

## **The Most Vulnerable Times For an Umpire**

Umpiring at all levels of baseball requires constant vigilance and concentration. Trouble can break out at anytime. Below are listed the most probable times an umpire's concentration might waver.

1. In the first inning
2. With two outs in any inning
3. After a close call on a play
4. After an argument or conflict
5. After a pitching change
6. After a big inning
7. When a game becomes a blowout
8. After a GREAT or after a BAD call by either you or your partner
9. During threatening weather
10. Resuming a game after a rain delay
11. The last two innings of a game
12. When the game is moving very slowly

Good umpires are aware of situations that may lead to a breakdown in concentration.