

2025-26 Baseball Umpires Exam for Postseason Tournament Consideration

1. With two outs and a full count, the batter swings and barely tips the pitch, which goes directly into the catcher's mitt and is secured. The catcher then drops the ball while transferring to throw. What is the correct ruling?
 - a) Strike three, batter is out
 - b) Strike three, batter remains at bat
 - c) Four ball, play continues
 - d) Dead ball, and the batter is awarded first base
2. A pitcher legally disengages the rubber but then fakes a throw to third base before throwing to first base in a pickoff attempt. What is the ruling?
 - a) Balk
 - b) Legal move
 - c) Dead ball, runners return to their bases
 - d) The pitcher must first fake to first before throwing to third
3. The following statement on obstruction is true:
 - a) The ball is always declared dead
 - b) The act must be intentional and only physical.
 - c) Occurs when a fielder with possession of the ball denies access to the base the runner is attempting to achieve.
 - d) Is declared when a fielder without the ball simulates a tag on a runner.
4. An offender shall be ejected on the first offense when:
 - a) A player loosens up to bat in the opposing team's on-deck circle.
 - b) A player leaves his bench area for the purpose of physical confrontation.
 - c) The coach uses replay equipment for coaching purposes during the game.
 - d) All of the above.
5. The batter hits a slow roller up the first baseline. The ball is in fair territory as the first baseman reaches down to field it. Just before the ball enters his glove, it is kicked by the batter-runner who is running in fair territory. What is the ruling?
 - a) Foul ball, no play
 - b) The batter-runner is out for interference
 - c) The ball remains live and in play
 - d) The batter-runner is awarded first base
6. With a runner on first base, the pitcher comes set, then picks up his pivot foot and quickly resets it before delivering home. What is the ruling?
 - a) Balk
 - b) Legal, if he does not disengage
 - c) Illegal pitch, ball awarded to the batter
 - d) Play stands unless the batter objects

7. The pitcher, while touching the rubber, adjusts his cap with his pitching hand before coming set. What is the correct ruling?
- Balk
 - Illegal pitch, batter is awarded a ball
 - Legal
 - Immediate dead ball
8. A coach makes his second defensive conference of the inning but does not remove his pitcher. Two batters later, the coach returns for another conference. What is the correct ruling?
- The pitcher must be removed
 - The pitcher may remain if no reliever is ready
 - The defense is charged with an additional conference
 - Play continues without penalty
9. The batter hits a ground ball to the shortstop. As the ball is hit, the end cap of the bat comes loose and flies towards the shortstop. This distracts the shortstop, and he is unable to make a play on the seemingly routine ground ball.
- The ball remains live and in play.
 - This is interference; the umpire shall call the batter out.
 - Time should immediately be called when the bat breaks apart. Return the batter to the box, and he will hit again.
 - The coach and player are ejected for illegal equipment
10. R3 on third base, two outs, 0-2 count on B7. B7 swings and misses on a curveball in the dirt that gets away from the catcher to the backstop. B7 is angry at himself and begins to take three steps toward his dugout when he realizes he can advance to first. As B7 now sprints toward first base, R3 touches home plate. The catcher gets the ball and fires to first base, just retiring B7 on a very close play for the third out. What is the correct ruling on this play?
- Call B7 out for leaving the baseline when he started toward his dugout.
 - B7 is out at first base for the third out; score R3's run as this is a timing play.
 - B7 is out at first base for the third out; no runs can score on this play.
11. The position of the pitcher's _____ determines the windup or set position.
- non-pivot foot
 - Pivot foot
 - Shoulders
 - Hands
12. R1. The batter hits a low line drive to the first baseman. The first baseman short hops the ball for no catch. The runner on first, believing the line drive would be caught, returns to first base. The first baseman touches first base before the batter reaches first, then tags the runner, who is now standing on first base.
- This is a double play as the runner was forced to run.
 - The batter-runner is the only out because the force was removed when the batter-runner was put out.
 - This is interference by R1, and both R1 and the batter-runner are declared out.
 - None of the answers is correct.

13. The batting order is Able, Baker, Charles, Daniels, Edwards. Charles bats instead of Baker and flies out to center field. Baker comes to bat, takes two pitches, and with a 1-1 count, the defense appeals batting out of order
- Daniels is declared out, and Edwards is the proper batter.
 - Daniels takes Baker's place at bat with a 1-1 count.
 - Baker is out, and Charles bats again.
 - None of the answers is correct.
14. Courtesy runner (CR1) runs for R1 and later in that same half-inning runs for R2. What is the ruling?
- Illegal substitution, CR1 is declared out.
 - Illegal substitution, CR1 is declared out and restricted to the dugout/bench.
 - Illegal substitution, CR1 is declared out and ejected.
 - Replace CR1 with CR2, who would run for F2 with no penalty.
15. R1 is on 1st with one out. B3 hits a fly ball to deep right field, and R1 takes off immediately on contact. The right fielder makes a diving catch for the second out while R1 is now scrambling to get back to first base. The right fielder gets up and, seeing R1 racing back toward first, unleashes a throw that lands over the first base dugout in dead-ball territory. At the time of the throw, R1 is roughly 30 feet from first base. Where is R1 placed?
- First base.
 - Second base.
 - Third base.
 - Home.... score the run.
16. R1 on first, R3 on third with no outs. A ground ball is hit to the shortstop and the defense begins to turn the double play. R1 slides illegally at second base, sliding beyond second base and creating a great deal of contact with the second baseman. What's the correct ruling on this play?
- Play on; this is a legal play.
 - Interference on R1 because of the force play slide rule. R1 is called out, batter-runner is called out, and R3 scores.
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17. What is the MHSAA policy on umpire attire?
- Umpires can wear any color combination as long as the crew of umpires matches.
 - Umpires can wear blue only, navy or power blue, and the crew of umpires must match.
 - Umpires can wear blue, black, or red, only. The crew of umpires must match.
18. If two runners are touching the same base when neither is forced to advance, if both are tagged: [8-2-8a]
- Only the preceding runner is out.
 - Only the following runner is out.
 - Both are out if the following runner is tagged first, then the preceding runner.

19. With runners on first and second and one out, the batter hits a pop-up near the mound. The umpire declares, "Infield fly." The ball then lands untouched in foul territory. The ruling is:
- Batter is out
 - Foul ball
 - Live ball; play continues
 - Infield fly stands
20. A fair batted ball strikes the umpire before passing an infielder other than the pitcher. The ruling is:
- Live ball
 - Dead ball; batter awarded first
 - Dead ball; batter out
 - Dead ball; return runners
21. With no runners on base, the batter bunts the ball, the ball hits the ground and strikes the bat a second time in fair territory while the batter is still in the box. The ruling is:
- Live ball
 - Dead ball; batter out
 - Dead ball; return batter
 - No pitch
22. With runners on first and second, the shortstop obstructs the runner from second while not fielding the ball. The ball is later hit safely to the outfield. The umpire should:
- Call time immediately
 - Call Obstruction
 - Call interference
 - Ignore the obstruction
23. After the game begins, an incorrect lineup is discovered:
- Invalidates the game
 - Requires a protest
 - Is corrected with penalties applied
 - Results in forfeiture
24. Runner intentionally interferes on a double play attempt:
- Runner out
 - Batter out
 - Runner and batter out
 - Delayed dead ball
25. Fake tag causes early slide and miss of base:
- Runner out
 - Obstruction, award base
 - Interference
 - No call

26. Late slide with malicious contact:
- a) Dead ball, runner out
 - b) Dead ball, ejection
 - c) Live ball, ejection
 - d) Double play
27. Ejected coach continues arguing from the stands:
- a) Ignore
 - b) Suspend game
 - c) Forfeit game
28. Audio/video devices worn by players result in:
- a) Warning
 - b) Restriction
 - c) Ejection
 - d) Forfeit
29. Illegal pitch with runners on base results in:
- a) Ball
 - b) Balk
 - c) Strike
 - d) Warning
30. A run shall NOT score when:
- a) Force third out
 - b) Tag occurs before runner crosses home plate
 - c) Batter-runner out before first
 - d) Any of above
31. Delayed dead ball means:
- a) Play stops
 - b) Play continues
 - c) Replay pitch