own responsibilities and should perform them to the best of his ability.

Although CBUA does not have a policy to this effect, it is strongly urged that each CBUA unit adopt this mechanic for use not only in a two man system, but in multiple base umpire systems as well.