



2020 NFHS Baseball Exam I

NOTE: In the exam situations, F refers to a fielder, B refers to a batter and R refers to a runner. All situations and acts are legal, and no errors or mistakes are involved unless otherwise noted.

1. The batter comes to the plate in the first inning with a wrapping on the knob on his bat. The batter shall be:
 - A. Called out upon entering the batter's box.
 - B. Shall be ejected.
 - C. Allowed to use the bat provided it does not cause the knob to become flush with the bat.
 - D. provide the umpire with the bat for inspection and approval for use.

2. Any question regarding legality of a player's equipment:
 - A. Shall be resolved by the player's respective head coach.
 - B. Shall be resolved by the concurrence of both head coaches.
 - C. Shall be resolved by the umpire-in-chief.
 - D. Shall be resolved by the concurrence of the opposing head coach and the umpire-in-chief.

3. Defective equipment must be repaired or replaced:
 - A. When a natural pause in the game occurs.
 - B. Before the start of the next half-inning.
 - C. Immediately.
 - D. When a player is able to get around to it.

4. Failure by a player to wear proper equipment after being so ordered by the umpire shall result in:
 - A. The player being restricted to the bench.
 - B. The player being ejected.
 - C. The coach being restricted to the bench.
 - D. The coach being ejected.

5. First and third bases shall be 90 feet from home plate measured:
 - A. From the front of the base to the front edge of home plate.
 - B. From the middle of the base to the middle of home plate.
 - C. From the back edge of the base to the apex of home plate.
 - D. From the back edge of the base to the front edge of home plate.

6. High school baseballs shall consist of the following:
- A. Core of cork, rubber or similar material and be covered with two strips of white horsehide or white cowhide and shall bear the NFHS Authenticating Mark.
 - B. Core of cork, rubber or similar material and be covered with two strips of white horsehide or white cowhide and shall bear the USA Baseball Authenticating Mark.
 - C. Core of cork, rubber or similar material and be covered with two strips of white horsehide or white cowhide and shall bear the NOCSAE Authenticating Mark.
 - D. Both A & C.
7. Lineups become official:
- A. When the head coaches present them to the plate umpire.
 - B. When the head coaches exchange the cards with each other.
 - C. When the plate umpire announces "Play Ball" to start the game.
 - D. After the lineup cards have been exchanged, verified and then accepted by the umpire during the pregame conference.
8. The pitcher, second baseman and shortstop may wear face/head protection:
- A. If it meets NOCSAE standards.
 - B. If it is acceptable to have a mirror-like surface.
 - C. If it is accompanied by a note from a parent/guardian.
 - D. If it does not have a mirror-like surface.
9. Baseballs used for competition only have to have the NFHS Authenticating Mark on the ball to be compliant.
- A. Yes, as long as the NFHS Authenticating Mark is on the ball.
 - B. No, the SEI/NOCSAE mark is also required to be on the baseball. So there are two marks on the baseball.
 - C. No, only the SEI/NOCSAE mark is required on the baseball.
 - D. No, there are no requirements for baseballs used for practice.
10. A fair ball is a batted ball which:
- A. Touches first, second or third base.
 - B. While on or over fair territory, touches the person of an umpire or player, their clothing or equipment.
 - C. Settles on the third-base foul line between home and third.
 - D. All of the above
11. A fielder will be considered to have caught a ball in flight when:
- A. He has secured the ball in his cap.
 - B. He has the ball in his glove for two steps before accidentally dropping the ball.
 - C. He has secured possession in foul ground and then steps with both feet into his dugout.
 - D. The batted ball in flight caromed off a runner and was secured by the fielder before touching the ground.

12. A foul tip is a batted ball that goes directly to the catcher's hands and:
- A. Is legally caught by any infielder.
 - B. Is a strike and the ball is in play.
 - C. Is legally caught by only the catcher.
 - D. Both B and C.
13. A starting player, who has been removed from the game once, accidentally re-enters in the wrong position in the batting order. He is considered to be:
- A. A legal substitute.
 - B. An unreported substitute.
 - C. An illegal substitute.
 - D. Batting out of order.
14. An infield fly is a fair fly that:
- A. Includes an attempted bunt.
 - B. Is caught only by an infielder.
 - C. Is declared only when there is one out and the bases are loaded.
 - D. None of the above.
15. Offensive malicious contact is defined as being:
- A. Obstruction.
 - B. Interference.
 - C. Depends on what runner committed the act.
 - D. Nothing.
16. Player White, the next batter, is 4 for 4 in the game with two home runs and the head coach wants to put him on base. In order to give the batter an intentional base on balls:
- A. The pitcher must pitch four "balls" to the batter.
 - B. The head coach may request the umpire to award the batter first base on any ball-and-strike count.
 - C. The request may only be made before pitching to the batter.
 - D. Only the catcher or pitcher may ask that the batter be awarded first base.
17. When a runner creates malicious contact with any fielder:
- A. It is considered to be offensive interference.
 - B. It is considered to be offensive interference only if the fielder did not have possession of the baseball.
 - C. It is considered to be offensive interference only if the fielder was positioned out of the baseline.
 - D. The ball is still in play until all playing action is complete.

18. With R2 on second base, B3 swings and misses the pitch for strike two. His follow-through hits F2 while he is attempting to throw out R2, who successfully steals third base.
- A. There is no interference, the play stands.
 - B. This is follow-through interference; R2 is declared out.
 - C. This is follow-through interference; both R2 and B3 are declared out.
 - D. This is follow-through interference, B3 is declared out and R2 is returned to second base.
19. With R3 on third base, B2 takes a practice swing that contacts the catcher's glove. The pitcher was still in the process of getting his sign from the catcher and had not started any motion to pitch.
- A. Time should be declared by the plate umpire.
 - B. All players should be given the opportunity to reset in their positions.
 - C. The batter is declared out.
 - D. A and B
20. A coach who is not in the uniform of the team:
- A. Is allowed to coach on the field.
 - B. Is not allowed to be on the field or in the dugout.
 - C. Is technically ejected following the plate conference.
 - D. Is restricted to the bench/dugout.
21. A coach, restricted to the bench for the balance of the game, may:
- A. Not have a charged conference with his team at any time.
 - B. Have a charged conference on the field of play, just as he could before he was restricted.
 - C. Have a charged conference only when the other team has been granted one.
 - D. May have a charged conference - offense or defense - in the dugout/bench area.
22. A player has a small amount of blood on his pants at his knee.
- A. The pants must be cleaned or changed before the player participates again.
 - B. Since the amount of blood is not excessive, the player may continue to play.
 - C. If the blood is not fresh, the player may continue to participate.
 - D. The player must be removed from the game and cannot return to the game.
23. A runner who was tagged out on a play that was determined to be malicious contact by a defensive player:
- A. Is declared safe and awarded two bases.
 - B. Is declared safe and awarded one base.
 - C. Remains out on the play.
 - D. Is excused from any profanity he may have uttered.

24. After a home run, a teammate comes out to the area around home plate to "high five" the batter. While celebrating, the player taunts the catcher in a minor way.

- A. The player shall be immediately ejected.
- B. With the offense judged to be minor, the player shall be warned of his action and, if repeated, he shall be ejected.
- C. The player is to be immediately restricted to the bench because of the warning.
- D. Both B and C.

25. After a double to center field that stays in play, a teammate from the dugout comes out to celebrate with the runner who scored from third. There have been no previous instances of this nature in the game.

- A. The coach of the player's team shall be warned.
- B. The next offender on that team shall be ejected.
- C. The player is restricted to the bench.
- D. Both A and B.

26. An assistant coach directs some extreme profanity at the base umpire that is heard by the dugout. The base umpire should:

- A. Immediately eject the assistant coach.
- B. Have a meeting with the assistant and the head coach to express the desire that this conduct cease.
- C. First warn the coach with a written warning. No ejection may occur unless a warning was previously given.
- D. Pretend he did not hear the profanity.

27. An assistant coach leaves his dugout to loudly argue a call by the umpire on a play at the plate.

- A. The assistant coach and the head coach shall be immediately ejected.
- B. The assistant coach and the head coach shall receive written warnings and both will be restricted to the dugout for the duration of the game.
- C. If the assistant's actions are severe, he may be ejected and the head coach is still restricted for the balance of the game.
- D. Both B and C.

28. An ejected coach:

- A. May continue to coach from the bench if he is the only coach for the team at the game.
- B. May remain in the dugout area but cannot coach any player.
- C. Shall leave the vicinity of the playing area immediately and cannot have any further contact with the team unless requested by the umpire.
- D. May be reinstated as a coach of the team if he is truly contrite for his actions.

29. An illegal substitution may be discovered by:

- A. Only the umpire.
- B. Only the opposing team.
- C. Only the illegal player's team.
- D. The umpire or either team.

30. At the beginning of the third inning, the head coach tells the plate umpire that Baker will bat for the fourth batter in the inning, Davis, if the inning lasts that long. Wilson comes to bat instead of Baker and does not tell the plate umpire. With no outs, he hits into a run-scoring double play.
- A. Wilson is an illegal substitute and is restricted to the bench when discovered.
 - B. It is permissible for the plate umpire to record the projected substitution of Baker.
 - C. Wilson is an unreported substitute. Upon discovery, the plate umpire will make the needed changes in the lineup.
 - D. The opposing coach has the option of accepting the results of the play or having Wilson declared out.
31. Prior to the start of the game, Carter is listed as the P/DH for the game. The coach wants to replace Jones as the pitcher but leave Carter in the DH role. This is:
- A. Permissible.
 - B. Not allowed.
 - C. Permissible if the opposing team agrees.
 - D. The coach shall be warned for illegal substitution.
32. If a player on the bench leaves the bench area during a fight:
- A. He is ejected.
 - B. Provided he did not participate, there is no penalty.
 - C. If he made no threatening gestures, there is no penalty.
 - D. Both B and C.
33. Jones, the starting pitcher for the home team, feels a pull in his elbow during his warm-up throws, and is not able to face the first batter of the game.
- A. Jones is out for the duration of the game and cannot return at any position.
 - B. Jones may return to pitch later in the game if his coach feels he is able to do so.
 - C. Jones may later return to play another position, but he may not pitch.
 - D. Jones must face the first batter. If he cannot pitch, he must intentionally walk the batter.
34. Moore, the starting pitcher, is removed as pitcher in the third inning.
- A. Provided he has re-entry eligibility, he may return to another defensive position, but he cannot return as a pitcher.
 - B. He may return to pitch if he has re-entry eligibility and his removal was not because of a violation of the charged conference rule.
 - C. He may return to pitch if he has re-entry eligibility and his replacement did not require more than eight warm-up throws.
 - D. Both B and C.
35. Sullivan is the SS/DH. In the fourth inning Drake comes in to play shortstop. In the fifth inning, the coach wants Drake to pinch hit.
- A. This is legal. Sullivan may re-enter later as a defensive player batting for himself.
 - B. Legal.
 - C. The role of the DH is ended
 - D. All of the above.

36. Sanders is the RF/DH. In the sixth inning the coach wants Healy to play right field and have Sanders to continue to be the DH.

- A. True
- B. False

37. The assistant coach who is occupying the first-base coaching box is irate over an "out" call on a steal at second base. The assistant coach goes to the area around second base and, while arguing the call, kicks dirt on the base umpire.

- A. The assistant coach is ejected for kicking dirt. No written warning is needed.
- B. The head coach is restricted to the bench for the remainder of the game.
- C. No one is ejected or restricted to the bench. A written warning must first be given.
- D. Both A and B.

38. The catcher comes to his position wearing a skull cap and an unattached mask. Both pieces of gear are in good shape.

- A. Unless the opposing team complains, the plate umpire should not have an issue.
- B. This is legal. Both pieces of equipment are fine.
- C. This is illegal. The catcher must wear a helmet mask combination that meets the NOCSAE standard.
- D. The catcher and the head coach shall be ejected.

39. The head coach is very upset about a close call at first base and during the discussion, he bumps the base umpire. By rule, the umpire should:

- A. Eject the head coach because of the physical contact. No written warning is first needed.
- B. The base umpire must first provide a written warning before an ejection.
- C. Explain his call in such a way that the coach understands and returns to the dugout.
- D. Accept the coach's apology and "Play Ball!"

40. The head coach has been complaining about the officiating for most of the game. Finally, in the sixth inning, the base umpire has had enough and ejects the coach. Is this legal?

- A. Yes, a coach may be ejected at any time for any violation of 3-3-1.
- B. No, the warning may be verbal or written.
- C. By using preventative officiating, this would not have been an issue in such late innings.
- D. Explain to the coach that he is a role model and his team will replicate his behavior.

41. The visiting team has used one of its three defensive-charged conferences when the game enters the eighth inning. It now has available for use:

- A. Two charged conferences.
- B. Three charged conferences.
- C. One charged conference.
- D. No conferences are allowed in extra innings.

42. The third-base coach grabs the runner rounding third, forcing him to legally touch third base.

- A. This is legal action by the coach.
- B. This is interference by the coach and the ball is immediately dead.
- C. This is interference by the coach and the ball is dead at the end of playing action.
- D. The runner at third is declared out, ball remains in play and runners may advance at their own risk.

43. With some complaining about game management, the plate umpire puts up his hand in a "stop" motion. Later, the non-profane complaining continues and the plate umpire wants to eject the assistant coach. By rule:
- A. Yes, the assistant coach may be ejected. The hand motion for a "stop sign" is a warning in itself.
 - B. Yes, the warning may be verbal or written.
 - C. The umpire calmly explains to the offending coach that his actions are getting the fans excited and putting a damper on the contest.
 - D. The umpire recruits the assistant coach to calm the head coach down so the game can be completed without incident.
44. A team only has baseballs for the game that do not have the SEI/NOCSAE seal on them. The resolving procedure is:
- A. Coach is restricted to the bench.
 - B. The game cannot be played.
 - C. The game is played but the umpire must send a report to the State Office.
 - D. Both A & B.
45. During the second inning of the game, the lead-off batter enters the box with an illegal bat. There has been no previous issue with an illegal bat.
- A. There is no problem. The batter shall secure a legal bat.
 - B. The batter is declared out and his head coach is ejected.
 - C. The batter is declared out and his head coach is restricted to the bench.
 - D. The player and the coach are warned and a subsequent violation will result in an ejection of the coach and the player.
46. In the sixth inning, an eligible player arrives and the visiting coach wants to substitute him in the lineup for the injured player and return his team to nine players.
- A. This is permissible.
 - B. A team that must play with eight players may not return to nine players.
 - C. A team playing with eight players may return to nine if the player coming in to substitute is listed on the lineup card as a possible substitute.
 - D. A team may return to nine players provided the opposing coach agrees to the substitution.
47. Smith, the No. 5 hitter, strains his knee sliding into second base on a double. He is not able to continue and the team does not have a substitute available.
- A. Smith is declared out.
 - B. The on-deck batter will run for Smith.
 - C. The most recent batter not on base is allowed to run for Smith.
 - D. The game is forfeited to the opposing team.
48. The game begins when:
- A. The official scorekeeper announces the start time.
 - B. The pitcher delivers the first pitch of the game.
 - C. The pregame conference has ended.
 - D. The umpire calls "Play" after all infielders, pitcher, catcher and batter are in position to start the game.

49. The visiting team traveled to the game by car. One of the starting player's car broke down and there are only eight players present at game time. An assistant coach has gone to pick them up and should arrive quickly.
- A. The game may begin, since the coach placed the missing starter in the No. 9 position in the lineup.
 - B. The game may begin, but the coach is restricted to the bench for having the confusion.
 - C. The game may begin if the home team's coach has no problem starting the game with eight players.
 - D. The game may not start until the visiting team has nine players present.
50. To start a game, the determination of whether the grounds and other conditions are suitable is made by:
- A. The umpire-in-chief.
 - B. The home coach.
 - C. The visiting coach.
 - D. Both coaches must be in agreement.
51. With no lights on its field, the home team wants to play a doubleheader but is concerned about losing sunlight. It proposes that they play a doubleheader with both games being only five innings.
- A. This is permissible.
 - B. This is not legal. Two seven-inning games shall constitute a doubleheader.
52. A batted ball is one-hopped to the pitcher who gloves the ball. He cannot immediately get the ball out of his glove and tosses the glove with the ball to the first baseman.
- A. Ball stays live and in play.
 - B. The out is declared if the ball/glove gets to first base before the runner.
 - C. It is not a two-base award.
 - D. All of the above.
53. A live ball is not immediately dead when:
- A. A fair ball bounces over the fence.
 - B. The ball is lodged in a fielder's glove.
 - C. The lodges in the umpire's uniform.
 - D. The ball lodges in a player's uniform.
54. A foul fly ball caroms off the first baseman and is caught by the catcher while still in flight.
- A. The ball remains live and in play.
 - B. The ball becomes dead immediately.
 - C. It is a delayed dead ball.
55. A player in the offensive team's dugout uses an air horn in an attempt to cause the opposing pitcher to balk.
- A. The ball remains live and in play.
 - B. The ball becomes dead immediately.
 - C. It is a delayed dead ball.

56. A thrown ball strikes the leg of a camera tripod that is partially in the designated media area.
- A. The ball remains live and in play.
 - B. The ball becomes dead immediately.
 - C. It is a delayed dead ball.
57. Defensive malicious contact causes the ball to be:
- A. Immediately dead.
 - B. Delayed dead.
58. If further play could jeopardize an injured player's safety, "Time" shall be called.
- A. True.
 - B. False.
59. The ball becomes dead when time is taken to:
- A. Make an award when a runner is obstructed by a fielder.
 - B. When an intentional base on balls is to be awarded.
 - C. When baserunning penalties are imposed.
 - D. All of the above.
60. The plate umpire gives the "Do Not Pitch" signal.
- A. The ball remains live and in play.
 - B. The ball becomes dead immediately.
 - C. It is a delayed dead ball.
61. The runner advancing from third base to home deliberately removed his helmet as he approached home plate.
- A. The ball remains live and in play.
 - B. The ball becomes dead immediately.
 - C. It is a delayed dead ball.
62. When a batter enters the batter's box with an illegal bat:
- A. The ball remains live and in play.
 - B. The ball becomes dead immediately.
 - C. It is a delayed dead ball.
63. With runners on second and third, the pitcher intentionally drops a fair bunt in flight.
- A. The ball remains live and in play.
 - B. The ball becomes dead immediately.
 - C. It is a delayed dead ball.
 - D. The batter is out due to a fielder's choice.

64. A pitcher may assume the wind-up position when:
- A. His hands are together in front of his body.
 - B. His hands are at his side.
 - C. Either hand is in front of the body and the other hand is at his side.
 - D. All of the above.
65. After the previous batter hit a home run, the pitcher intentionally hits the next batter in the back with the first pitch. The umpire:
- A. Must first warn the pitcher.
 - B. Must eject the pitcher if the act was judged to be intentional.
 - C. Must first warn the pitcher's head coach.
 - D. Must warn both teams and head coaches.
66. From the set position, if a pitcher wants to change to the wind-up position, he must first:
- A. Lift his pivot foot in a step backward off the pitcher's plate which must be in or partially within the 24-inch length of the pitcher's plate.
 - B. Call "Time."
 - C. Break his hands and put both hands to his side.
 - D. B or C
67. Team A's best pitcher is closing in on his first no-hitter, he surpasses his allowable pitch count with a 2-2 count on B4, Team's B coach informs the plate umpire that the pitcher is in violation and needs to be ejected. Team A's coach pleads that the pitcher should be given some latitude because this is his first no-hitter. The plate umpire rules:
- A. The plate umpire is sympathetic to Team A's situation and allows the pitcher to finish the inning.
 - B. The plate umpire issues Team B's coach a verbal warning and allows the pitcher to finish the inning.
 - C. Per the governing state association's pitching restriction policy, the pitcher gets to finish pitching to the batter until he gets on base or registers an out.
 - D. The plate umpire asks for help from his partner and decides to allow the pitcher to finish the inning.
68. The batter is a switch hitter and the pitcher is ambidextrous. During the batter's time at bat:
- A. The batter may switch batter's boxes and the pitcher may change from a right-hander to a left-hander.
 - B. The pitcher may switch from a right-hander to a left-hander, but the batter must choose one batter's box and not change.
 - C. Neither the batter nor the pitcher may change how they bat or pitch.
 - D. The batter may change batter's boxes but the pitcher must face the batter as either a left-hander or right-hander but not both.
69. The pitcher is not restricted as to how he holds the ball when he is in:
- A. The wind-up position.
 - B. The set position.
 - C. Both positions.
 - D. Neither position.

70. After the pitcher has placed his pivot foot on the ground clearly behind the plate, he then can _____.
- A. re-establish his pitching position and pitch the ball
 - B. do nothing else due to the fact that he would be committing an illegal pitch
 - C. throw or feint to a base the same as that of any infielder
 - D. call time and consult with the catcher
71. The pitcher places his entire pivot foot in contact with the pitching plate and his entire non-pivot foot in front of a line extending through the front edge of the pitching plate.
- A. This is an illegal pitching position.
 - B. This is a legal wind-up position.
 - C. This is a legal set position.
 - D. This is a hybrid set position.
72. The pitcher places his pivot foot on the pitching plate with the toe of the pivot foot in front of a line through the front edge of the plate and the heel of his pivot foot behind the back edge. His non-pivot foot is on and partially behind a line extending through the front edge of the pitching plate.
- A. This is an illegal pitching position.
 - B. This is a legal wind-up position.
 - C. This is a legal set position.
73. The pitcher, after having made his stretch and with his hands together, turns his shoulders to check the runner at first base.
- A. This is a legal move.
 - B. This is a balk.
 - C. Provided no one was deceived, it is a legal move.
 - D. If the pitcher turns his shoulders after becoming set every time with a runner on first base, it is legal.
74. The pitching regulations begin when:
- A. The batter steps into the batter's box.
 - B. The pitcher intentionally contacts the pitcher's plate.
 - C. The catcher gives a "sign" to the pitcher.
 - D. It is umpire judgment as to when the pitching regulations are in force.
75. When a pitcher is replaced during or prior to an inning, the relief pitcher may not use more than eight throws completed in one minute:
- A. Timed from when the change was made to the plate umpire.
 - B. Timed from the first throw.
 - C. Timed from when the pitcher arrives at the pitching mound.
 - D. Timed from the third out of the previous half-inning.

76. With his feet in the wind-up position, the pitcher may:

- A. Step directly to a base in a pick-off attempt.
- B. Deliver a pitch.
- C. Step backward off the pitcher's plate with his pivot foot first.
- D. Either B or C.

77. With a runner on third base, the pitcher stops his delivery because the batter stepped out of the box with one foot because the third-base coach was giving a new sign.

- A. There is no penalty on either the batter or the pitcher. The umpire shall call "Time" and begin play anew.
- B. Declare a balk and score the runner from third.
- C. Declare an immediate strike on the batter.
- D. Both B and C.

78. With runners on base, the pitcher drops the ball during delivery:

- A. It is an immediate balk.
- B. It is declared immediately to be a "no-pitch".
- C. If the ball crosses the foul line it shall be declared a ball.
- D. If the ball comes to rest on the plate it shall be declared to be a strike.

79. With the weather being chilly, the relief pitcher asks for more throws to warm up.

- A. The plate umpire cannot legally authorize additional warm-up throws.
- B. The plate umpire must grant the request.
- C. The plate umpire may grant the request and shall ban the pitching coach from the bullpen.
- D. The plate umpire may grant the request. The pitcher being replaced may not return to pitch for the balance of the game.

80. A batter is out when hitting a foul ball while either foot or knee is touching the ground completely outside the lines of the batter's box or touching home plate when one of the following occurs:

- A. A fair ball.
- B. A foul ball.
- C. A foul tip.
- D. All of the above.

81. R1 on first base attempts to steal second base and is about halfway to second when B2 swings and misses the pitch for strike three. B2's follow through strikes the catcher causing him to drop the ball.

- A. Since B2 did not intentionally cause his bat to hit F2, there is no interference.
- B. B2 is guilty of interference. R1 is declared out and B2 continues to bat.
- C. B2 is guilty of interference. B2 is declared out and R1 is returned to first base.
- D. B2 is guilty of interference. Since the pitch was a third strike and B2's interference prevented a possible double play, both B2 and R1 are declared out.

82. R1 on first base gets a great jump on the pitcher's move and is sliding into second base when B2 swings and misses the pitch for strike three. B2's follow through strikes the catcher.

- A. Since B2 did not intentionally cause his bat to hit F2, there is no interference.
- B. B2 is guilty of interference. R1 is declared out and B2 continues to bat.
- C. Since F2 had no possible play on R1, B2 is declared out and R1 is returned to first base.
- D. B2 is guilty of interference. Both B2 and R1 are declared out.

83. The batter swings and misses the pitch and the pitch hits him on the hand.

- A. This is a hit batter, award the batter first base.
- B. Charge a strike to the batter.

84. The batter's follow through from his swing contacts the catcher as R1 was standing on first base, making no attempt to advance. Interference should be declared on the batter.

- A. True.
- B. False.

85. When an improper batter reaches first base, he becomes a proper batter and the results of his time at bat become legal when no appeal has been made and:

- A. A pitch or illegal pitch has been delivered to the succeeding batter.
- B. An intentional base on balls has occurred.
- C. All the infielders left the diamond when the half-inning ended.
- D. All of the above.

86. With a count of 3-0, the batter permits a pitch that is a ball to hit him.

- A. The batter stays at bat with the same count of 3-0.
- B. The batter stays at bat with a count of 3-1.
- C. The batter is awarded first base for being hit by the pitch.
- D. The batter is awarded first base for receiving ball four.

87. With a runner on third, the batter hits a high pop fly that drifts over foul territory. The third baseman is accidentally prevented from catching the ball by the head coach in the coach's box.

- A. Foul ball.
- B. The runner at third is out and a strike is added to the batter's count.
- C. The batter is out.
- D. The coach is restricted to the bench and the coaching box must remain unoccupied.

88. With a runner from second base stealing third, the batter interferes with the catcher attempting to throw to third. The attempt to put out the runner at third is not successful.

- A. The batter is out and the runner is returned to second base.
- B. The runner is out and the batter continues his time at bat.
- C. Both the runner and the batter are out.
- D. Neither the runner nor the batter are out. The runner is simply returned to second base.

89. With a runner on third, the batter hits a high pop fly that drifts over foul territory. The third baseman is accidentally prevented from catching the ball by the runner at third base.

- A. Foul ball.
- B. The runner at third is out and the batter is out.
- C. The batter is out.
- D. The coach is restricted to the bench and the coaching box must remain unoccupied.

90. With no outs, R3 from third base is attempting to steal home. B4 contacts the catcher, causing him to not catch the pitch which rolls away as R3 scores.

- A. Since B2 did not intentionally cause his bat to hit F2, there is no interference.
- B. B4 is guilty of interference. R3 is declared out and B4 continues to bat.
- C. B4 is guilty of interference. Both B4 and R3 are declared out.
- D. B4 is guilty of interference. B4 is declared out and R3 is returned to third base.

91. A coach interferes by physically assisting a runner.

- A. The runner is declared out and the ball remains live and in play.
- B. The ball becomes dead immediately.
- C. It is a delayed dead ball.
- D. It is ignored because the runner does not score.

92. If a runner correctly touches a base that was missed (either in advancing or returning), the last time he was by the base, that last touch corrects any previous baserunning infraction.

- A. True.
- B. False.

93. If any situation arises that could lead to an appeal by the defense on the last play of the game, the appeal must be made:

- A. While all umpires are on the field.
- B. While an umpire is on the field.
- C. Before the infielders cross the foul lines.
- D. Before the official scorekeeper declares the game over.

94. The leadoff hitter has a 3-2 count. There is a check-swing situation and the plate umpire calls ball four. The base umpire upholds the plate umpire's decision and B overruns first base without attempting to go to second base. The first baseman tags the batter/runner out.

- A. That is the correct procedure.
- B. Runner is protected until he goes past first base.
- C. The defense should wait until the pitcher has the ball and make an appeal.
- D. Runner is allowed to overrun first base as long as he does not attempt or feints toward second base.

95. The runner and the batter-runner are both between first and second bases when the left fielder throws the ball into third base. The ball gets past the third baseman and rolls into the dugout.

- A. Both runners are awarded third base. Since they cannot both occupy third, the lead runner is awarded home.
- B. The lead runner is awarded second and the batter-runner must remain at first.
- C. Both the runner and the batter-runner are awarded home.
- D. The lead runner is awarded third and the batter-runner is awarded second.

96. The runner is standing on second base when a line drive hits him. The second baseman was playing in front of him and did not contact the ball. The shortstop was behind second base in position to catch the line drive.

- A. The ball is dead and the batter is out.
- B. The ball remains in play since the second baseman had a play.
- C. The ball remains in play since a base protects the runner.
- D. The ball is dead and the runner is out since the shortstop had a play on the ball.

97. A runner acquires the right to the proper unoccupied base if he touches it before he is out. He is then entitled to this base until_____.

- A. he is put out
- B. he legally touches the next base while it is unoccupied
- C. he is forced to advance to the next base by a following runner
- D. All the above.

98. With a runner on first base, the batter hits a ground ball to the third baseman. He fields the ball and immediately throws to first, but the ball sails into a dead-ball area. The runner and the batter-runner are awarded:

- A. Two bases from their positions at the time of the pitch.
- B. Two bases from the time of the throw.
- C. Two bases from the time the ball became dead.
- D. One base.

99. With a runner on first base, the batter hits a ground ball to the second baseman. The second baseman attempts to tag the runner advancing from first, but misses him. The second baseman then throws to first but sails the ball into the dugout. The runner and the batter-runner are awarded:

- A. Two bases from their positions at the time of the pitch.
- B. Two bases from the time of the throw.
- C. Two bases from the time the ball became dead.
- D. One base.

100. With one out and a runner on first base, the second baseman allows the fair fly ball to drop untouched to the ground.

- A. The ball is dead and the batter is out.
- B. The ball is dead and the runner on first is out.
- C. The ball stays live and no one is yet out.
- D. The runner and the batter-runner are awarded one base.