NFHS 2011 Softball Test

**Question #1**

A runner is considered to be in the three-foot running lane when she has one foot touching inside the lane and one foot touching on the line.

- a. True
- b. False

**Question #2**

A batter-runner who reaches first base safely and then overruns or overslides the base may always return to that base without liability to be put out.

- a. True
- b. False

**Question #3**

If a runner is tagged out between the two bases where she was obstructed, the runner is awarded the base(s) she would have reached had there been no obstruction.

- a. True
- b. False

**Question #4**

If a runner is obstructed while returning to a base that she missed or left too soon, she is protected.

- a. True
- b. False

**Question #5**

R1 is on first base; B2 is at bat with an 0-2 count and no outs. B2 swings at a third strike that is dropped by the catcher. B2 runs toward first base. As R1 is diving back to first base, B2 is hit in the back with F2's throw to first base and the ball goes out of play. What is the result of the play?

- a. B2 is awarded second base; R1 is awarded third base.
- b. B2 is declared out for interference; R1 remains at first base.
- c. B2 is declared out for interference; R1 is awarded second base.
d. B2 has struck out; R1 remains at first base.

e. B2 has struck out and is charged with interference; R1 is declared out.

Question #6

Runners are permitted to return to a missed base or a base left too soon before a dead-ball appeal can be made.

a. True
b. False

Question #7

A runner is out if she passes an obstructed preceding runner.

a. True
b. False

Question #8

An improper batter is considered to be at bat as soon as she enters the batter’s box and one pitch has been thrown.

a. True
b. False

Question #9

When an improper batter becomes a runner or is put out, all outs made on the play stand if the defensive team properly appeals.

a. True
b. False

Question #10

Following batter’s interference with the catcher, the penalty enforcement will be based on the number of outs.

a. True
b. False

Question #11

The batter is declared out if the offensive team’s coach interferes with F5’s attempt to field a foul fly ball.

a. True
Question #12

The batter is out if, while in the batter's box with the bat in her hand, the bat accidentally hits the ball a second time.

a. True
b. False

Question #13

The batter is out when she throws her bat and interferes with a defensive player attempting a play.

a. True
b. False

Question #14

With a runner on first base and less than two outs, F2 must catch the third strike in flight for the batter to be out.

a. True
b. False

Question #15

The batter is awarded first base if a pitched ball strikes the ground and then contacts the batter, provided the ball isn't swung at or called a strike.

a. True
b. False

Question #16

A player deliberately removing a batting helmet when it is required to be worn shall immediately be restricted to the dugout/bench for the remainder of the game.

a. True
b. False

Question #17

A coach may be in possession of electronic communication devices in the coaching box, provided they are being used for coaching purposes.

a. True
Question #18

A strike/ball is called on the batter and a team warning is issued to the offense/defense when that team intentionally removes a boundary line on the field of play.

a. True
b. False

Question #19

Only the offense can be penalized for malicious contact.

a. True
b. False

Question #20

A team warning shall be issued for a player faking a tag without the ball.

a. True
b. False

Question #21

A team warning is issued and the next offender restricted to the dugout for entering the contest unreported.

a. True
b. False

Question #22

Each team, when on defense, may be granted not more than three charged conferences without penalty during a seven-inning game.

a. True
b. False

Question #23

A coach who calls time, goes out to speak with F6 and then replaces F1, is charged with a defensive conference.

a. True
Question #24

If F2 goes out to confer with F1, a defensive conference is charged.

a. True
b. False

Question #25

Time granted for an incapacitated player shall constitute a charged conference for the offense or defense.

a. True
b. False

Question #26

During a defensive-charged conference, the offensive team may meet provided the non-charged conference concludes when the charged conference ends or doesn't delay the game.

a. True
b. False

Question #27

Prior to the start of the game at the pregame conference, the head coach shall be responsible for verifying which of the following?

a. That the lineup card is correct.
b. That all players are legally equipped.
c. That players and equipment are in compliance with all NFHS rules.
d. B and C only.
e. All of the above.

Question #28

A team member ejected for unsporting conduct may occupy a coach's box.

a. True
b. False

Question #29
Only adults may occupy the coach's box.

a. True  
b. False

**Question #30**

Coaches performing duties in live-ball territory must be attired in school colors, khaki, black, white or gray.

a. True  
b. False

**Question #31**

If a coach physically assists a runner during playing action, the assisted runner is out and any other additional outs on the play stand at the end of playing action.

a. True  
b. False

**Question #32**

When offensive team personnel interfere by being near a base to which a runner is advancing, the ball is dead and the runner closest to home is out.

a. True  
b. False

**Question #33**

If a base coach intentionally removes a coach's box boundary line, a strike is charged to the batter and a team warning issued.

a. True  
b. False

**Question #34**

To utilize a courtesy runner in the top of the first inning, the pitcher and catcher are identified as those players listed in the lineup as playing those positions; both must occupy those positions in the bottom of the first inning until the first batter has completed her turn at bat.

a. True  
b. False

**Question #35**
The same courtesy runner may not be used for both the pitcher and catcher in the same game.

a. True  
b. False

**Question #36**

If an injury occurs and no other substitutes are available, the courtesy runner must be used as a substitute.

a. True  
b. False

**Question #37**

When a legal substitute replaces a courtesy runner, the player for whom she was running has left the game.

a. True  
b. False

**Question #38**

A courtesy runner may run for another courtesy runner.

a. True  
b. False

**Question #39**

If a courtesy runner fails to report, she is considered an unreported substitute.

a. True  
b. False

**Question #40**

The ball becomes dead immediately when a pitch touches a batter or her clothing.

a. True  
b. False

**Question #41**

A delayed dead-ball situation occurs when the ball comes in contact with the bat a second time.
Question #42

The ball becomes dead immediately when a batted ball, while on or over foul ground, first touches the catcher's glove or hand.

a. True
b. False

Question #43

A delayed dead-ball situation occurs when the umpire interferes with the catcher who is attempting to throw a non-batted ball.

a. True
b. False

Question #44

The softball field includes an elevated cement step in front of each dugout. B1 hits a foul fly caught by F3 such that her right foot is on the ground completely in live-ball territory and her left foot is on the elevated cement step with half the foot on the step and the other half over live-ball territory but completely off the ground. What is the result of the play?

a. B1 is out on a good catch by F3; the ball is live and in play.
b. Foul ball; the ball is dead; B1 remains at bat.
c. B1 is out on a good catch by F3; the ball is dead.
d. Foul ball; the ball is live and in play; B1 remains at bat.
e. None of the above.

Question #45

All of the following are true regarding the catcher's box, EXCEPT:

a. The catcher must be in the catcher's box from the time the pitcher steps on the pitcher's plate until she releases the pitch.
b. The catcher's box is a rectangle.
c. The catcher's box is 8 feet, 5 inches wide.
d. The catcher's box is 10 feet deep.
e. The catcher's box includes the area directly behind home plate, between the batter's boxes.
Question #46

During the pregame conference between umpires, coaches and team captains, no balls may be hit or thrown in live-ball territory.

a. True
b. False

Question #47

A runner's base path is always defined as a direct line between two bases and three feet on either side of that line.

a. True
b. False

Question #48

A fielder is considered to be making an initial play if the batted ground ball deflects off the pitcher.

a. True
b. False

Question #49

A slide is illegal if the runner's raised leg is higher than the fielder's knee when the fielder is in a standing position.

a. True
b. False

Question #50

An on-deck batter may use either the circle nearest her own dugout or the circle nearest the opponent's dugout.

a. True
b. False

Question #51

In establishing the validity of a catch, the fielder must only hold the ball long enough to prove she has control.

a. True
b. False

Question #52
After the DP/FLEX option is declared at the pregame conference with the submission/verification of the lineup card, a team may go down to nine players before the first pitch is thrown.

- True
- False

**Question #53**

The DP starts as one of the nine hitters in the batting order.

- True
- False

**Question #54**

The role of the DP is terminated for the rest of the game when the FLEX bats.

- True
- False

**Question #55**

Placing the FLEX into one of the first nine positions in the lineup for someone other than the DP's position is considered an illegal substitution.

- True
- False

**Question #56**

All of the following are true regarding the FLEX player, EXCEPT:

- The FLEX is listed in the 10th position in the lineup.
- The FLEX may be substituted for by the DP playing defense.
- The FLEX may bat anywhere in one of the nine positions of the batting order.
- The FLEX may be replaced by a legal substitute at any time.
- When the FLEX is substituted for, the team is down to nine players.

**Question #57**

The DP may be substituted for at any time by:

- A legal substitute.
b. The FLEX playing offense.
c. Anyone else in the batting order.
d. A and B only.
e. All of the above.

Question #58

All of the following are true regarding a legal softball field, EXCEPT:

a. The field shall be free of obstructions between the foul lines.
b. The field shall contain an infield diamond.
c. The field shall contain an outfield area enclosed by a fence.
d. The bases are 60 feet apart when a 12-inch ball is used.
e. The pitching distance is 43 feet for female fast-pitch games.

Question #59

Which of the following is true regarding foul lines?

a. Foul lines extend beyond the bases.
b. Foul lines extend to the outfield fence.
c. Foul lines extend to a minimum of 185 feet when an outfield fence is not present.
d. Foul lines should be 2 1/2 inches wide.
e. All of the above.

Question #60

All lines on the field shall be marked with what color material?

a. Green.
b. White.
c. Yellow.
d. Pink.
e. All of the above colors are permitted.

**Question #61**

The pitching distance is measured from the rear tip of home plate to back edge of the pitcher’s plate.

a. True
b. False

**Question #62**

A circle 16 feet in diameter shall be drawn around the pitcher’s plate.

a. True
b. False

**Question #63**

If space allows, the on-deck circles should be 30 feet from home plate.

a. True
b. False

**Question #64**

Once a game has started, if it is discovered that the pitching distance is incorrect, the correction shall be made immediately.

a. True
b. False

**Question #65**

The pitcher’s plate shall be a rectangular white slab that is 24 inches by 6 inches.

a. True
b. False

**Question #66**

Use of treatments or devices that alter the bat specifications or enhance performance render the bat illegal.

a. True
b. False
Question #67
Batting helmets must have extended ear flaps that cover both ears and temples.

a. True
b. False

Question #68
If worn on the batting helmet, an eye shield must be clear and permit 100 percent allowable light transmission.

a. True
b. False

Question #69
The pitcher may legally remove herself from the pitcher's plate before or after the hands come together by stepping back from the plate with both feet.

a. True
b. False

Question #70
A pitcher may not exceed 1 1/2 revolutions of the arm in the windmill motion.

a. True
b. False

Question #71
When a pitcher fails to deliver the pitch within the required timeframe, a ball is called on the batter.

a. True
b. False

Question #72
Provided it is under the supervision and control of the umpire, which of the following is legal for a pitcher to use on the pitching hand:

a. Tape.
b. Saliva.
c. Powdered resin or any comparable drying agent.
d. Rock resin.
e. All of the above.

**Question #73**

All of the following are true regarding the ball rotation, EXCEPT:

a. A pitcher has a choice of balls at the start of each half-inning if both balls have been in play.
b. The unused ball must be put into play in the bottom of the first inning if it is not used in the top of the first inning.
c. The ball in play should be returned to the 16-foot circle after every half-inning.
d. The pitcher may possess both balls and choose the one she wants to start that half-inning.
e. All of the above.

**Question #74**

Which of the following is true regarding knee and ankle braces that are unaltered from the manufacturer's original design/production?

a. They do not require any additional padding/covering.
b. They must be covered with athletic tape.
c. They must be padded with 1/2-inch-thick foam.
d. They are permitted with a doctor's note.
e. All of the above.

**Question #75**

Hard and unyielding items (guards, casts, braces, splints, etc.) must be padded with:

a. A closed-cell, slow-recovery foam.
b. One-inch-thick padding.
c. Athletic tape.
d. A gauze pad.
e. A rubberized material.

**Question #76**

Jewelry that is judged to be "soft" by an umpire may be worn by a player.
Question #77

Unadorned devices, such as bobby pins, barrettes and hair clips may be worn to control a player’s hair provided they do not exceed one inch.

  a. True
  b. False

Question #78

The pitcher is also known as fielding position No. 2 or F2.

  a. True
  b. False

Question #79

All fielders, except the catcher, must be on fair ground at the time of the pitch.

  a. True
  b. False

Question #80

A player may change to a different fielding position at any time, except the pitcher, who may only be removed and return to pitch once per inning.

  a. True
  b. False

Question #81

A team’s lineup card must include all of the following, EXCEPT:

  a. First initial and last names.
  b. Jersey numbers.
  c. Position being played.
  d. Batting order of starting players.
Question #82

All of the following will result in a team warning to the head coach for submitting an inaccurate lineup card, EXCEPT:

e. Changing a player's position.

Question #83

F1 and F6 may switch defensive positions any number of times in the same half-inning.

a. True
b. False

Question #84

A player not listed as an eligible substitute on the lineup card shall be prohibited from playing.

a. True
b. False

Question #85

Whenever an illegal offensive substitute is discovered on base, she is called out and restricted to the dugout/bench.

a. True
b. False

Question #86

The plate umpire shall make all decisions except those commonly reserved for the field umpire.

a. True
b. False

Question #87
The plate umpire may rectify any situation in which an umpire’s decision that was reversed has placed either team in jeopardy.

a. True
b. False

**Question #88**

Umpire jurisdiction begins:

a. Upon the arrival of one umpire within the confines of the field.

b. Upon the arrival of two umpires within the confines of the field.

c. When the pregame conference begins.

d. Upon the conclusion of the pregame conference.

e. Upon the arrival of one umpire to the facility/park/school.

**Question #89**

Umpire jurisdiction ends at the conclusion of the game when:

a. The umpires leave the field of play.

b. The umpires leave the visual confines of the facility.

c. The umpires are in the parking lot or school building.

d. The third out is declared in the final half-inning.

e. The umpires are sure no final appeal will be made.

**Question #90**

The umpire shall immediately remove a player from the game who exhibits the following signs or symptoms of a concussion:

a. Dizziness.

b. Confusion.

c. Headache.

d. Loss of consciousness.

e. All of the above.

**Question #91**
In the "set" position, the plate umpire's eyes should be at the bottom of the strike zone.

a. TRUE  
b. FALSE

**Question #92**

The count should always be given when there are 3 balls or 2 strikes on the batter.

a. TRUE  
b. FALSE

**Question #93**

The plate umpire calls all fly balls in the infield and the field umpire calls all of the fly balls in the outfield.

a. TRUE  
b. FALSE

**Question #94**

On a called third strike, the plate umpire should say "strike three, you're out".

a. TRUE  
b. FALSE

**Question #95**

When the ball is in the outfield, the field umpire should be inside of the diamond.

a. TRUE  
b. FALSE

**Question #96**

R1 is caught in a rundown between 1st and 2nd base. She heads back to 1st. The plate umpire makes the call.

a. TRUE  
b. FALSE

**Question #97**

The field umpire always takes the play at third base.
a. TRUE  
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b. FALSE

**Question #98**

When the ball is hit, the plate umpire shall leave the plate area from the right of the catcher.

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a. TRUE  
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b. FALSE

**Question #99**

With no one on, the field umpire stands down the right field line in foul territory about 18 feet beyond first base.

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a. TRUE  
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b. FALSE

**Question #100**

In the state of NJ working a 2 umpire system, when the field umpire is in the "C" position, the plate umpire will call the pick off play at first.

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a. TRUE  
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b. FALSE