

## 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Defense – Play “Red” – C and MIF Read

1. Coaches Sign – Red
2. Catcher comes out calls out “1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>”, signals defense, “Red”. Uses decoy touches. “Red” means the priority is the runner at 3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. When ball passes the batter, 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman moves to 3<sup>rd</sup> base and puts up arms if he wants the ball. Catcher peeks quickly. If there is no play at third, throw through to 2<sup>nd</sup>.
4. Off infielder, covers bag and watches third base runner out of corner of eye. If no break at 3<sup>rd</sup>, tags baserunner at 2<sup>nd</sup>. If runner at 3<sup>rd</sup> breaks, infielder attacks ball towards catcher and returns the throw for an out.

