

2009 NFHS Baseball Test

1. It is mandatory for a player to warm-up in the on-deck circle.
2. The on-deck circle should be to the side and away from home plate, 37 feet if space allows.
3. Each player shall be numbered on the front of his shirt.
4. Caps and shoes are required equipment.
5. If a ball is touched with an illegal glove and mitt, the team at bat has the choice of taking the play or having the appropriate award enforced for use of an illegal glove/mitt.
6. The illegal glove or mitt must be replaced at the end of the half inning.
7. A fielder who catches a ball and then runs into a wall or another player and drops the ball will be judged to have made the catch provided he traveled at least ten feet.
8. A fielder must have both feet in fair ground for a catch to be declared.
9. A foul ball will be declared when: A batted ball first lands untouched in fair ground and settles on the foul line.
10. A foul ball will be declared when: A batted ball touches a bat that is lying in foul ground.
11. Only first base must be occupied for an infield fly situation to exist.
12. For an infield fly to be declared, it must be able to be caught on the infield grass or dirt area in front of the bases.
13. When a pitcher commits a balk and completes his delivery to the batter, it is considered to be a pitch.
14. The time of the pitch is when the pitcher has committed himself to delivering the pitch to the batter.
15. A force play is a play in which a runner loses his right to the base he occupies and is forced to advance because the batter becomes a batter-runner.
16. When a runner advances beyond a base to which he is forced, the force play is removed even if he fails to touch the base.
17. If a runner slides in a non-force situation, he must slide within reach of the base with either a hand or a foot.
18. A runner must slide in a force play situation.
19. If the starting pitcher does not face one batter, he may not participate at any defensive position for the balance of the game.
20. If a substitute pitcher requires more than eight warm-up throws, the pitcher he replaced cannot return to the game as a pitcher.

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21. If time is called and the catcher goes to the mound to meet with the pitcher, the team will be charged with a defensive charged conference.
22. An offensive charged conference is concluded when the coach initially starts to return to the coach's box or dugout.
23. A team warning will be issued and the next offender of that team ejected when: A player loosens up to bat in the opposing team's on-deck circle.
24. A team warning will be issued and the next offender of that team ejected when: A player fakes a tag without the ball.
25. A coach who is ejected must leave the dugout but may sit in the stands.
26. The base coach need not vacate his position in the coaching box if the area is needed by a fielder attempting to make a put out.
27. The home coach shall decide whether the grounds and other conditions are suitable for starting the first game of a doubleheader.
28. A ground rule can, when needed, invalidate a rules book rule.
29. If the home team scores a go-ahead run in the bottom of the seventh, or in any extra inning, the game ends at that point.
30. If an over-the-fence home run is hit, only the go-ahead run will score before the game is terminated.
31. A ball becomes dead immediately when: The batter enters the batter's box with an illegal bat.
32. A ball becomes dead immediately when: Anyone who is required to wear a batting helmet deliberately removes his helmet while the ball is in live-ball territory and the ball is live.
33. If a pitcher is ambidextrous, he may face a given batter either as a left-handed pitcher or a right-handed pitcher, but not both.
34. With his feet in the wind-up position, the pitcher may deliver a pitch or attempt a pick-off at an occupied base.
35. A pitcher may not wear or use: A multi-colored glove even if it is not distracting to a batter.
36. A pitcher may not wear or use: An exposed undershirt sleeve that is white.
37. With runners on base, a balk would be declared when: A pitcher goes to his mouth with his pitching hand and, without wiping off his hand, touches the ball and then engages the pitching plate.
38. With runners on base, a balk would be declared when: A pitcher, in the set position, turns his shoulders to check a runner on first base after he has stretched and become set.

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39. The batter may legally leave the batter's box when a member of either team requests and is granted "Time."
40. The ball is dead immediately when the batter leaves the batter's box in violation of the rule.
41. A batter will be declared out when: When the bat breaks and hits a fielder.
42. A batter will be declared out when: He disconcerts the pitcher by stepping from the box on one side to the box on the other side of home plate while the pitcher is in position to pitch.
43. Even with the ball being dead because of an uncaught foul, a returning runner shall retouch all bases in reverse order.
44. A runner must touch his base after a foul tip is caught.
45. Each runner is awarded two bases when: A pitch is touched by detached player equipment.
46. Each runner is awarded two bases when: A runner was attempting to advance at the time the ball becomes lodged in an offensive player's uniform.
47. The run will score when, with two outs, the runner on third successfully steals home before the batter-runner is thrown out at first on a dropped third strike.
48. With runners at second and third and one out, the batter hits a fly ball to center that is caught. The runner at third leaves early and both runners touch home on a bad throw from the outfield. The defense successfully appeals the runner leaving early at third. Neither run will count.
49. Umpires shall only wear heather gray slacks.
50. With his partner having left the field at the end of the game, the umpire-in-chief may correct a scorekeeping error when one team correctly informs him of the mistake.