

Rule 1 Quiz DEFINITIONS

Read the statement EXACTLY as written. If ANY PART of the statement is false, mark it false.

1. A runner may never run more than 3 feet out of a direct line between bases when advancing or returning.
2. An appeal play is a play on which an umpire may not make a decision until requested by the manager, coach or player.
3. A foul tip may be caught by the catcher or any other fielder.
4. A pitched ball goes sharply and directly from the bat to the catcher's glove. Then the ball deflects from her glove to her chest protector. The catcher then catches the ball prior to it contacting the ground by holding it in her bare hand. A foul tip shall be declared.
5. In the above question, the ball is dead.
6. A tag play can never result in a force out.
7. An appeal play can never result in a force out.
8. A bat that was once legal, but has been structurally changed is a non approved bat.
9. With a 1-1 count, the batter bunts the ball foul about a foot from home plate. The catcher lunges and catches the ball before it touches the ground. The umpire rules that the batter is out.
10. A batter holds her bat out to bunt. The pitch comes in and is high and outside. The batter leaves her bat in the same location and doesn't move it toward the ball, or away from it. A strike is called, since the batter did not pull her bat back. This is the correct ruling.

Rule 2 Quiz THE PLAYING FIELD

Read the statement EXACTLY as written. If ANY PART of the statement is false, mark it false.

1. In the bottom of the second inning, the pitching distance is found to be wrong. The umpire finishes the inning and corrects the mistake in the top of the third. The umpire was correct.
2. After a game has started, spectators overflow into the playing territory that could possibly interfere with usual overthrow conditions. The plate umpire notifies the home coach to correct the situation. This is the correct procedure.
3. After a game has started, a JH baseball game begins on a field that adjoins the softball field. The outfielders in the baseball game are playing very close to the softball outfielders. A ball hit in either game may roll into another player on the opposite field. The home plate umpire should call both coaches together and state ground rules for spectator interference, which would include a baseball player picking up a softball that was hit in the outfield of our field. The ruling would be: any non player who touches a live ball makes it a dead ball and runners will get 2 bases from the time of the pitch.
4. A defensive player standing with one foot in foul territory and one foot in dead ball territory can not make a legal catch. The ruling would be no catch.
5. An outfielder stands on a collapsible fence and makes a catch on a ball that was going over the fence. This is a legal catch and as long as she doesn't step beyond the fence onto the grass, the batter is out.
6. When you get to the field, you notice there is only one white base at first base, and a flat kickball base next to it. You tell the home coach that the base must be a proper double first base. He says he doesn't have one. You tell him you have to note it in his scorebook and you play the game, letting both teams know that the base is there, but part of it is flat. This is the correct procedure.
7. The on deck circles are located behind the backstop near the team benches. You tell the coaches that the batters boxes must be on the field. This is correct.
8. The batters box lines are 1 inch from home plate. You erase them and draw a line with your foot to show the correct 6 inches away. This is the correct procedure.
9. In the second inning, you notice the visiting coach is not in the coaches box between pitches and is about 2 feet closer to home plate. You call time and warn the coach that he must stay in the coaches box. This is the correct procedure.
10. The length of the catchers' box is 7 foot long.
11. At pregame inspection, you notice there are no dead ball lines. You tell both coaches that you are going to take an imaginary line from the backstop straight out to forever. You instruct the coach to have all player bags, jackets, backpacks, and equipment behind this imaginary line and off the field. This is the correct procedure.
12. You notice there are outfield fences at your field. You instruct coaches and players to raise their hands if the ball goes beyond the fence so you can make the proper award of bases. This is the correct procedure.

Rule 3 Quiz

Read the statement EXACTLY as written. If ANY PART of the statement is false, mark it false.

1. All batting helmets must have chin straps.
2. The second baseman is wearing a mitt. You tell her or her coach that she must wear a glove, since she is not a catcher or a first baseman. This is correct.
3. All bats must bear the 2000 or 2004 certification mark and be on the ASA list of approved bats.
4. A metal pipe can not be used as a warm up bat.
5. Donuts or weights can be used in the on deck circle.
6. Ice hockey goalie masks can be used by catchers.
7. The handle of the bat must have a grip made of cork, grip tape, or other synthetic material that is permanently attached to the bat. No bare metal, wood, or composite material may be exposed in this area.
8. During bat check, you and your partner notice a bat that has areas of the grip separating and bare metal is exposed. You tell the coach that the bat must be taped up or it can't be used, and say that using medical tape is fine. After being taped, you check the bat again and notice no bare metal exposed. The bat is now legal. This is the correct procedure.
9. The grip must be at least 10 inches and no more than 15 inches long. This is an exception to the USA softball rule that we use in NY State softball because it is safer than the required 6 to 15 inches that USA softball has in its rule.
10. In bat check, a player has a bat that has a yellow attachment to the knob of the bat. You are curious so you ask the coach what it is. She tells you that it is a device that keeps track of the player's bat speed when swinging, and gives stats that can be sent directly to an app on their phone. You allow the player to use this during the game.
11. During bat check, there is a bat that has a very noticeable wobble to it. Upon shaking it, the bat rattles. You tell the coach that the bat can not be used anymore as it is showing signs of possibly breaking very soon. This is the correct procedure.
12. During equipment check, you and your partner notice a helmet that is missing one screw holding the facemask to the helmet. You tell the coach that the screw must be replaced or it can not be used. He alerts you that he has no screws available, but he will do it as soon as he gets back to his office. You allow him to use it anyway, since he can't fix the problem today. This is the correct procedure.