The exam to follow will have 100 questions. You may “Flag” a question for review. At the end of the exam you will have an opportunity to review the flagged questions. All questions must be answered prior to completing the exam. 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) 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)
- The FLEX may be replaced by a legal substitute at any time.
- When the FLEX is substituted for by the DP, the team is down to nine players.

2) In the fifth inning, F8 is injured. Team A has no eligible substitutes remaining. In the sixth inning, an eligible substitute arrives at the ball park. She may enter the game in the vacated batting position. [Rule 3-3-8d]

- True (Correct)
- False

3) Initiating malicious contact is a serious offense and results in the offender being ejected. [Rule 3-6-18 Pen]

- True (Correct)
- False

4) The batter is out when she throws her bat and interferes with a defensive player attempting a play. [Rule 7-4-14]

- True (Correct)
- False

5) The batter must keep one foot in the batter's box between pitches. [Rule 7-3]

- True
- **False (Correct)**

6) Materials inside the bat or treatments/devices used to alter the bat specifications and/or enhance performance are prohibited and render the bat illegal. [Rule 1-5-1c]

- True (Correct)
- False
7) 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)
- False

8) R1 is on first base; B2 is at bat with an 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)
- B2 has struck out; R1 remains at first base.
- B2 is declared out for interference; R1 is awarded second base.

9) A base runner is out if a fair untouched batted ball strikes her after it passes any infielder and the umpire judges that another fielder has an opportunity to make an out. [Rule 8-6-11]

- True (Correct)
- False

10) 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)
- 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.

11) The DP and the FLEX are locked into the same position in the batting order. [Rule 3-3-6g]

- True (Correct)
- False

12) Media may be in a live-ball area if properly marked by the home team or game management. [Rule 1-1-7]

- True (Correct)
- False
13) 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)
   - False

14) It is legal for the assistant coach to record his/her players from behind the backstop. [Rule 1-8-6]
   - True
   - False (Correct)

15) 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)

16) 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)
   - False

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

18) 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)
   - False

19) A one-piece rubber bat grip and knob combination on a bat is legal. [Rule 1-5-2 a]
   - True
   - False (Correct)

20) The plate umpire may rectify any situation in which an umpire's decision that was reversed has placed either team in jeopardy. [Rule 10-2-3m]
   - True (Correct)
   - False
21) The use of electronic devices by team personnel in the dugout/bench area to transmit or record information pertaining to a player or team’s performance is legal. [Rule 1-8-6]

- True (Correct)
- False

22) All of the following are true regarding the knob of the bat, EXCEPT: [Rule 1-5-2a]

- It may be molded, lathed, welded or permanently fastened.
- Devices, attachments or wrappings are permitted that do not cause the knob to become flush with the handle.
- **It must protrude at a 90-degree angle from the handle.** (Correct)
- A one-piece rubber knob and bat grip combination is illegal.

23) A fielder is considered to be making an initial play if the batted ground ball deflects off the pitcher. [Rule 2-47-3a]

- True (Correct)
- False

24) 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)**

25) When the ball goes out of play, runners must be given the opportunity to complete their baserunning responsibilities before a dead-ball appeal is made. [Rule 2-1-3b(2)]

- True (Correct)
- False

26) The defense may appeal either during a live or dead ball, but it must occur before the next pitch (legal or illegal). [Rule 2-1-4a]

- True (Correct)
- False

27) Instant replay to protest an umpire’s decision is legal. [Rule 3-6-11]

- True
- **False (Correct)**

28) 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. [Rule 8-4-3b Pen a]

- True (Correct)
- False
29) The plate umpire is responsible for ensuring that a team's bats and helmets are inspected. [Rule 10-2-3a]

- True (Correct)
- False

30) A leap is when both feet of the pitcher are airborne prior to delivering the pitch. [Rule 2-33]

- True (Correct)
- False

31) 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)
- False

32) It is possible for the DP and the FLEX to both play offense at the same time. [Rule 3-3-6g]

- True
- False (Correct)

33) With R1 on first, B2 bunts a ball to F5 and both R1 and B2 advance safely. The defense protests the batter before the next pitch because B2 batted with a Reebok Vector that has holes in the taper part of the bat. B2 is declared out and R1 is put back on first base. [Rule 1-5-2c]

- True (Correct)
- False

34) Which of the following is true regarding foul lines? [Rule 1-1-3e, f]

- Foul lines extend beyond the bases.
- Foul lines extend to the outfield fence.
- Foul lines extend to a minimum of 185 feet when an outfield fence is not present.
- Foul lines should be 2 1/2 inches wide.
- All of the above. (Correct)

35) The taper is the area which connects the narrower handle to the wider barrel portion of the bat. The taper shall have a smooth, solid surface and a conical shape. [Rule 1-5-2C]

- True
- False (Correct)
36) It is possible for the DP and the FLEX to both play defense at the same time. [Rule 3-3-6e]

- True (Correct)
- False

37) 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)
- False

38) Since the head coach verifies that a team’s equipment is legal, the plate umpire need not ensure that bats and helmets are inspected by the umpires. [Rule 10-2-3a]

- True
- False (Correct)

39) Following batter’s interference with the catcher, each runner must return to the last base touched at the time of the interference. [Rule 7-4-4 Pen]

- True (Correct)
- False

40) 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 5-1-1i, 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)
- 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.

41) Entering the area behind the catcher while the opposing pitcher and catcher are in their positions is prohibited. [Rule 3-6-5]

- True (Correct)
- False

42) Any defensive fielder may make a live-ball appeal with the ball in her possession by tagging the runner or touching the base that was missed or left too early. [Rule 2-1-3a]

- True (Correct)
- False
43) All of the following are true regarding a legal softball field, EXCEPT: [Rule 1.1-1; 1.1-2]

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

44) 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? [Rule 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 is declared out for interference; R1 is awarded second base.
- B2 has struck out; 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)

45) A distance of 185 to 235 feet from home plate to the nearest obstruction on fair ground is recommended for interscholastic softball contests. [Rule 1.1-3a]

- True (Correct)
- False

46) All of the following are true regarding the catcher's box, EXCEPT: [Rule 2.10-2]

- 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.
- The catcher's box is a rectangle.
- The catcher's box is 8 feet, 5 inches wide.
- The catcher's box is 10 feet deep.
- The catcher's box includes the area directly behind home plate, between the batter's boxes. (Correct)

47) 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)
48) Score the run if the runner advances to home before the third out is made by the batter-runner being tagged out at second base attempting a double. [Rule 9-1-1; 2-61; 2-49]

True (Correct)
False

49) B1 intentionally removes the front line of the batter’s box; in the next inning her teammate, B2, removes the inside line of the batter’s box. B2 and her head coach are restricted to the dugout. B2’s replacement comes to bat with a strike added to the count. [Rule 3-6-17 Pen]

True (Correct)
False

50) The fielder is still considered to be making an initial play if she does not gain control of a batted ground ball but is still within a "step and reach" from the spot of the initial contact. [Rule 2-47-3c]

True (Correct)
False

51) 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)
False

52) The batter-runner shall be declared out when she hits an infield fly, when the infield-fly rule is in effect, even if it is not initially called by the umpire. [Rule 8-2-9 Note]

True (Correct)
False

53) If the ball slips from the pitcher’s hand during the backswing or forward motion, it is a pitch and a ball is called on the batter unless the batter swings at a hittable pitch. [Rule 6-2-6]

True (Correct)
False

54) Any player who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall not return to play until cleared by: [Rule 3-3-9]

The head coach.
A parent or guardian.
The athletic director.
An appropriate health-care professional. (Correct)
None of the above.
55) A slide is illegal if: [Rule 2-52-2]

- The runner uses a rolling or cross-body slide into the fielder.
- The runner's raised leg is higher than the fielder's knee when the fielder is in a standing position.
- The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg.
- The runner goes beyond the base and makes contact with or alters the play of the fielder.
- All of the above. (Correct)

56) 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)
- False

57) When a pitcher fails to deliver the pitch within the required timeframe, a ball is called on the batter and runners are advanced one base. [Rule 6-2-3 Pen]

- True
- False (Correct)

58) 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)
- The batter-runner steps backward toward home plate to avoid being tagged out.

59) Team personnel consist of all school representatives located in the team dugout/bench area, including but not limited to coaches, managers, certified athletic trainers, scorekeepers and spouses. [Rule 2-59]

- True
- False (Correct)

60) The home coach shall decide whether the grounds and other conditions are suitable for starting the game. [Rule 4-1-1]

- True (Correct)
- False

61) 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)
- False
62) 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)**
- A, B and C.

63) 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)**
- Rock resin.
- All of the above.

64) B1, identified on the lineup card as the pitcher, reaches base in the top of the first inning and a courtesy runner is used. As B1 goes to take the pitcher’s plate in the bottom of the first inning, she is injured and unable to pitch to the first batter. The result is: [Rule 8-9-2 Exc]

- The team must play with only eight players.
- **The courtesy runner becomes B1’s substitute retroactively and B1 has left the game. (Correct)**
- B1 may move to a different defensive position.
- B1 is ejected for unsporting conduct.

65) A coach may be in possession of electronic communication devices in the coaching box, provided they are being used for coaching purposes. [Rule 3-6-10; 3-6-11]

- True
- **False (Correct)**

66) 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]

- True
- **False (Correct)**

67) Bench personnel are permitted to engage in throwing and running activities during the one minute designated for the pitcher to throw warm-up pitches. [Rule 3-6-6 Note]

- **True (Correct)**
- False
68) After the game starts, the umpires are sole judges as to whether conditions, including grounds, are fit for play. [Rule 4-1-6]  
- True (Correct)  
- False

69) An improper batter is considered to be at bat as soon as she enters the batter’s box and one pitch has been thrown. [Rule 7-1-1]

- True (Correct)
- False

70) Team members are players listed on the team roster and lineup as submitted to the umpire at the pregame meeting. [Rule 2-58]

- True (Correct)
- False

71) After a dead-ball situation, the ball becomes live when it is held by the pitcher on the pitcher's plate and the umpire signals "play ball." [Rule 5-1-4]

- True (Correct)
- False

72) All of the following are true regarding gloves/mitts, EXCEPT: [Rule 1-4-1]

- Gloves shall be a maximum of two colors, excluding lacing and manufacturer's logo.
- Glove lacing shall not be the color of the ball.
- Gloves shall not be entirely gray, white or optic in color.
- Gloves may have one American flag not exceeding 2 by 3 inches.
- **Gloves may have markings that give the appearance of the ball on the outside, but not the inside.** (Correct)

73) The use of electronic devices by team personnel to transmit or record information pertaining to a player or team's performance is legal. [Rule 1-8-6]  
- True (Correct)
- False

74) Any adult coach may attend the pregame conference with the umpire(s) and verify that the team is in compliance with all NFHS rules. [Rule 3-5-1]

- True
- False (Correct)
75) Obstruction is called on F2 when she is about to receive the ball while blocking home plate, and comes in contact with
the runner sliding into home. [Rule 2-36; 8-4-3b]

- True (Correct)
- False

76) A pitcher may lick her fingers and make contact with the ball without restriction. [Rule 6-2-2]

- False (Correct)

77) A crow hop is the replant of the pivot foot by the pitcher prior to delivering the pitch. [Rule 2-16]

- True (Correct)
- False

78) When a base coach intentionally removes a coach’s box boundary line, a strike is charged to the batter and a team
warning issued. [Rule 3-6-17 Pen]

- True (Correct)
- False

79) 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)
- 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.

80) During the pregame conference between umpires, coaches and team captains, no balls may be hit or thrown in live-
ball territory. [Rule 2-14-2; 4-1-2a]

- True (Correct)
- False

81) All lines on the field shall be marked with what color material? [Rule 1-1-8]

- Green.
- White. (Correct)
- Yellow.
- Pink.
- All of the above colors are permitted.
82) A bat that was once legal, but has been structurally changed by shaving, rolling or warming the barrel is, by definition: [Rule 2-4-2a]

- A non-approved bat.
- A legal bat.
- A warm-up bat.
- An altered bat. (Correct)
- A prohibited bat.

83) An offensive substitute has officially entered the game when the ball is live and she replaces a runner on base or takes her place in the batter's box. [Rule 3-3-3a,d; 3-4-1a]

- True (Correct)
- False

84) The penalty for using an altered bat includes all of the following, EXCEPT: [Rule 7-4-2 Penalty]

- Coach ejected.
- Batter ejected.
- The batter is out.
- Coach restricted to the dugout/bench for the remainder of the game. (Correct)
- All runners returned to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.

85) At the pregame conference, the home team tells the plate umpire that his/her flex is pitching and his DP will be playing first base when they go out on the field. The umpire tells the coach the first-base player must play at least one batter in the first inning before the DP can play that position. [Rule 3-3-6e]

- True
- False (Correct)

86) A circle of what size shall be drawn around the pitcher's plate? [Rule 1-1-2d]

- 8 feet in diameter.
- 12 feet in diameter.
- 14 feet in diameter.
- 16 feet in diameter. (Correct)
- None of the above.

87) 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)
- False
At the pregame meeting, the head coach must list all team members on the team’s roster. [Rule 2-58]

- True (Correct)
- False

A batter is out on proper appeal when she fails to bat in her proper turn and another batter completes a time at bat in her place. [Rule 7-1-2 Pen 1]

- True (Correct)
- False

After the first inning, the first batter in each inning shall be the player whose name follows that of the last batter to complete her turn at bat in the preceding inning. [Rule 7-1-2]

- True (Correct)
- False

All of the following are true regarding the ball rotation, EXCEPT: [Rule 6-5]

- A pitcher has a choice of balls at the start of each half-inning if both balls have been in play.
- 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.
- The ball in play should be returned to the 16-foot circle after every half-inning.
- The pitcher may possess both balls and choose the one she wants to start that half-inning. (Correct)
- All of the above.

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)

A passed ball is a pitch the catcher fails to stop or control when she should have been able to do so with ordinary effort, and allows a runner to advance. [Rule 2-2-8]

- True (Correct)
- False

If there is an excessive amount of blood on any part of the uniform, that part of the uniform shall be changed before that individual may participate. [Rule 3-3-10]

- True (Correct)
- False
95) 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)
- When the runner intentionally contacts a fair ball that an infielder has missed.

96) A bat that has holes in the taper is permitted. [Rule 1-5-2c]

- True
- False (Correct)

97) The FLEX may be substituted for at any time by: [Rule 3-3-6f]

- A legal substitute.
- The DP, who may play defense for the FLEX.
- Anyone else in the batting order.
- **A and B only.** (Correct)
- A, B and C.

98) 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)
- False

99) 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)

100) All of the following team personnel are permitted outside the designated dugout/bench, EXCEPT: [Rule 3-6-6]

- The batter.
- Runners on base.
- The on-deck batter.
- Defensive players.
- **The coach giving defensive signals.** (Correct)