

2021 NFHS Baseball test

Question #1

At the beginning of the third inning, the head coach tells the plate umpire that Baker will bat for the fourth batter in the inning, Davis, if the inning lasts that long. Wilson comes to bat instead of Baker and does not tell the plate umpire. With no outs, he hits into a run-scoring double play.

- a. Wilson is an illegal substitute and is restricted to the bench when discovered.
- b. It is permissible for the plate umpire to record the projected substitution of Baker.
- c. Wilson is an unreported substitute. Upon discovery, the plate umpire will make the needed changes in the lineup.
- d. The opposing coach has the option of accepting the results of the play or having Wilson declared out.

Question #2

R2, B3 hits a ground ball toward F6. F6 fields the ball and chases R2 back toward second base. He then swipes at and misses R2 before throwing wildly into dead-ball territory beyond first base. B3 has reached first base prior to F6 releasing the ball.

- a. B1 is awarded second base and R2 is awarded home
- b. B2 is awarded third base and R2 is awarded home
- c. Bases are awarded based on the umpires' judgment as to what bases the runners would have attained had the ball stayed in play

Question #3

A foul tip is a batted ball that goes directly into the catcher's hands, is a strike, and remains in play

- a. True
- b. False

Question #4

The pitcher, while in contact with the rubber, licks his fingers and then immediately grips the ball. With no runners on base, what is the penalty?

- a. No penalty
- b. No penalty, if the base umpire had told him he could moisten his fingers because it was cold
- c. Add a ball to the batter's count and replace the ball
- d. Replace the ball for the pitcher

Question #5

If a coach wants a second offensive conference in the eighth inning of a NFHS game, the umpire should:

- a. Give him a verbal warning, but allow the conference
- b. Restrict the coach to the dugout for the remainder of the game
- c. Deny the conference
- d. Eject the coach from the game

Question #6

Failure to declare a designated hitter prior to the game precludes the use of a DH in that game

- a. True
- b. False

Question #7

An obstructed runner returning to a base is awarded:

- a. A minimum of two bases
- b. The base to which he was returning
- c. A minimum of one base beyond the base to which he was returning
- d. Obstruction awards are determined only by the judgment of the umpires

Question #8

The batter swings and misses the pitch and the pitch hits him on the hand.

- a. This is a hit batter, award the batter first base.
- b. Charge a strike to the batter.

Question #9

An infield fly:

- a. Can be an attempted bunt
- b. Can be a line drive
- c. Must be over the infield grass or the dirt cutouts beyond the bases
- d. Can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort
- e. Both C and D

Question #10

With a runner on first, the hit and run is on. B1 hits a fly ball to the center field fence that is caught. R1 touches second on his way to third, but misses it on his return to first. F8's throw to F3 goes into dead-ball territory. The base umpire properly awards third to R1.

- a. Since R1 touched second at least once, it is not considered a missed base.
- b. The award negates any appeal on the missed base.
- c. If R1 touches second while proceeding on the award, an appeal on the missed base cannot be upheld.
- d. R1 will be called out on proper appeal regardless of whether or not he touches second while advancing on the award.

Question #11

The defensive team should not be charged a conference if the pitching coach comes to the mound check on F1 who is complaining of a bad back, even if he discusses the pitch sequence to the previous batter with the catcher.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #12

R1. As the pitcher begins to deliver a pitch, the batter abruptly steps back and asks for "time." The pitcher delivers the pitch outside of the strike zone. The umpire shall:

- a. Grant the time out
- b. Ignore the request for time and call the pitch a strike
- c. Call a balk on the pitcher for the hesitation/interruption
- d. Call 'no pitch' and reset both pitcher and batter

Question #13

R1 and R3. B5 hits a line drive that glances off F6's glove and then touches the umpire standing near him and is then caught by the second baseman. The ruling on the field is:

- a. B5 is out
- b. B5 is not out and he bats again
- c. The ball is live and in play. No catch is ruled, and runners may advance
- d. Both runners are awarded one base from the time of the pitch

Question #14

With a runner at first base, just as the pitcher begins to deliver a pitch, the batter abruptly steps back and asks for "time". This action causes the pitcher to hesitate and not deliver the pitch. The umpire shall:

- a. Grant the time out
- b. Ignore the request for time, and call the pitch a strike
- c. Call a balk on the pitcher for the hesitation/interruption
- d. Call 'no pitch' and reset both pitcher and batter

Question #15

The home plate umpire may disallow F3 from splinting his injured finger if they believe the metal splint to be hazardous, even if the player provides a note from his physician

- a. True
- b. False

Question #16

A runner acquires the right to the proper unoccupied base if he touches it before he is out. He is then entitled to this base until _____.

- a. he is put out
- b. he legally touches the next base while it is unoccupied
- c. he is forced to advance to the next base by a following runner
- d. All the above.

Question #17

16. R2 and R3. The batter hits a fly ball to rightfield. The runner at third base tags up and leaves third base just as the right fielder contacts the ball attempting a catch. However, the fielder juggles the ball and takes several steps before gaining secure possession. The defense then appeals R3 left early. By rule, R3 left early.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #18

The pitcher, second baseman and shortstop may wear face/head protection:

- a. If it meets NOCSAE standards.
- b. If it is acceptable to have a mirror-like surface.
- c. If it is accompanied by a note from a parent/guardian.
- d. If it does not have a mirror-like surface.

Question #19

B3 bats following consecutive walks to R1 and R2. B3 hits a slow roller to F6 who feints a throw to first base before wheeling and throwing to third base to try and tag R2, who had overrun the bag. The throw goes into the stands behind third base. All runners had reached the succeeding base when the throw was made.

- a. R3 score, R2 is awarded third base, R1 is awarded second base
- b. R3 scores, R2 scores, R1 is awarded third base
- c. R3 scores, R1 and R2 are awarded a minimum of one base and potentially more based on the umpires' judgment
- d. The base umpire could potentially conference with the plate umpire regarding: 1) if the "feint" constitutes a "play" 2) Where were the runners when the ball was released
- e. Both B and D

Question #20

R1 only. The pitcher steps off the rubber and throws to first base. The throw is high and clearly out of the reach of F3. F3 brings his empty glove down and across the front of the bag, pretending to tag R1 who is stumbling back to the bag. U1 observes that the ball is out of play down the right field line.

- a. Obstruction. The defensive coach is warned, and the next offender shall be ejected
- b. R1 is awarded second base on the overthrow
- c. R1 is awarded third base on the overthrow
- d. Both A and C
- e. Both A and B

Question #21

R1 only. The batter hits a ball to right-center field. As R1 approaches second base, the SS alters the runner's path, causing him to hesitate before touching the bag and proceeding to third base. R1 is called out on a close play at third base.

- a. No penalty, R1 is out
- b. Obstruction. R1 is protected to second base, but the out because it was made at third base
- c. Obstruction. At the end of all playing action, time should be called and R1 awarded third base
- d. Interference. Immediate dead ball. R1 is out.

Question #22

Bases loaded, no outs. B4 hits a hard ground ball fielded by F5 who throws home successfully retiring R3. F2 steps toward first base and prepares to throw there to complete the double play, but R3 executes a legal slide across home plate, contacting F2 beyond the plate.

- a. Legal play
- b. R3 is guilty of "force play/slide rule interference" and B4 is declared out. R1 and R2 remain at second base and third base, respectively.
- c. R3 is guilty of "force play/slide rule interference" and B4 is declared out. R1 and R2 are returned to the bases occupied at the time of the pitch.
- d. R3 is guilty of interference and is declared out. A second out can be declared by the umpire if, in their judgment, another out was imminent.

Question #23

In the fourth inning B3 comes to the plate and singles to right field. The opposing coach notices that B3 is wearing #7, but the lineup card lists him as #11 and appeals to the umpire. What is the correct way to adjudicate this situation?

- a. There is no penalty
- b. R3 is declared out
- c. R3 is declared out and the coach is restricted to the dugout
- d. The lineup card is corrected to reflect the right number and R3 must bat again

Question #24

The pitcher, after having made his stretch and with his hands together, turns his shoulders to check the runner at first base.

- a. This is a legal move.
- b. This is a balk.
- c. Provided no one was deceived, it is a legal move.
- d. If the pitcher turns his shoulders after becoming set every time with a runner on first base, it is legal.

Question #25

How many offensive conferences/mound visits are allowed in a NFHS game before the pitcher must be removed from the mound?

- a. Three
- b. Two, if in the same inning
- c. Two, if to the same pitcher in the same inning
- d. Four

Question #26

Jeter begins the game as the starting designated hitter and the starting SS for the home team. In the bottom of the sixth inning, Jeter singles. The home coach approaches the umpire and announces that Henderson will be running for Jeter. It is legal for Jeter to continue to play SS while Henderson assumes the role of DH.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #27

Defensive malicious contact causes the ball to be:

- a. Delayed dead ball
- b. Immediately dead
- c. Alive and in play

Question #28

After several innings have been played, it starts to rain heavily, and play is suspended. If rain continues for 30 minutes, the game should be called.

- a. The umpires may call the game at any point when they deem conditions unsafe for play
- b. It must rain for 45 minutes prior to calling the game
- c. If after 30 minutes it is unclear as to whether or not there will be an opportunity to resume the game, an announcement should be withheld until the umpires are certain no further play will be possible within a reasonable amount of time
- d. Both A and C

Question #29

R1 and R2 with one out. The batter hits a routine pop fly on the infield. Both umpires fail to call out 'infield fly, batter is out' and the second baseman subsequently drops the fly ball. R2 advances on the play as the second baseman throws the ball to third base well ahead of the runner, but there is no tag. What is the ruling?

- a. R2 is safe at third base
- b. R2 is out at third base on the force play
- c. Both runners return to their time-of-pitch location as the umpires did not call infield-fly
- d. An infield fly is not nullified when the umpires fail to recognize it as such. R1 and R2 can advance at their own risk.
- e. Both A and D

Question #30

B4 has hit home runs in his first two at bats in a cross-town rivalry game. He comes up for the third time in the fifth inning with his team leading 9-0. The catcher requests time out to go to the mound. The first pitch is a fast ball that hits B4 in the helmet. The catcher yells "Take that!"

- a. The umpire should file the incident away and be vigilant in penalizing any future unsportsmanlike conduct by either team
- b. The umpire should officially warn both teams
- c. The umpire should immediately eject the pitcher
- d. The umpire should immediately eject the catcher
- e. B, C, and D are correct

Question #31

The visitor team's starting pitcher is hit in the hand by a pitch while batting in the top of the first inning. Prior to the home team batting in the bottom of the inning, the umpire observes that the starting shortstop is pitching and the starting pitcher is playing SS. The original starting pitcher could pitch in the later innings if cleared by the team's athletic trainer.

- a. True
- b. False

Question #32

The right fielder makes a catch near a barrier and his momentum carries him into dead ball territory. From here he can:

- a. Throw the ball to a teammate
- b. Step back onto the playing field and throw the ball to a teammate
- c. The ball is dead, he may not attempt any play, no runners may advance
- d. The ball is dead, and all runners advance one-base on the play
- e. The ball is dead, and all runners advance two-bases on the play

Question #33

Bases loaded. B5 bats with one out in the bottom of the sixth inning in a 2-2 game. He hits a medium fly ball to right field and R3 sets to tag up. When the ball is caught, the third base coach taps R3 on the shoulder, signaling him to start running home.

- a. Legal play. The coach is not "physically assisting the runner"
- b. Illegal. Upon proper appeal by the defense, R3 is declared out.
- c. This is primarily the base umpire's call in a two-person system.
- d. Both B and C
- e. None of the above

Question #34

R1 and R2 with one out. F3 is playing "behind the runner" at first base. B3 hits a line drive that glances off R1, who is standing on first base. The ball trickles out to right field. Each runner advances one base:

- a. Legal play. Resume play with the bases loaded, one out.
- b. Interference. The ball is dead. R1 is out. B3 is credited with a single and R2 is advanced to third base.
- c. Interference. The ball is dead. B3 is credited with a single. R2 remains at second base as he is not forced to advance.
- d. The ball is dead immediately upon hitting the runner. All runners are placed according to the judgment of the umpires.

Question #35

The batter/runner reaches first base on an infield hit and runs through the bag. After coming to a stop, he turns toward the field of play and walks directly back to the base. The first baseman tags him while off the bag appealing that he made an attempt toward second base. The umpire shall:

- a. Rule the runner out on appeal
- b. Rule the runner safe as no attempt was made to advance
- c. If unsure about the player's movement, he should get together with his partner
- d. Ignore the appeal
- e. Both B and C

Question #36

The umpire gives the "Do Not Pitch" signal

- a. Play continues if the batter is ready to hit
- b. The ball is dead immediately
- c. It is a delayed dead ball

Question #37

The ball becomes dead when time is taken to:

- a. Make an award when a runner is obstructed by a fielder.
- b. When an intentional base on balls is to be awarded.
- c. When baserunning penalties are imposed.
- d. All of the above.

Question #38

Which of the following misstates where R1 should be placed (assume the runner has not advanced to second base at the time of the infraction):

- a. The catcher scoops up a wild pitch with his mask- third base
- b. The right fielder catches a fly ball and intentionally steps out of play – second base
- c. The centerfielder throws his glove in the air and deflects a fly ball from potentially going over the fence- R1 scores
- d. The pitcher's pickoff throw, while F1 remains engaged with the rubber, goes out of play- second base
- e. Ball four to the batter is wild and bounces over the backstop- second base

Question #39

Prior to the start of the game, Renner is listed as the P/DH for the contest. In the fifth inning, the coach wants Black to replace Renner as pitcher only.

- a. Illegal
- b. Permissible
- c. The coach shall be warned for an illegal substitution

Question #40

With R2 and R3 and one out, B1 hits a long fly ball to right field. R3 tags on the play and attempts to score. R2 had gone partway and retreats to second base. The throw comes into second base doubling R2 off the bag just after R3 scores. Does the run count?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Question #41

As the umpires are exiting a closely contested game through a gate in right field, the home team's pitching coach yells from the nearby dug out: "You guys are two of the worst umpire's we have ever seen. You missed at least a half dozen calls and are an embarrassment to your association. You both suck."

- a. No action is required as the coach did not utter any profanity and the game is over
- b. No penalty as the umpires are exiting the field. The umpires should report the incident to their local commissioner
- c. The coach should be issued a "post-game" ejection
- d. The umpires should smile and make the best of a difficult situation

Question #42

A pitch ends when the pitched ball:

- a. Crosses home plate
- b. Comes to rest
- c. Is foul tipped
- d. All of ther above

Question #43

A batter is out in each of the following instances, except:

- a. His attempted bunt with a count of 2-2 goes foul
- b. He intentionally deflects a ball which is unlikely to roll fair
- c. He enters the batter's box with an illegal bat
- d. He swings at an uncaught third strike with one out and a runner on first base
- e. He is discovered to be an illegal substitute

Question #44

Bases loaded, two outs. B4 hits a home run over the right field fence. Upon proper appeal, R1 is declared out by U1 for failing to touch third base. How many runs score?

- a. One
- b. Two
- c. Three
- d. Four
- e. None

Question #45

The visiting team traveled to the game by car. One of the starting player's car broke down and there are only eight players present at game time. An assistant coach has gone to pick them up and should arrive quickly.

- a. The game may begin, since the coach placed the missing starter in the No. 9 position in the lineup.
- b. The game may begin, but the coach is restricted to the bench for having the confusion.
- c. The game may begin if the home team's coach has no problem starting the game with eight players.
- d. The game may not start until the visiting team has nine players present.

Question #46

The Visiting team's line up is: 1) Aaron 2) Berra 3) Clemente 4) DiMaggio. In the top of the first inning, Berra inadvertently leads off and singles. Clemente walks. Before a pitch is thrown to DiMaggio, the home team's coach approaches the home plate umpire and indicates that Clemente batted out of order.

- a. Clemente is out of order and is declared out. He is removed from first base and Berra is placed there. DiMaggio bats with one out.
- b. Clemente is out of order. Berra is declared out for missing his turn in the inning. Berra is removed from second base and DiMaggio bats with one out.
- c. No penalty
- d. Aaron is declared out for missing his turn to bat. Both players remain on base and DiMaggio bats with one out.

Question #47

Offensive malicious contact is defined as being:

- a. Obstruction
- b. Interference
- c. Only possible on plays at the plate
- d. Nothing

Question #48

Offensive malicious contact is defined as being:

- a. Obstruction.
- b. Interference.
- c. Depends on what runner committed the act.
- d. Nothing.

Question #49

With the bases loaded and two outs, B4 hits a ball in the left-center field gap. Giving pursuit, the left fielder throws his glove at the ball to slow it down but fails to contact the ball. The penalty for this is:

- a. Three-base award for the batter, all other runners score
- b. No penalty and play continues
- c. Two-base award for the batter, all other runners score
- d. Left fielder is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct
- e. Both C and D

Question #50

B4 is batting with a count of 2-2 when his foul ball glances directly off his bat into the glove of the catcher. The ball is juggled briefly by the catcher before being held securely. B4 is ruled out on strikes.

- a. True
- b. False