

## 2024 - 25 Baseball Officials Exam for Postseason Tournament Consideration

1. How many defensive conferences are allowed per game before a pitching change is required?
  - a. 3
  - b. 4
  - c. 5
  - d. 2 in one inning
2. If a batter attempts to bunt and fouls the ball on a third strike, the result is:
  - a. A strikeout
  - b. A foul ball, and the batter remains at bat
  - c. A live ball
  - d. The batter may be awarded first base if the catcher does not catch it
3. With two outs and a runner on third, the batter hits a home run but misses first base. The defense appeals before the runner from third touches home. What is the ruling?
  - a. The batter-runner is out, and no run scores
  - b. The run counts since the ball left the field
  - c. The runner is allowed to return to first base to touch it
  - d. The appeal is not valid once the runner from third touches home
4. A batter swings and makes contact with the catcher's glove while hitting the ball into play. What is the correct call?
  - a. Catcher's interference, batter is awarded first base
  - b. No interference, play continues
  - c. Batter is out for illegal contact
  - d. It is a dead ball, and the batter must bat again
5. With the bases loaded and no outs, the batter hits a fly ball to deep left field. The left fielder catches the ball near the fence, but his momentum carries him out of play. What is the correct ruling?
  - a. The ball is dead, the batter is out, and all runners advance one base
  - b. The ball remains live, and runners may advance at their own risk
  - c. The batter is out, and all runners advance two bases
  - d. The batter is out, and all runners must return to their original bases
6. 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. Foul tip, play continues
  - d. Dead ball, and the batter is awarded first base
7. 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
8. A pitcher comes set, then starts a pickoff move to first base. As he turns, his pivot foot slips off the rubber before he throws. The umpire calls a balk. Is this correct?
  - a. Yes, because he made a motion to first before stepping off properly
  - b. No, because he disengaged the rubber before throwing
  - c. Yes, because his foot accidentally disengaging still requires a throw
  - d. It is a dead ball when the pitcher slips off the rubber

9. The batter hits a sharp grounder up the middle. As the shortstop moves to field the ball, R2 runs into him before the ball reaches the fielder. What is the correct call?
  - a. Obstruction, runner is awarded the next base
  - b. Interference, runner is out
  - c. No call, play continues
  - d. Delayed dead ball, runner advances if the fielder recovers and makes a play
10. The visiting team protests a rule misapplication in the third inning. The protest is later found to be valid. What is the correct NFHS ruling?
  - a. The game is replayed from the point of protest
  - b. The entire game is restarted
  - c. The protest is invalid because protests are not allowed in NFHS
  - d. The game result stands
11. Courtesy runner (CR1) runs for R1 and later in that same half-inning runs for R2. What is the ruling?
  - a. Illegal substitution, CR1 is declared out
  - b. Illegal substitution, CR1 is declared out and restricted to dugout/bench
  - c. Illegal substitution, CR1 is declared out and ejected
  - d. Replace CR1 with CR2 who would run for F2 with no penalty
12. What is the MHSAA policy on umpire attire?
  - a. Umpires can wear any color combination as long as the crew of umpires' match
  - b. Umpires can wear blue only; navy or power blue, and the crew of umpires must match
  - c. Umpires can wear blue, black or red, only. The crew of umpires must match
13. The ball remains live and in play when the umpire gives the "do not pitch" signal.
  - A. True
  - B. False
14. By state association adoption, memorial patches not exceeding four square inches may be worn on jerseys in an appropriate and dignified manner.
  - A. True
  - B. False
15. 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
16. An offensive conference will be charged when:
  - a. A coach meets with his base runner after the opposing coach has been granted a conference to talk to his pitcher
  - b. Time is granted for an obviously injured player
  - c. An assistant coach is granted time to confer with the base runner on first base
  - d. All of the above
17. 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. Coach uses replay equipment for coaching purposes during the game
  - d. All of the above

18. With no outs and a runner on second base, the batter swings and misses at strike three. The ball bounces off the catcher's shin guard and lodges in the backstop padding. What is the correct ruling?
- The batter is out, and the runner remains at second
  - The batter is awarded first base, and the runner advances one base
  - The batter is out, but the runner is awarded third base
  - Dead ball, and the batter resumes the at-bat
19. With runners on first and second, the pitcher commits a balk while delivering a pitch that the batter hits over the fence for a home run. What is the correct ruling?
- The home run stands, and all runners score
  - The ball is dead, and all runners advance one base from their starting position
  - A ball is called, and runners return to their base
  - The offensive team may choose whether to take the home run or enforce the balk
20. With a runner on second base, the batter hits a sharp ground ball up the middle. The runner takes off for third but is struck by the batted ball before it reaches the shortstop. The third baseman was playing in and had no opportunity to make a play on the ball. What is the correct ruling?
- The runner is out for interference, and the batter is awarded first base
  - The ball is live unless the shortstop had a play on the ball
  - The runner is safe, and the play continues
  - The batter is out, and the runner remains at second
21. With two outs and runners on second and third, the batter hits a ball into right field. The runner from third scores, but the runner from second is thrown out at home for the third out. However, the batter-runner missed first base before the third out occurred. The defense properly appeals. What is the ruling?
- The run scores because the runner from third crossed before the third out
  - The run does not count because the batter-runner missed first base
  - The defense cannot appeal once the third out is made
  - The runner from third must return to third base
22. The batter hits a slow roller up the first base line. 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?
- Foul ball, no play
  - The batter-runner is out for interference
  - The ball remains live and in play
  - The batter-runner is awarded first base
23. A batter hits a line drive down the left-field line. The ball lands fair in the outfield and then bounces over the fence in foul territory beyond the outfield wall. What is the correct ruling?
- Home run
  - Ground-rule double
  - Foul ball
  - The ball remains in play
24. During a game, the home team's coach argues a judgment call excessively and is ejected. The coach refuses to leave the field in a reasonable amount of time and continues arguing. What should the umpire do?
- Allow the coach to stay if he calms down
  - Suspend the game until the coach leaves
  - Assess a bench-clearing penalty
  - Issue a forfeit to the offending team

25. 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?
- Balk
  - Legal, as long as he does not disengage
  - Illegal pitch, ball awarded to the batter
  - Play stands unless the batter objects
26. 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 move
  - Immediate dead ball
27. A pitcher, while delivering a pitch, does not have his pivot foot in contact with the pitching rubber at the time of release. What is the ruling?
- Illegal pitch, ball awarded to the batter
  - Legal, as long as his motion is continuous
  - Immediate dead ball, all runners advance
  - Balk
28. 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 coach must make a defensive change
  - The defense is not charged with a defensive conference
  - Play continues without penalty; pitcher must be removed from the game on the fourth conference
29. Electronic Communication is to the catcher only from:
- The dugout area
  - Foul territory including area outside the playing field
  - The press box
  - All of the Above
30. A bat may only have a foreign substance or drying agent:
- On the grip of the bat
  - On the grip of the bat or 16 inches on a wood bat from the knob
  - 18 inches on the bat from the knob
  - If approved pregame by the umpire