

For NFHS and GHSA Baseball

2024 Baseball Rules Exam

Study Guide



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2023 Rules Changes

Video Review: <https://youtu.be/iTnrcfwhZOs>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/N4ML85dqjwhvdf4bA>

Relevant Rules: 1.5.4, 1.5.12, 2.4.4, 3.3.1d, 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3

1. B1 comes to the plate wearing a necklace that is hanging outside of his uniform. He is also wearing earrings and a wristband from the Nickelback concert that he attended the previous night. Is this player legally equipped?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
2. Is a position player wearing sunglasses on top of his hat legally equipped?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
3. A player is wearing a play-calling wristband on his/her belt. This is allowed.
 - a) True
 - b) False
4. A right-handed pitcher engages the pitching plate with his pivot foot parallel to the pitcher's plate. His shoulders are squared to the plate, and his free foot is breaking the plane of the front edge of the pitcher's plate. Is this pitcher in the set or windup?
<https://youtu.be/wMiREHTfT2s>
 - a) Windup
 - b) Set
5. A right-handed pitcher with no runners on base engages the pitching plate with his pivot foot parallel to the pitcher's plate. His shoulders are squared to the plate, and his free foot is breaking the plane of the front edge of the pitcher's plate. He picks up and lowers his free foot twice in his delivery. <https://youtu.be/wMiREHTfT2s>
 - a) This is legal.
 - b) This is illegal, and we will restart from scratch.
 - c) This is an illegal pitch, and a ball will be added to the count.
6. The 2023 rules change now acknowledges the "Hybrid" stance and specifically addresses that it be considered a wind-up.
 - a) True
 - b) False
7. Umpires shall use the location and angle of the pitcher's pivot foot when determining if the pitcher is in the stretch or windup.
 - a) True
 - b) False
8. Umpires shall use the location and angle of the pitcher's free foot when determining if the pitcher is in the stretch or windup.
 - a) True
 - b) False



2023 Points of Emphasis

Video Review: <https://youtu.be/SoHKfuBH7QA>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/UaEdKq46uP4TRqVDA>

9. Can a player be restricted to the dugout for sportsmanship-related infractions?
a) Yes
b) No
10. Is this application of eye black legal for NFHS Baseball?



- a) Yes
b) No
11. Is this application of eye black legal for NFHS Baseball?



("Tu Ere Maricon" translates to a homophobic slur.)

https://www.espn.com/mlb/story/_/id/8395863/toronto-blue-jays-yunel-escobar-suspended-three-games-gay-slur-eye-black

- a) Yes
b) No
12. Is this application of eye black legal for NFHS Baseball?



- a) Yes
b) No

2023 Pre-Pitch Signals

Video Review: <https://youtu.be/gu8f023RxlU>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/NRtunTqQU1sKGqUD6>

13. R1. 1 out. 0-0 count. The pitcher is on the rubber and set to begin his delivery to the plate. The ball is currently in play. The batter is stepping into the box and has not reasonably come set. The umpire-in-chief, seeing the pitcher ready to deliver, wants to ensure the pitcher allows the batter to become set in the box and does not deliver a quick pitch. The umpire holds his right hand in a stop motion towards the pitcher. The pitcher disobeys the stop sign and delivers the pitch.
- a) This is legal. The stop sign is not an official mechanic.
 - b) This is illegal and is a quick pitch. The umpire should call time. A ball is added to the count.
 - c) This is illegal and is a quick pitch. The umpire should call time. A balk is called and R1 is awarded 2nd base.
 - d) This ball is already dead. A quick pitch cannot be penalized as a ball or a balk.
 - e) This ball is already dead. This is also a quick pitch and a ball is added to the count.
 - f) This ball is already dead. This is also a quick pitch and a balk is called. This moves R1 to 2nd base.
14. R1. 1 out. 0-0 count. The pitcher is on the rubber and set to begin his delivery to the plate. The ball is currently in play. The batter is stepping into the box and has not reasonably come set. The umpire-in-chief, seeing the pitcher ready to deliver, wants to ensure the pitcher allows the batter to become set in the box and does not deliver a quick pitch. The umpire holds his right hand in a stop motion towards the pitcher. The pitcher attempts a pick-off at first base.
- a) This is legal.
 - b) The ball is dead.

Mound Visits and Umpires

Video Review: <https://youtu.be/KldIhmDVJIA>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/1kZ9eL8UAhRTaoKh6>

Relevant Rules: 1.5.4, 1.5.12, 2.4.4, 3.3.1d, 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3

15. The visiting team is in the first base dugout. In the bottom of the third inning, with a runner on 2nd base, the visiting team head coach uses a mound visit. Where should the plate umpire stand?
 - a) At the point of the plate.
 - b) On the third base line.
 - c) On the first base line.
16. By rule, how long is a defensive conference?
 - a) 30 seconds
 - b) 45 seconds
 - c) 60 seconds
 - d) Undefined
17. The visiting team is in the first base dugout. In the bottom of the third inning, with a runner on 2nd base, the visiting team head coach uses a mound visit. Where should the field umpire stand during the visit?
 - a) In the B Position
 - b) In the C Position
 - c) In the shallow outfield.
 - d) Next to the plate umpire.
18. Must all defensive conferences in a game be given the same amount of time?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

Umpiring Appeal Plays

Video Review: <https://youtu.be/x6YhK2RsyS0>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/jjecof5pm26cjkFZA>

Relevant Rules: 2.29, 8.2.2, 8.2.5, 8.2.6

19. The runner from first base misses second base on his way to third. With the ball still live and all playing action over, the defense wishes to appeal. The defense touches the runner standing on third base with the ball. Is this a legal appeal that will have the runner declared out?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
20. The runner from first base misses second base on his way to third. With the ball still live and all playing action over, the defense wishes to appeal. The defense touches second base while holding the baseball. Is this a legal appeal that will have the runner declared out?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
21. The runner from first base misses second base on his way to third. With the ball still live and all playing action over, the defense wishes to appeal. The defensive coach verbally states that the runner missed second base. Is this a legal appeal that will have the runner declared out?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
22. The runner from first base misses second base on his way to third. With the ball still live and all playing action over, the defense wishes to appeal. The short stop verbally states that the runner missed second base. Is this a legal appeal that will have the runner declared out?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
23. The runner from first base misses second base on his way to third. With the ball still live and all playing action over, the defense wishes to appeal. The defense requests and is granted time and then states the runner missed second base. Is this a legal appeal that will have the runner declared out?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
24. R2, R3, 0 outs. B1 hits a fly ball to right-field. The ball is caught and both runner's tag and advance safely. The defense wants to appeal that R3 left third base early. The pitcher disengages the rubber, and the new R3 (R2 advanced on the tag-up) takes off for the plate. The defense throws home and gets the runner out. Can they still appeal that the original R3 left third base early?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Player Positioning Rules

Video Review: <https://youtu.be/NlwvCi2Q1lw>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/pKg5S2vd43sSGdHRA>

Relevant Rules: 1.1.4, 2.9.3

25. With R1 on first, F9 cuts in behind R1 for a throw from F1, who is in contact with the pitcher's plate, and receives a pickoff throw with both feet in foul territory.
 - a. This is a balk.
 - b. This is an illegal pitch.
 - c. This is legal.
26. With R1 on first, F3 has one foot in foul territory and one foot in fair territory when he receives a pickoff throw from F1.
 - a. This is a balk.
 - b. This is an illegal pitch.
 - c. This is legal.
27. With no runner on base, F1 delivers a pitch while F3 is standing with both feet in foul territory.
 - a. This is a balk.
 - b. This is an illegal pitch.
 - c. This is legal.
28. With no runner on base, F1 delivers a pitch while F3 is standing with one foot in foul territory.
 - a. This is a balk.
 - b. This is an illegal pitch.
 - c. This is legal.
29. With R1 on first, F1 delivers a pitch while F3 is standing with both feet in foul territory.
 - a. This is a balk.
 - b. This is an illegal pitch.
 - c. This is legal.
30. With no runners on base, F1 delivers a pitch. The catcher is positioned behind home plate with one foot in the catcher's box, and one foot entirely outside of the box.
 - a. This is legal.
 - b. This is an illegal pitch.
 - c. This is a balk.
31. With no runners on base, F1 delivers a pitch. The catcher is positioned behind home plate with both feet outside of the catcher's box when the pitch is released.
 - a. This is legal.
 - b. This is an illegal pitch.
 - c. This is a balk.

Umpire 101: Infield Fly Rule

Video Review: <https://youtu.be/fztpXoXP5ZI>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/1WsVPj1qjdd97kNu5>

Relevant Rules: 2.19, 7.4.1, 8.4.1, 10.2.3

32. Can an outfielder catch an infield fly?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
33. Can a bunt be an infield fly?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
34. Who does an infield fly benefit?
 - a) The batter
 - b) The runners
 - c) The defense
 - d) All of the above
35. With a runner on 3rd base, and two outs, B1 hits a fly ball in the infield that should be caught by F4 with ordinary effort. U1 incorrectly calls out "infield fly" and the batter-runner does not attempt to advance to first. The ball is then unintentionally not caught by F4, but he picks the ball up and throws the ball to first base.
 - a) The batter-runner is out for hitting an infield fly.
 - b) The batter-runner is out at first base.
 - c) The batter-runner is safe because he didn't attempt to advance due to the umpire's mistake.
 - d) Call "time" and start over from scratch.
36. With R2 on second and R1 on first and no outs, B3 hits an infield fly (or what by rule is an infield fly), but neither umpire calls "infield fly" due to poor judgment, forgetting the situation, etc. The defense then lets the ball drop without touching it and throws the ball to third and second base while the runners do not try to advance. The play ends with R2 on second, and R1 and the batter-runner on first.
 - a) R2 and R1 are out on a force out. Batter-runner stays at first.
 - b) Batter is out. R2 and R1 remain at second and first respectively.
 - c) All three are out. And the manager of the offensive team is subsequently ejected for his unsolicited feedback on your umpiring.
37. Which will tell you if a ball is an infield fly?
 - a) The ball
 - b) The fielders
 - c) Your partner because you had a "mental lapse."
 - d) The TV announcers

Batter's Box Rules Breakdown

Video Review: <https://youtu.be/7TMPFzfQKvY>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/rM8VmhWs63isdhra7>

Relevant Rules: 2.7.2, 2.7.3, 5.2.1, 7.3.1

38. B1 takes his stance in the batter's box with his back foot entirely within the chalk of the batter's box, and his front foot partially on and partially outside of the chalk of the batter's box.
- This is legal.
 - This is illegal, the batter is out once the pitcher delivers a pitch.
 - This is illegal, add a strike to the count once the pitcher delivers the pitch.
 - This is illegal, instruct the batter to take a legal position in the box before the pitcher delivers.
39. B1 starts with a legal stance in the batter's box. When the pitch is delivered, the batter strides forward and his foot lands outside of the batter's box when the pitch passes him. He does not swing.
- This is legal.
 - This is illegal, the batter is out.
 - This is illegal, add a strike to the count.
40. B1 starts with a legal stance in the batter's box. When the pitch is delivered, the batter strides forward and his foot lands outside of the batter's box when the pitch passes him. He swings and misses.
- This is legal.
 - This is illegal, the batter is out.
 - This is illegal, add a strike to the count.
41. B1 starts with a legal stance in the batter's box. When the pitch is delivered, the batter's foot is entirely outside of the batter's box and in contact with the ground when he swings and fouls off the ball.
- This is legal.
 - This is illegal, the batter is out.
 - This is illegal, add a strike to the count.
42. With R1 on first base, B2 illegally hits a pitch that goes toward F6 and F4 obstructs R1 advancing to second base.
- The ball became dead at the time of B2's violation.
 - This is a delayed dead ball. The defense can potentially turn a double play.
 - This is a delayed dead ball. The illegal action of the batter is nullified by the obstruction, and we will replay third down.
43. After bunting the ball, B1's bat, which is still in B1's hand, unintentionally strikes the ball a second time in fair territory while B1 is still in the batter's box.
- This is a foul ball.
 - This is an out.

44. B1 squares to bunt and hits the pitch. The batted ball bounces off the plate and hits B1's bat a second time while B1 is holding the bat in the batter's box.
- This is a foul ball.
 - This is legal so long as it was not intentional, and play continues.
 - This is illegal. The batter is out.

Catcher's Obstruction

Video Review: <https://youtu.be/OwACCuUWGDs>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/zKMCbNcUfgXEDXV28>

Relevant Rules: 2.22.1, 5.1.2, 8.1.1, 8.3.2, 8.8

45. R2 is on second. F2 obstructs B2 but B2 hits and reaches first safely. R2, who was not moving on the pitch, is thrown out at home plate.
- The result of the play stands.
 - The head coach of the offensive team can take the results of the play or have B2 awarded first and R2 returned to second.
 - The head coach of the offensive team can take the results of the play or have B2 awarded first and R2 awarded third.
46. R2 is on second base and does not attempt to advance on the pitch. After B2 takes his position in the batter's box, F2 clearly reaches out over home plate after F1 has made a movement that has committed him to pitch. The batter does not swing.
- This is nothing.
 - This is a balk. R2 is awarded third.
 - This is catcher's obstruction. R2 stays at second. B2 is awarded first base.
 - This is catcher's obstruction. R2 is awarded third. B2 is awarded first base.
47. R2 is on second base and stealing on the pitch. F2 sees the stealing runner and reaches out over home plate to receive the pitch and attempt to throw out R2 at third. The batter does not swing.
- This is nothing.
 - This is a balk. R2 is awarded third.
 - This is catcher's obstruction. R2 stays at second. B2 is awarded first base.
 - This is catcher's obstruction. R2 is awarded third. B2 is awarded first base.
48. R2 is on second with one out. F2 obstructs B3, but B3 hits a ground ball to F4 who throws B3 out. F3 overthrows third in an attempt to retire R2, who scores on overthrow.
- This is an immediate dead ball when the obstruction occurs.
 - This is a delayed dead ball.
49. R2 is on second with one out. F2 obstructs B3, but he hits a ground ball to F4 who throws him out. F3 overthrows third in an attempt to retire R2 who scores on the overthrow. After the playing action ends and time is called, the umpires should:
- Award the batter runner first, and place R2 back at second.
 - Immediately go to the offensive coach and ask if he wants the play to stand or the penalty for catcher's obstruction enforced.
 - Nothing. The offensive coach may request time to have the obstruction enforced.
 - Nothing. The catcher's obstruction is ignored due to the run scoring.

50. R3 is on third base and R2 on second base, with one out. F2 obstructs B4, who hits a ground ball to F4. R2 was attempting to steal third, even though third was occupied. B4 is thrown out at first on the play. R3 scores and R2 reaches third. After play ends and "time" is called:
- Award B4 first. Place R3 at third and R2 at second. The offensive coach may request to take the results of the play.
 - Award B4 first. Score R3 and award R2 third base. The offensive coach may request to take the results of the play.
 - The result of the play stands.
51. With R2 on second and R1 on first and one out, B4 hits a pop fly to the second baseman that is declared a legal infield fly. During B's swing, F2 obstructed the swing with his mitt. The defense does not catch the ball, and R2 scores with R1 advancing to third base. B4 ends up on second base. After play ends and "time" is called:
- Enforce the obstruction penalty. Award B1 first, R2 is forced to third and R1 is advanced to second. The offensive coach may take the results of the play.
 - The result of the play stands. R2 scores. R1 is on third. B4 is safe at second.
 - The result of the play stands. R2 scores. R1 is on third. B4 is out. The offensive coach may request the penalty for catcher's obstruction be enforced.

Umpire Basics: Crew Consultations

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Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/KRR2eAftowu3Rdeg8>

52. R1, 0 outs. A ground ball is hit to F5 who throws across the infield to F3. F3 comes off the bag and attempts a swipe tag to get the batter-runner. The base umpire rules no-tag and that the batter-runner is safe. The defensive coach comes out to area behind the mound and asks the base umpire to check with the plate umpire. The base umpire agrees.

During the crew consultation, can the defensive coach stand in the coach's box?

- Yes
 - No
53. R1, 0 outs. A ground ball is hit to F5 who throws across the infield to F3. F3 comes off the bag and attempts a swipe tag to get the batter-runner. The base umpire rules no-tag and that the batter-runner is safe. The defensive coach comes out to area behind the mound and asks the base umpire to check with the plate umpire. The base umpire agrees.

During the crew consultation, can the defensive coach stand in fair territory away from the umpires?

- Yes
- No

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54. R1, 0 outs. A ground ball is hit to F5 who throws across the infield to F3. F3 comes off the bag and attempts a swipe tag to get the batter-runner. The base umpire rules no-tag and that the batter-runner is safe. The defensive coach comes out to area behind the mound and asks the base umpire to check with the plate umpire. The base umpire agrees.

During the crew consultation, can the defensive coach stand at the mound for a mound visit?

- a) Yes
 - b) No
55. R1, 0 outs. A ground ball is hit to F5 who throws across the infield to F3. F3 comes off the bag and attempts a swipe tag to get the batter-runner. The base umpire rules no-tag and that the batter-runner is safe. The defensive coach comes out to area behind the mound and asks the base umpire to check with the plate umpire. The base umpire agrees.

During the crew consultation, can the defensive coach stand in the discussion with the umpires?

- a) Yes
 - b) No
56. R1, 0 outs. A ground ball is hit to F5 who throws across the infield to F3. F3 comes off the bag and attempts a swipe tag to get the batter-runner. The base umpire rules no-tag and that the batter-runner is safe. The defensive coach comes out to area behind the mound and asks the base umpire to check with the plate umpire. The base umpire agrees.

During the crew consultation, can the defensive coach stand anywhere in foul territory away from the umpires?

- a) Yes
 - b) No
57. The head coach of the home team thinks the umpire from the A position missed a close play at first base. There is no question about the ball being dropped or if the first basemen pulled his foot. The base umpire had a clear view of the play.

The manager of the home team comes out and asks the base umpire to get help from the plate umpire.

- a) The umpire should immediately go and ask his partner for help.
 - b) The umpire should deny the coach's request to get help.
 - c) The umpire should only get help if the manager requests it within 30 seconds of the play ending.
58. The base umpire from the middle has a close play on a back pick at third base and calls the runner out. The umpire believes the angle he had was the best angle possible, but that his partner behind the plate may have additional insight to the play.

When can the base umpire go to their partner?

- a) Immediately after the play.
- b) When the coach comes out to ask about the play.
- c) Not until the coach and him discuss the entire play and whether the umpire's judgment was correct.

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59. A close play happens at third base and is ruled safe by the base umpire. The head coach of the defense requests and is granted time and comes out to the plate umpire requesting them to give help on the play.
- a) The plate umpire should immediately give a ruling.
 - b) The plate umpire should call her partner in from the field to discuss the play.
 - c) The plate umpire should direct the coach to speak with the base umpire about the call.
60. Crew of 3 umpires U3 is the crew chief. R2, one out. The base umpires are on the 3rd base foul line and in the "deep b" position.

B3 hits a ground ball to F5, who throws across the infield to F3. U1 rules the ball beat the batter-runner to first.

The offensive coach comes out and asks the base umpire to get help on a potential pulled foot by F3.

The umpire wants to get help and should...

- a) jog to the plate umpire and quickly ask if they had a pulled foot.
 - b) bring the entire crew together to discuss the play.
61. Crew of 3 umpires. U3 is the crew chief. R2, one out. The base umpires are on the 3rd base foul line and in the "deep b" position.

B3 hits a ground ball to F5, who throws across the infield to F3. U1 rules the ball beat the batter-runner to first.

The offensive coach comes out and asks the base umpire to get help on a potential pulled foot by F3.

The crew gets together and determines to stay with the call. The offensive coach requests time in a calm manner to discuss the call with the plate umpire.

- a) The request for time should be denied. If the coach continues to come out to discuss the play, they are "restricted to the dugout" and then subject to ejection.
 - b) They are immediately ejected.
 - c) This is legal so long as they are non-combative and polite.
62. Crew of 3 umpires. U3 is the crew chief. R2, one out. The base umpires are on the 3rd base foul line and in the "deep b" position. B3 hits a ground ball to F5, who throws across the infield to F3. U1 rules the ball beat the batter-runner to first.

The offensive coach comes out and asks the base umpire to get help on a potential pulled foot by F3. The crew gets together and determines F3 pulled their foot off the bag before receiving the ball. They will change the call to safe. Who will signal the change?

- a) The Plate Umpire
- b) U1
- c) U3 (Crew Chief)

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63. Crew of 3 umpires. U3 is the crew chief. R2, one out. The base umpires are on the 3rd base foul line and in the "deep b" position. B3 hits a ground ball to F5, who throws across the infield to F3. U1 rules the ball beat the batter-runner to first.

The offensive coach comes out and asks the base umpire to get help on a potential pulled foot by F3. The crew gets together and determines F3 pulled their foot off the bag before receiving the ball. They will change the call to safe.

The defensive coach wants to ask why the call was changed. Who should they go to?

- a) The Plate Umpire
 - b) U1
 - c) U3 (Crew Chief)
 - d) They cannot come out and will immediately be ejected.
64. Crew of 3 umpires. U3 is the crew chief. R2, one out. The base umpires are on the 3rd base foul line and in the "deep b" position. B3 hits a ground ball to F5, who throws across the infield to F3. U1 rules the ball beat the batter-runner to first. The offensive coach comes out and asks the base umpire to get help on a potential pulled foot by F3.

The crew gets together and determines F3 pulled their foot off the bag before receiving the ball. They will change the call to safe. The crew knows the defensive coach will likely want an explanation of the change. Can the crew inform the defensive coach of the change before signaling the change?

- a) They are required to tell the coach of the coming change before signaling it.
 - b) It is up to the crew.
 - c) They may not tell the coach until after they signal the reversed call.
65. R1 is stealing with a 3-1 count on the batter. The next pitch is called ball four, but the catcher throws the ball to second base anyway, and the runner is tagged before reaching the base. The base umpire erroneously calls the runner out, and the runner, believing he is out, steps off the bag and is again tagged by the fielder.
- a) R1 is safe at second base.
 - b) R1 is out for leaving the base.

Batter's Interference

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/haKbGATRMsQ>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/BdZ9neJJ5mM1QfYx5>

Relevant Rules: 7.3.5, 7.3.7, 8.4.1

66. R1, 1 out. 2-0 count. B3 swings and misses, making contact with F2 on B3's follow-through. This action interferes with F2's throw to second base in an effort to put out advancing R1.

R1 is safe at second base.

- a) B3 is out and R1 is returned to first base.
 - b) R1 is out and B3 remains at bat with a 2-1 count.
 - c) R1 is returned to first and B3 remains at bat with a 2-1 count.
67. R1, 1 out. 2-2 count. B3 swings and misses, making contact with F2 on B3's follow-through. This action interferes with F2's throw to second base in an effort to put out advancing R1.

R1 is safe at second base.

- a) B3 is out and R1 is returned to first base.
 - b) R1 is out and B3 remains at bat with a 2-2 count.
 - c) R1 and B3 are out.
 - d) R1 is returned to first and B3 is out on the strike out.
 - e) The defense may pick to have either the runner or the batter out.
68. R1, 1 out. 2-0 count. B3 swings and misses, making contact with F2 on B3's follow-through. This action interferes with F2's throw to second base in an effort to put out advancing R1.

R1 reaches second and the throw gets past the short stop, R1 continues to third and is thrown out by the center fielder who was backing up second.

- a) B3 is out and R1 is returned to first base.
 - b) R1 is out and B3 remains at bat with a 2-1 count.
 - c) R1 and B3 are out.
 - d) R1 is returned to first and B3 remains at bat with a 2-1 count.
 - e) The defense may pick to have either the runner or the batter out.
69. R1, R2. 0 outs. 0-2 count. R1 and R2 attempt to steal on the pitch. B4 swings and misses the pitch and interferes with F2's attempt to throw out R1 at second base. Both runners advance safely.
- a) B4 is out. R2 is returned to second base. R1 is returned to first base.
 - b) B4 is out. R2 is out. R1 is returned to first base.
 - c) B4 is out. R2 is returned to second base. R1 is out.
 - d) B4 is out. R2 remains at third. R1 is out.
 - e) B4 is out. R2 is out. R1 remains at second base.

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70. R1, R2. 0 outs. 0-2 count. R1 and R2 attempt to steal on the pitch. B4 swings and misses the pitch and interferes with F2's attempt to throw out R1 at second base. R1 is retired at second base by the catcher's initial throw.
- a) B4 is out. R2 is returned to second base. R1 is returned to first base.
 - b) B4 is out. R2 is out. R1 is returned to first base.
 - c) B4 is out. R2 is returned to second base. R1 is out.
 - d) B4 is out. R2 remains at third. R1 is out.
 - e) B4 is out. R2 is out. R1 remains at second base.
71. R1, R2. 0 outs. 0-2 count. R1 and R2 attempt to steal on the pitch. B4 swings and misses the pitch and interferes with F2's attempt to throw out a runner. It is unknown which runner a play was going to be made on.
- a) B4 is out. R2 is returned to second base. R1 is returned to first base.
 - b) B4 is out. R2 is out. R1 is returned to first base.
 - c) B4 is out. R2 is returned to second base. R1 is out.
 - d) B4 is out. R2 remains at third. R1 is out.
 - e) B4 is out. R2 is out. R1 remains at second base.
72. R3, 1 out. 0-2 count. B3 swings and misses the pitch. The ball bounces off F2's glove into the air, where it is hit by B3's follow-through. The ball rolls to the backstop. B3 reaches first base safely and R3 scores.
- a) The play stands.
 - b) B3 is out. R3 is out.
 - c) B3 is out. R3 is returned to third base.
73. R3, 1 out. 1-1 count. R3 attempts to steal home. B2 swings and misses the pitch for strike two. On the follow-through, B2's bat releases and strikes F2 in the face mask. R3 scores.
- a) The play stands.
 - b) B2 is out. R3 is returned to third.
 - c) R3 is out. B2 remains at bat with a 1-2 count.
 - d) R3 and B2 are out.
74. R3, 2 out. 1-1 count. R3 attempts to steal home. B2 swings and misses the pitch for strike two. On the follow-through, B2's bat releases and strikes F2 in the face mask. R3 scores.
- a) The play stands.
 - b) B2 is out. R3 does not score.
 - c) R3 is out. B2 will lead off in the next inning.

Offensive Coaching Rules

Video Review: <https://youtu.be/3U0-Y2g1EYA>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/5oRM5VUmer359njSA>

Relevant Rules: 1.5.1, 3.2.1, 7.4.1

75. B1 hits a home run out of the park and, while rounding third, trips over the base. The third-base coach helps B1 to his feet and he completes his award by touching home.
- This is assisting. The batter-runner is out.
 - This is legal. The run counts.
76. R3, R2. 1 out. B3 hits a fly ball that bounces off the fence into play, as R3's coach at third physically assists R3 at third base. R3 and R2 score. B3 stays at first.
- This is legal so long as the umpire believes the player would have scored without the assistance.
 - This is illegal. At the end of playing action, R3 will be called out. R2's run counts. B3 stays at first.
 - This illegal and shall be called immediately. R3 is out. R2 stays at second. B3 is awarded first.
 - This is illegal and shall be called immediately. The ball remains live and any subsequent outs or advances by runners shall be allowed.
77. The third-base coach is accidentally hit by a thrown ball when standing in foul territory but out of the coach's box.
- There is no penalty. The ball remains live.
 - There is no penalty. The ball becomes dead.
 - This is interference. The ball becomes dead.
78. The third-base coach is standing outside of the coach's box and further away from the plate and fair territory than the box.
- This is illegal and should be enforced as soon as noticed by the umpires.
 - This is not considered out of the box unless the opposing coach complains.
 - This is not considered out of the box and is legal under all circumstances.
79. At the end of a half-inning, the first base (assistant) coach leaves the coaching box to return to the third-base dugout. While passing the plate umpire, the assistant coach stops for a quick discussion about a ruling. The coach commits no other 3-3-1f violation.
- This is legal.
 - This is not legal. The assistant coach may not approach an umpire to discuss a play.
80. Between innings the coach of Team A walks from the third base coach's box to the pitcher's mound and proceeds to visit with F1.
- This is a defensive conference for not going back to the dugout immediately.
 - This is not a conference so long as he does not discuss strategy.
 - This is not a conference so long as he does not delay the start of the next inning.
81. A bench player for the visiting team is coaching first base while his team is on offense. He is wearing a skull cap helmet.
- This is legal.
 - This is not legal.

82. Which of the following is the offensive conferences rule?
- The offense is awarded one conference per inning.
 - The offense may use three conferences throughout a regulation game. And receive one additional conference per extra inning. They may use as many as they want per inning.
 - The offense may use three conferences throughout a regulation game. And receive one additional conference per extra inning. They may only use one per inning.

Umpire 101: Batting Out of Order

Video Review: <https://youtu.be/mUt1KlxSVzY>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/GshqaYDMZtYubXgg6>

Relevant Rules: 7.1.1, 7.1.2

Use this lineup for all questions in this section.


83. Vandelay reaches first base on a walk. Pennypacker is the next batter in the batting order, but Varnsen erroneously takes the place of Pennypacker.

Varnsen is hit in the back with the first pitch. After Varnsen reaches first, the defense appeals for batting out of order.

- After the first pitch to Varnsen, he became the legal batter.
 - Varnsen is out for batting out of order. The next batter is Pennypacker.
 - Varnsen is out for batting out of order. The next batter is Bania.
 - Varnsen is out for batting out of order. The next batter is Varnsen.
 - Pennypacker is out for batting out of order. The next batter is Varnsen.
84. Vandelay reaches first base on a walk. Pennypacker is the next batter in the batting order, but Varnsen erroneously takes the place of Pennypacker.

Varnsen is hit in the back with the first pitch. After Varnsen reaches first, the defense appeals for batting out of order.

- Vandelay stays at second base.
- Vandelay is returned to first base.



We steal more than bases!

Head Coach: Matt Wilhelm
Asst. Coach: Justin Pitt
Trainer: Dr. Van Nostrand

Date: Today Opponent: The Jailers

| # | Player Name | Pos. | Substitutes |
|----|------------------|------|-------------|
| 22 | Jacopo Peterman | 9 | |
| 4 | Lloyd Braun | 8 | |
| 7 | Art Vandelay | 2 | |
| 3 | H.E. Pennypacker | 6 | |
| 2 | Kel Varnsen | 1 | |
| 93 | Kenny Bania | 4 | |
| 17 | Keith Hernandez | 3 | |
| 40 | Bob Sacamano | 5 | |
| 11 | David Puddy | 7 | |
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48 - Wayne Newman
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24 - Morty Seinfeld
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1 - Sal Weaver

15 - Leo Lesser
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5 - Tim Whatley
64 - Mickey Abbott

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85. Hernandez is the first and proper batter in the bottom of the 3rd inning and reaches on an error.

Kel Varnsen erroneously hits next and strikes out. The defense does not appeal and delivers a pitch to the next batter. Who is the next legal batter?

- a) Kenny Bania
- b) Bob Sacamano
- c) David Puddy

86. Lloyd Braun reaches first to lead off the inning. David Puddy incorrectly bats next in place of Art Vandelay.

David Puddy strikes out. The defense does not appeal. Jacopo Peterman bats next and singles, which advances Lloyd to second base.

- a) Lloyd is unable to bat since he is on base. He remains at second, his position in the lineup is ruled out. The next legal batter is Art Vandelay.
- b) Lloyd's turn at bat is skipped and he remains on second base. The next legal batter is Art Vandelay.
- c) Lloyd is called out at second so he can now bat.
- d) Lloyd is given a courtesy runner at second and comes up to bat.

87. Bania is on third base. Sacamano is incorrectly batting in place of Hernandez. The count is 2-2 with 2 outs. Sacamano swings and misses at the next pitch in the dirt and reaches first base safely. Bania scores on the wild pitch.


The defense then successfully appeals for batting out of order. Does the run score?

- a) Yes
- b) No

88. Bania is on third base. Sacamano is incorrectly batting in place of Hernandez. The count is 2-2 with 1 out. Sacamano swings and misses at the next pitch in the dirt and reaches first base safely. Bania scores on the wild pitch.

The defense then successfully appeals for batting out of order. Does the run score?

- a) Yes.
- b) No. Return Bania to third base.



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Umpire 101: Ball Management

Video Review: <https://youtu.be/9KyM9FEmr1M>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/hbV8h17vD15RG6GLA>

Relevant Rules: 1.3.1, 6.2.1

89. The home team does not have NOCSAE-marked baseballs for the game. They have unmarked baseballs available for the umpires.
- The umpires should not allow the game to start without NOCSAE baseballs.
 - The umpires should allow the game to start and will report the violation to their association's leadership.
90. How many baseballs are required to start the game?
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - There is no requirement.
91. Is a team allowed to rub up baseballs before they are used in game play?
- Yes
 - No
92. R1. After a foul ball, the pitcher receives a brand-new baseball from the umpire. Before the ball is put in play, the pitcher reaches down, picks up dirt on the mound, and rubs it on the baseball.
- This is legal.
 - This is illegal. The pitcher is ejected.
 - This is illegal. A ball is added to the count.
 - This is illegal. A balk awards R1 second base.
 - This is illegal. The umpire should replace the baseball and no other penalty is enforced.
93. R1. After a foul ball, the pitcher receives a brand-new baseball from the umpire. After the ball is put in play, the pitcher disengages the rubber, reaches down, picks up dirt on the mound, and rubs it on the baseball.
- This is legal.
 - This is illegal. The pitcher is ejected.
 - This is illegal. A ball is added to the count.
 - This is illegal. A balk awards R1 second base.
 - This is illegal. The umpire should replace the baseball and no other penalty is enforced.
94. With no runners on base, while touching the pitcher's plate, F1 places his pitching hand on his mouth and distinctly wipes off his pitching hand prior to touching the ball.
- This is legal.
 - This is illegal and is an illegal pitch.
 - This is illegal and is a balk.
 - This is illegal and a ball shall be added to the count.

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95. With R2 at second, F1 is not on the pitcher's plate. He goes to his mouth and goes directly to the ball with his pitching hand. F1 then legally engages the pitching plate.
- a) This is legal.
 - b) This is illegal and is an illegal pitch.
 - c) This is illegal and is a balk.
 - d) This is illegal and a ball shall be added to the count.
 - e) This is illegal. There is no penalty, but the ball is replaced.
96. With R2 at second, F1 is not on the pitcher's plate. He goes to his mouth and goes directly to the ball with his pitching hand.
- a) This is legal.
 - b) This is illegal and is an illegal pitch.
 - c) This is illegal and is a balk.
 - d) This is illegal and a ball shall be added to the count.
 - e) This is illegal. There is no penalty, but the ball is replaced.

2024 Rules Changes

Video Link: https://youtu.be/_v26kjdT1VE

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/b3bRCfYFuiHMzWEj7>

Relevant Rules: 1-6-1, 1-6-2, 3-2-5, 10-2-3h

97. Can a coach use a one-way electronic communication device to communicate with a catcher for the purpose of calling pitches?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
98. Can a coach use a one-way electronic communication device to communicate with a pitcher for the purpose of calling pitches?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
99. Can a catcher use a one-way electronic communication device to communicate with a pitcher for the purpose of calling pitches?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
100. Can a pitcher wear a black wristband with defensive shifts/offensive plays/pitching choices or game directions on their glove hand?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
101. Can a pitcher wear a black wristband with defensive shifts/offensive plays/pitching choices or game directions on their throwing hand?
- a) Yes
 - b) No

2024 Points of Emphasis

Video Link: TBA

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/hJKvY1S94QhSxGrJ6>

Relevant Rules: 6.2.2

102. Which of the following is not a point of emphasis for 2024?
- a) Pace of Play
 - b) Profanity
 - c) Malicious Contact
 - d) Pitching Restrictions
103. It is a delay of game when the pitcher fails to pitch or make or attempt a play, including a legal feint, within ___ seconds after the pitcher has received the ball.
- a) 10
 - b) 15
 - c) 20
 - d) 25
104. How much time should be between the last out of an inning and the next pitch?
- a) 1 minute
 - b) 1 minute and 20 seconds
 - c) 1 minute and 30 seconds
 - d) 2 minutes
 - e) There is no set time limit.
105. The catcher requests time to go to the mound and speak with the pitcher. Is this a charged conference?
- a) Yes
 - b) No

