1) A runner is out if she runs behind a fielder, out of the base path, to avoid interfering with the fielder making an initial play. [Rule 8-8-1]
   - True
   - False (Correct Answer)

2) A team warning is issued and the next offender restricted to the dugout/bench for entering the contest unreported. [Rule 3-6-7 Pen]
   - True (Correct Answer)
   - False

3) If an appeal for the third out is honored at a base to which a runner was forced to advance, no runs can score. [Rule 2-1-11]
   - True (Correct Answer)
   - False

4) A runner is out if a fair batted ball strikes her after it passes a fielder (other than the pitcher) and the umpire judges that no other fielder has a play. [Rule 8-6-11]
   - True
   - False (Correct Answer)

5) The ball becomes dead immediately when there is interference by a batter. [Rule 5-1-1q]
   - True (Correct Answer)
   - False

6) The DP and the FLEX are locked into the same position in the batting order. [Rule 3-3-6g]
   - True (Correct Answer)
   - False

7) When the DP/FLEX option is used, the lineup may be reduced to nine and return to 10 any number of times. [Rule 3-3-6d]
   - True (Correct Answer)
   - False
8) Which of the following is true regarding knee and ankle braces that are unaltered from the manufacturer’s original design/production? [Rule 3-2-13]

- They do not require any additional padding/covering. **(Correct Answer)**
- They must be covered with athletic tape.
- They must be padded with 1/2-inch-thick foam.
- They are permitted with a doctor’s note.
- All of the above.

9) A base coach may use a stopwatch while coaching at first or third base. [Rule 3-6-10]

- **True** (Correct Answer)
- False

10) A second offense for illegal equipment results in the offender and the head coach being restricted to the dugout/bench for the remainder of the game. [Rule 3-6-1 Pen]

- **True** (Correct Answer)
- False

11) When a double-first base is used, the batter-runner or runner may touch the white or colored base: [Rule 8-10-3]

- When advancing on a fair ball hit to the outfield with no play being attempted.
- When returning to first base.
- When returning on an attempted pick-off play.
- When advancing on a base on balls.
- **All of the above.** (Correct Answer)

12) While in the pitching position, the pitcher must take (or simulate taking) a signal from the catcher. [Rule 6-1-1b]

- **True** (Correct Answer)
- False

13) All of the following result in an illegal pitch being declared, EXCEPT: [Rule 6-1-2c, 4d; 6-2-1, 3; 6-3-1]

- The pitcher deliberately dropping, rolling or bouncing the ball while in the pitching position in order to prevent the batter from striking it.
- The catcher being outside the lines of the catcher’s box when the pitch is released.
- **The pitcher exceeding the 20-second timeframe to release the pitch.** (Correct Answer)
- The pitcher making more than 1 1/2 clockwise revolutions of the arm in the windmill motion.
- The pitcher stepping completely outside the 24-inch plate when delivering the pitch.
14) Exposed undergarments are considered part of the official uniform and may be of any solid color. [Rule 3-2-7]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

15) A pitcher, while in the 16-foot circle, is making a play on a runner when her actions are intended to cause a reaction from the runner(s). [Rule 2-47-2a]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

16) A coach may be in possession of electronic communication devices in the coaching box, provided they are being used for coaching purposes. [Rule 3-6-11]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

17) The runner is out and the ball is dead immediately in all of the following, EXCEPT: [Rule 8-6-5, 10, 12]

- When the runner interferes with a fielder attempting to make an initial play on a fair batted ball.
- When the runner intentionally interferes with a fielder or thrown ball.
- When the runner interferes with a fielder attempting to throw the ball.
- When a runner physically assists another runner. (Correct Answer)
- When the runner intentionally contacts a fair ball that an infielder has missed.

18) When a strikeout involves more than one batter, it is charged to the player who received at least two strikes. [Rule 9-3-6]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

19) A coach who calls time, goes out to speak with F6 and then replaces F1, is charged with a defensive conference. [Rule 3-7-1]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

20) A batter-runner cannot be called out for using the white portion of the base when a double first base is used. [Rule 8-10-1 Pen 1, 2]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)
21) The DP must remain in the same position in the batting order for the entire game. [Rule 3-3-6c]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

22) A school's official uniform may bear only a single manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference not to exceed 2 1/4 square inches on each item. [Rule 3-2-3]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

23) 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. [Rule 3-3-6; 3-1-3; 4-1-2b]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

24) The DP can only be replaced by the FLEX. [Rule 3-3-6d]

- False (Correct Answer)

25) A legal substitute may replace a courtesy runner on a base, but the substitute is actually replacing the pitcher/catcher in the lineup for whom the courtesy runner is running and the pitcher/catcher has left the game. [Rule 8-9-6; 3-3-2]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

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. [Rule 3-7-3]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

27) If a base runner is unable to continue and there are no available substitutes, the previous batter not on base is permitted to replace her as a temporary runner until she is put out, scores or the half-inning ends. [Rule 3-3-8a]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

28) It is interference when a runner slides into the glove of a fielder and knocks the ball out of the glove. [Rule 2-32-1; 2-52-1; 8-6-10d]

- False (Correct Answer)
29) After an initial warning to the head coach, any subsequent change to the lineup card for an inaccuracy will result in: [Rule 3-1-3 Penalty]

- The head coach being restricted to the dugout/bench for the remainder of the game. (Correct Answer)
- The head coach being ejected.
- The player/substitute who is being changed/added being restricted to the dugout/bench for the remainder of the game.
- A and C only.
- B and C only.

30) The penalty for interference on a batted ball is the same whether it is by an on-deck batter or a blocked ball is caused by offensive team equipment. [Rule 8-2-13]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

31) The ball becomes dead in all of the following situations, EXCEPT: [Rule 5-1-1, 2a]

- There is interference by a runner or retired runner.
- The batter enters the batter's box with an illegal bat.
- An infielder intentionally drops a fair fly ball with first base occupied and less than two outs.
- An illegal pitch is delivered. (Correct Answer)
- The batter-runner steps backward toward home plate to avoid being tagged out.

32) Players on the same team may have different uniform sleeve lengths from each other. [Rule 3-2-6]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

33) 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: [Rule 6-2-2]

- Tape on the contact points.
- Saliva.
- Powdered resin or any comparable drying agent. (Correct Answer)
- Rock resin.
- All of the above.
34) Team personnel may leave the dugout/bench area when a fight has broken out to help restrain combatants. [Rule 3-6-19]

   True
   False (Correct Answer)

35) Batting out of order can be a live- or dead-ball appeal. [Rule 2-1-2c]

   True
   False (Correct Answer)

36) B7, who was a starting player batting in the seventh batting position and who left the game in the third inning, may re-enter the game in the sixth inning in the fourth batting position. [Rule 3-3-5]

   True
   False (Correct Answer)

37) The look-back rule is immediately in effect when the pitcher has the ball within the 16-foot circle. [Rule 8-7-1]

   True
   False (Correct Answer)

38) 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. [Rule 8-9-2]

   True
   False (Correct Answer)

39) When a legal substitute replaces a courtesy runner, the player for whom she was running has left the game. [Rule 8-9-6]

   True (Correct Answer)
   False

40) If an injury occurs and no other substitutes are available, the courtesy runner must be used as a substitute. [Rule 8-9-4 Exc]

   True (Correct Answer)
   False
41) Fair batted balls, prevented by detached player equipment from going over the fence in flight, are four-base awards.  
[Rule 8-4-3e Pen; 5-1-2b]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

42) The DP may re-enter the contest once, but the FLEX does not have a re-entry opportunity.  
[Rule 3-3-6f]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

43) While the pitcher has the ball within the 16-foot circle, a batter-runner who rounds first base toward second base may stop, but then must immediately return to first or attempt to advance non-stop to second base.  
[Rule 8-7-4a]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

44) A delayed dead-ball situation occurs when the batter enters the batter’s box with an illegal bat.  
[Rule 5-1-1c]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

45) Umpire jurisdiction ends at the conclusion of the game when:  
[Rule 10-1-2]

- The umpires leave the field of play. (Correct Answer)
- The umpires leave the visual confines of the facility.
- The umpires are in the parking lot or school building.
- The third out is declared in the final half-inning.
- The umpires are sure no final appeal will be made.

46) A team’s lineup card must include all of the following, EXCEPT:  
[Rule 3-1-3]

- First initial and last names.
- Jersey numbers.
- Position being played.
- Batting order of starting players.
- First initial and last name of coach. (Correct Answer)
47) The batter is out for interfering with the catcher’s attempt to play on a runner coming home, regardless of the number of outs. [Rule 7-4-4 Pen]

☐ True (Correct Answer)
☐ False

48) A starting pitcher can be credited with a win if she pitches at least half of the innings played in the game, is replaced and her team stays ahead for the remainder of the game. [Rule 9-6-6-a(1)]

☐ True (Correct Answer)
☐ False

49) A pitcher may be removed as a pitcher and return as a pitcher only once per inning provided there has been no violation of the substitution rule. [Rule 3-3-2 Note]

☐ True (Correct Answer)
☐ False

50) A team captain may provide the plate umpire with the team’s lineup card. [Rule 3-1-2]

☐ True (Correct Answer)
☐ False

51) It is a dead ball when the ball slips from the pitcher’s hand during the backward motion of her delivery. [Rule 6-2-6]

☐ True
☐ False (Correct Answer)

52) A batter is called out for disconcerting the pitcher by stepping out of the box on one side of home plate to the box on the other side while the pitcher is in the pitching position. [Rule 7-4-3]

☐ True (Correct Answer)
☐ False

53) After taking the catcher’s signal, the pitcher must bring the hands together in front of the body for between one and 10 seconds before releasing the ball. [Rule 6-1-1c]

☐ True (Correct Answer)
☐ False

54) A pitcher does not have to release the ball the first time past the hip on a windmill motion. [Rule 6-1-4d]

☐ True (Correct Answer)
☐ False
55) All of the following are true statements regarding the designated player (DP), EXCEPT: [Rule 3-3-6]

- The DP is one of the nine hitters in the batting order.
- The DP may be substituted for at any time by a legal substitute.
- The DP may play defense only for the FLEX. **(Correct Answer)**
- The DP has left the game if the FLEX bats.
- The DP must remain in the same position in the batting order for the entire game.

56) 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. [Rule 3-6-1 Pen]

- True
- **False (Correct Answer)**

57) R1 is on first base; B2 is at bat with a 0-2 count and no outs. B2 swings at the pitch and the foul tip is caught by the catcher. B2 runs toward first base. As R1 is diving back to first base, B2 collides with F3 who is attempting to catch the thrown ball from F2 to tag R1. [Rule 2-32-1; 8-6-16c]

- B2 is awarded second base; R1 is awarded third base.
- B2 is declared out for interference; R1 remains at first base.
- **B2 has struck out and is charged with interference; R1 is declared out as the runner closest to home. (Correct Answer)**
- B2 has struck out; R1 remains at first base.
- B2 is declared out for interference; R1 is awarded second base.

58) After a dead-ball situation, the ball becomes live as soon as it is thrown back to the pitcher in the 16-foot circle. [Rule 5-1-4]

- True
- **False (Correct Answer)**

59) B1 holds the bat in the strike zone as the pitch is delivered, but does not make any movement to the ball as it passes 2 inches over the bat. The umpire shall call a ball as the batter did not “offer” at the pitch. [Rule 2-8-2;2-56-1]

- True
- **False (Correct Answer)**

60) A coach may be in possession of a stopwatch, as well as scorekeeping devices, in the coaching box. [Rule 3-6-10]

- True **(Correct Answer)**
- False
61) A batter must attempt to avoid being hit by the pitch in order to be awarded first base. [Rule 8-1-2b Pen 1]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

62) If worn, headwear (caps, visors, headband, ribbons, etc.) must be which of the following: [Rule 3-2-5]

- All the same color.
- White, black, beige or school colors. (Correct Answer)
- The same color for all team members.
- The same style for all team members.

63) The batter shall be declared out when she enters the batter’s box with an illegal bat, or is discovered having used an illegal bat and the infraction is detected before the next pitch. [Rule 7-4-2]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

64) A delayed dead-ball situation occurs when the umpire interferes with the catcher who is attempting to throw a non-batted ball. [Rule 5-1-2c]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

65) Team A’s pitcher hits a single and steals second on the next pitch. Her coach may replace her with a courtesy runner at this time. [Rule 8-9-1]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

66) 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. [Rule 8-1-2b]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

67) When an improper batter becomes a runner and the defense correctly appeals, the proper batter is declared out, and all runners not declared out on the play return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch. [Rule 7-1-2 Pen 2]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False
68) If the DP enters the game to play defense for the FLEX, she is considered a substitute. [Rule 2.57.1; 3.3.6e]  
- True (Correct Answer)  
- False

69) A bleeding player may be treated and remain in the game provided the medical treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time. [Rule 3.3.10]  
- True (Correct Answer)  
- False

70) If a runner is obstructed while returning to a base that she missed or left too soon, she is protected. [Rule 8.4.3b Pen Exc 2]  
- True (Correct Answer)  
- False

71) A dead ball is called if an obstructed runner is tagged out between the two bases where the obstruction occurred. [Rule 8.4.3b Pen a]  
- True (Correct Answer)  
- False

72) All of the following are true regarding the FLEX player, EXCEPT: [Rule 3.3.6]  
- 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. (Correct Answer)**  
- 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.

73) Runners are permitted to return to a missed base or a base left too soon before a dead-ball appeal can be made. [Rule 2.1.3b; 8.8.16]  
- True (Correct Answer)  
- False

74) Players may wear metal cleats and metal toe plates if playing on a grass infield. [Rule 3.2.11]  
- True (Correct Answer)  
- False
75) One base is awarded to a base runner when a defender fakes a tag. [Rule 2-21; 8-4-3b Pen c]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

76) If an illegal pitch is called and the batter does not reach first base safely or if any base runner fails to advance at least one base, the coach of the team at bat shall have the option of the result of the play or the penalty of the illegal pitch. [Rule 6-1-1 Exception]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

77) Wearing metal cleats is prohibited and results in a team warning. [Rule 3-2-11]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

78) The DP may be substituted for at any time by: [Rule 3-3-6d]

- A legal substitute.
- The FLEX playing offense.
- Anyone else in the batting order.
- A and B only. (Correct Answer)
- A, B and C.

79) Ground rules for a specific field, park or location may supersede a rule in the NFHS Softball Rules Book. [Rule 4-1-3]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

80) The use of the DP/FLEX is required. [Rule 3-3-6]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

81) Uniforms may have reflective buttons or ornaments provided they are not judged to be distracting. [Rule 3-2-8]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)
82) 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? [Rule 5-1-11 Note b]

- B1 is out on a good catch by F3; the ball is live and in play.
- Foul ball; the ball is dead and B1 remains at bat. (Correct Answer)
- B1 is out on a good catch by F3; the ball is dead.
- Foul ball; the ball is live and in play and B1 remains at bat.
- None of the above.

83) The same courtesy runner may not be used for both the pitcher and catcher in the same game. [Rule 8-9-1]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

84) It is not obstruction if an errant throw pulls the first-base player without the ball into the path of the batter-runner, and impedes her progress. [Rule 2-36; 8-4-3b]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

85) B1 bunts the ball and drops her bat. The bat is lying stationary in fair territory and the ball rolls against it and remains in fair territory. The ball remains live. [Rule 2-20-1a; 7-4-13]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

86) Prior to pitching, the pitcher must take a position with shoulders in line with first and third bases with ball in the glove or pitching hand, and with hands separated. [Rule 6-1-1a]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

87) Coaches sitting outside the team’s dugout to watch their team play defense shall be issued a warning and instructed to return and coach from the dugout. [Rule 3-6-6 Pen]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

88) The FLEX is placed in the 10th position in the lineup. [Rule 3-3-6b]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False
89) If a courtesy runner fails to report, she is considered an illegal substitute. [Rule 8-9-7]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

90) An illegal pitch call always results in the batter being awarded a ball and all runners awarded one base without liability to be put out. [Rule 6-1-1 Exception]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

91) 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. [Rule 3-6-17 Pen]

- True (Correct Answer)
- False

92) A team using a DP/FLEX may finish a game with eight players on defense (DP playing defense for another player) and seven players in the batting order. [Rule 4-3-1g]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

93) An obstructed runner is always awarded one base beyond the base where the runner was obstructed. [Rule 8-4-3b Pen c]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

94) Small-post earrings covered by tape are permitted during the game. [Rule 3-2-12]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

95) Time granted for an incapacitated player shall constitute a charged conference for the offense or defense. [Rule 3-7-1, 2]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)

96) Deliberately throwing a bat or helmet always results in the offender being ejected. [Rule 3-6-16 Pen]

- True
- False (Correct Answer)
97) A batter who is contacted by a pitched ball out of the strike zone, even if she swings at the pitch, is awarded first base. \[\text{Rule 7-2-1g}\]

- False (Correct Answer)

98) Following batter’s interference with the catcher, the penalty enforcement will be based on the number of outs. \[\text{Rule 7-4-4 Pen}\]

- False (Correct Answer)

99) The FLEX may be substituted for at any time by: \[\text{Rule 3-3-6f}\]

- A and B only. (Correct Answer)

100) A coach not dressed in appropriate attire shall not be permitted on the field of play following the pregame conference for the duration of the game or until the situation has been remedied. \[\text{Rule 3-5-3 Pen}\]

- True (Correct Answer)