



Offensive Keys to Winning a Championship

1. **Come ready to play**..... Don't have a concern of WHO we are playing or WHERE or WHEN we are playing, BUT WHY we are playing.... and that is to win and to get better.
2. **Have confidence, but realize hitting is a game of failure**..... If a hitter can successfully get a base hit 3 out of 10 times he can make millions of dollars per year.
3. **Adjust to the adversity**.... whether it's a bad inning, bad weather, bad umpiring, etc. **NO EXCUSES!**
4. **Earn at least 8 "freebies" per game**.... This includes base on balls, hit by pitches, routine plays errors, extra bases, missing cut offs, balks, etc.
5. **Leadoff hitters getting on base**.... This is the key to having "crooked number" innings scoring numerous runs and then buying into the "Big 5" rule after scoring 2 or more runs. This means getting out to the field quickly after a big inning and only allowing five minutes for the offensive team to hit making them get back out on defense where they just were five minutes before.
6. **Hitters working counts**.... and taking pitches when ahead in the count and nobody is on base.
7. **Successful Situational hitting**... bunting, hit and running, moving runners up, hitting backside, two strike hitting, etc.
8. **Clutch hitting with runners in scoring position**.... teams that win championships have hitters that come through when the game is on the line.
9. **Having a "killer instinct" and putting teams away**.... after working to build a lead to keep the lead and build on it more.
10. **Buying "insurance runs" late in the game**.... in a close game it's very important to get that extra run.