



## **MYBA Hot Stove Mission Statement**

The mission for the Medina Hot Stove Baseball Division is to develop younger players for high school level baseball; provide older players the opportunity to continue playing the game of baseball at a competitive level; and, provide managers with flexibility in management style.

Developing younger players requires a league that tempers the intensity of the schedule to assure longevity in participation. Here, it is recognized that tempered intensity sacrifices the ability to successfully compete at the highest levels available today in youth baseball. However, tempered intensity provides the greatest opportunity for player's continued participation into the High School ages. So we balance the issue of developing young talent by providing enough experience to be competitive at the older age but not so much that they no longer desire to compete at the older age.

For the player, Hot Stove is for players who desire a higher degree of play, beyond a recreational league. A higher degree of commitment is also asked of each player and parent. Hot Stove will strive to develop the skills our young athletes will need for the next level of baseball and for successful everyday living as well. Consistent with the American Baseball Coaches Association Statement on Sportsmanship, Hot Stove will place the highest priority on teaching and modeling the moral and ethical values of HONESTY, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, DISCIPLINE, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, FAIRNESS, AND LOYALTY.

This mission and these ideals yield an objective to provide the opportunity for participation in a sanctioned league: (1) that offers coaches and players greater competition than that from only a community-based league of teams and offers a year-end tournament bracketing all sanctioned members; (2) in which a team can be successful in such league without a year-round commitment to the game of baseball; and, (3) that provides the greatest latitude for managers to run teams with independence and personal preference and having a player selection process that affords the opportunity to match player interests with manager interests.