

2020-21 Baseball Officials Exam for Postseason Tournament Consideration and Answers

1. At the pregame plate conference, the plate umpire issues a warning to both teams for any player wearing jewelry while participating in the game. [1-5-12, 3-3-1d]
 - A. This is the correct protocol. A player caught wearing jewelry will be ejected on the first offense of the game.
 - B. This is NOT the correct protocol. An umpire may issue a warning to both teams at the first instance a player is observed wearing jewelry.
 - C. **This is NOT the correct protocol. An umpire may issue a warning to only the team of the offending player at the first instance a player is observed wearing jewelry.**
2. If an assistant third base coach comes onto the field to argue a call at second base: [3-3-1f.6]
 - A. The assistant coach should be restricted to the dugout.
 - B. **The assistant coach should be ejected from the game.**
 - C. The assistant coach should be ejected and the head coach should be restricted to the dugout.
 - D. Both the assistant coach and the head coach should be ejected from the game.
3. This year, all coaches are restricted from coming onto the field to argue or dispute an umpire's call. If a head coach in the third base coaches box begins to come across the field to argue a play at first base: [MHSAA Baseball Rules Meeting]
 - A. He should be ejected immediately.
 - B. He should be restricted to the dugout immediately.
 - C. **He should be warned not to continue and should be ejected if he ignores that warning.**
4. Daniel is listed as the DH for Baker in the 3rd spot in the batting lineup. In the 4th inning, Baker bats when it's Daniel's time to bat and hits a single. [3-1-4a.1]
 - A. This is an illegal substitution. Baker is called out and will be restricted to the dugout. Daniel is substituted for.
 - B. This is batting out of order. Baker's time at bat is nullified, Daniel is out, and the next proper batter is the name of the player that follows Daniel.
 - C. **This move is legal. The DH role is terminated for the remainder of the game and Baker will continue to bat in the 3rd spot.**
5. The starting pitcher listed on the lineup card is required to: [3-1-1]
 - A. **Pitch until the first hitter becomes a runner or is put out.**
 - B. Pitch until the first inning is over.
 - C. Pitch until he retires at least one offensive player.
6. The home team players are all dressed in grey uniform pants and shirts. When the home team head coach comes out to coach third base, the plate umpire notices he is wearing khaki shorts. [3-2-1]
 - A. The head coach will be ejected from the game.
 - B. The head coach may coach with khaki shorts on.
 - C. **The head coach will be restricted to the dugout.**
7. When a coach physically assists a runner during play: [3-2-2, 8-4-2s]
 - A. The ball is dead immediately and the runner is out.
 - B. **The ball is left in play and the runner is out. All other play stands.**
 - C. The ball is left in play and the runner is out. All other runners not put out during the play return to their bases at the time of the infraction.

8. In the 6th inning with a runner on third and one out, the batter hits a fly ball to the center fielder for the second out. R3 tags up and scores on the play. Immediately after the play is over, it is determined that the center fielder is an illegal player. [2-36-3, 3-1-1]
- A. The centerfielder is ejected. The out is nullified, the runner returns to third and the batter will come back to bat with the previous count.
 - B. The centerfielder is restricted to the dugout. The offensive team may choose whether to allow the play to stand or nullify the previous play and have the batter come back to bat with the previous count.**
 - C. The centerfielder is restricted to the dugout. The out is nullified, the run still scores and the batter is able to come back to bat with the previous count.
9. In the 3rd inning, rain begins to steadily fall. The responsibility of determining whether to continue play: [4-1-1]
- A. Is the home coach since the game has not yet reached regulation.
 - B. Is the athletic director or site administrator.
 - C. Is the umpires since the game has started.**
10. Ground rules: [4-1-2]
- A. May supersede the official playing rules in the rule book.
 - B. Are legal if set by the home team, even if the visiting team head coach disagrees.
 - C. May be formulated by the plate umpire if the two head coaches disagree.**
11. The game begins when: [4-1-5]
- A. The official scorer announces the start time.
 - B. The pitcher delivers the first pitch of the game.
 - C. The lineups are exchanged.
 - D. The umpire call "Play" after all defensive players and the batter are in proper positions to start the game.**
12. The home team assistant coach brings the plate umpire three baseballs to start the game after the plate meeting. The plate umpire notices that the balls do not contain any NOCSAE certification marks. [1-3-1, MHSAA Baseball Rules Meeting]
- A. Any baseball is permitted in emergency circumstances.
 - B. These baseballs may be used as long as they have an NFHS mark, if no other baseballs are available.
 - C. These baseballs must be replaced with NOCSAE-certified baseball. If there are no such baseballs available, the game cannot be started.**
13. A batted ball that goes sharp and direct to the catcher's chest protector and then is subsequently caught by the catcher is a foul tip. [2-16-2]
- A. True
 - B. False**
14. When a runner creates malicious contact with a fielder: [2-21-1b]
- A. It is always offensive interference.**
 - B. It is offensive interference only if the fielder did not have possession of the ball.
 - C. It is offensive interference only if the field was out of the runner's baseline.
 - D. The ball remains in play until all action ceases.
15. A head coach restricted to the dugout may: [3-2-4, 3-3, 3-4-4]
- A. Have a charged defensive conference on the mound.
 - B. Come out of the dugout to tend to a player that is injured or ill.**
 - C. Coach in the third base coaches box.
 - D. Come out to the foul line to calmly request a calling umpire ask for assistance.

16. Charles is listed as the 1B/DH in the 3rd spot of the starting lineup. All of the following moves are permitted except: [3-1-4b]
- A. Charles may be replaced at first base by Jones while continuing to bat as the DH for Jones in the 3rd spot.
 - B. Charles may be replaced at first base by Jones while continuing to bat as the DH for any player in the lineup.**
 - C. Charles may be substituted for by Jones both offensively and defensively and will be eligible to re-enter the game in the 3rd spot in the order one time.
17. Frank is listed as the SS/DH in the 5th spot of the starting lineup. In the 3rd inning, George replaces Frank at shortstop but Frank remains in the game as the DH for George. An inning later, the head coach would like Frank to return to play shortstop. [3-1-4b]
- A. This move is not permitted.
 - B. This move is legal, but the DH role is terminated for the remainder of the game and George will be substituted for.**
 - C. This move is legal, but only George may serve as the DH.
 - D. This move is legal and Frank may become the SS/DH again.
18. A scuffle ensues at second base after what is thought by the shortstop to be a hard slide. The shortstop, Abel, begins punching the runner (who does not retaliate). From the defensive team's dugout, Baker and Charles coming running into fair territory but do not engage in a physical altercation. Daniel comes sprinting out of the dugout and also begins punching the runner. Edward stands up and moves to the top of the dugout but does not come onto the field. [3-3-1p]
- A. Abel, Baker, Charles, Daniel and Edward are all ejected.
 - B. Abel, Baker, Charles and Daniel are ejected.**
 - C. Abel and Daniel are ejected.
19. With one out in the 3rd inning, the home head coach has an offensive conference with the batter, Baker. Two pitches later, Baker grounds out on a close play at first base where the home head coach believes the first baseman was pulled off the bag. He calmly approaches the foul line to request the base umpire ask for help. [MHSAA Baseball Rules Meeting]
- A. The base umpire must come to the foul line so that the coach may make his request.
 - B. The base umpire is not permitted on his own to ask for help on this play.
 - C. The head coach should be warned that he does not have an offensive charged conference to use and must return to his position. If he persists, he should be ejected.**
 - D. The head coach should be ejected immediately.
20. With two outs in the bottom of the 4th inning, a runner is thrown out on a steal attempt at second base. The head coach who is in the third base coaches box would like to come out to the base umpire to discuss the play. For the discussion to take place, all of the following are required except: [MHSAA Baseball Rules Meeting]
- A. The coach must have at least one defensive charged conference remaining.
 - B. The coach must have not yet used his charged offensive conference in the 4th inning.**
 - C. The coach must calmly approach the foul line and request to discuss the play.
 - D. The base umpire must agree to discuss the call with the coach at the foul line.
21. With a runner on first and second base and one out, the batter bunts a ball high into the air between the pitcher and catcher. The pitcher easily settles under the ball but allows it to fall to the ground untouched. He then picks up the ball and turns an easy double play. [2-19, 5-1-1j, 8-4-1c],
- A. The play stands. This is a double play.**
 - B. This is an infield fly and the batter is out. The ball remains in play and runners may advance at their own peril.
 - C. This is an intentionally dropped ball and the batter is out. The ball is dead and runners return to their previously occupied bases.
 - D. This is an intentionally dropped ball. The ball is dead, the batter is awarded first base and the other runners are forced to advance one base by the batter's award.

22. While in the Set Position with his hands together, the pitcher would like to change to the Wind-Up position. What is required for this to be done legally while the ball is alive? [6-1-3]
- A. **Step backward off the back edge of the pitcher's plate with his pivot foot.**
 - B. Separate his hands and request time.
 - C. Turn his body so that his shoulders are facing the hitter, as long as he does not step forward.
23. With his feet in the Wind-Up Position, the pitcher may do all the following except: [6-1-2]
- A. Deliver a pitch.
 - B. **Step to a base in attempt to pickoff a runner.**
 - C. Step backwards off the back of the pitcher's plate with his pivot foot.
24. With a 1-2 count, the batter swings at pitch that hits him on his hands around the bat. The ball then goes straight back to the backstop. [5-1-1a.1, 7-2-1b]
- A. **The ball is dead, a strike is added to the count and the batter is out.**
 - B. This is a foul ball and the batter remains at bat with a 1-2 count.
 - C. This is a hit by pitch and the batter is awarded first base.
25. R1 stealing, no one out. The batter hits a high fly ball to left field that is caught. R1 misses second base on his way past it. While returning to first base to properly tag up, R1 touches second on his way by. When the ball comes into the infield, the defense throws the ball to second base and appeals R1 missed it. [8-2-6]
- A. R1 is out on appeal for missing the base his first time by.
 - B. **R1 is not out since he touched second his last time by.**
26. R1 stealing, one out. The batter hits a ground ball to the third baseman. He fields the ball and immediately errantly throws the ball out of play beyond first base in attempt to put out the BR running to first base. At the time of the throw, R1 was passed second base. [8-3-3c, 8-3 BASERUNNING AWARDS TABLE]
- A. R1 is awarded to score and the BR is awarded second base.
 - B. **R1 is awarded third base and the BR is awarded second base.**
 - C. R1 is awarded third base and the BR is awarded first base.
27. R1 stealing, one out. The batter hits a ground ball to the second baseman, who fields the ball and swipes in attempt to tag R1 but misses him. He then errantly throws the ball out of play beyond first base in attempt to put out the BR running to first base. At the time of the throw, R1 was passed second base. [8-3-3c, 8-3 BASERUNNING AWARDS TABLE]
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 - C. R1 is awarded third base and the BR is awarded first base.
28. Jackson, the starting pitcher batting in the 6th spot in the batting lineup, is substituted for by Miller in the 4th inning. [3-1-2, 3]
- A. Jackson may re-enter in another defensive position and in the 6th spot but may not return to pitch later that game.
 - B. **Jackson may re-enter in any defensive position (but the same spot in the batting lineup) including pitcher as long as he was not removed due to an injury or because of a conference after all charged conferences were exhausted.**
 - C. Jackson may not re-enter the game in any capacity.
29. The catcher comes to his position in the 1st inning wearing a skull cap and an unattached mask. Both pieces of gear are in good condition. [1-5-3]
- A. As long as the opposing coach doesn't express concern, the catcher will be permitted to wear this combination.
 - B. This combination of equipment is legal as it is.
 - C. **This combination of equipment is illegal. The catcher must wear a helmet-mask combination that meets NOCSAE standards.**

30. The visiting team has used only one charged defensive conference through seven innings. In the 8th inning, the visiting team has this number of available charged defensive conferences remaining: [3-4-1]

- A. **One charged defensive conference.**
- B. Two charged defensive conferences.
- C. Three charged defensive conferences.