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BASEBALL RULES STUDY QUESTIONS

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LHSAA Rules Test Questions: The LHSAA rules questions are TRUE / FALSE and MULTIPLE CHOICE. They come mainly from the **Rules Book**, including rule changes, **Comments on the Rules (COR)**, the **Case Book (CB)** and the **LHSOA Mechanics Manual**.

NOTE: In the following questions, **F** refers to a **fielder (F1, F2, etc. refer to the traditional defensive positions.)**, **B** refers to a **batter (B1, B2, etc. refer to the proper batting order.)**, **R** refers to a **runner (R1 is the runner on 1st Base, R2 on 2nd & R3 on 3rd.)** and **S** refers to a **substitute**. All situations and acts are legal, and no errors or mistakes are involved unless otherwise stated. **IMPORTANT:** Answers to the following questions should be selected based solely on the information stated therein.

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1. The umpire-in chief shall rule on any question concerning the legality of a player's equipment and order any defective equipment to be replaced or repaired immediately.
(1-5-6, 10)
 2. Both teams must be able to field at least **9** players at the start of the game, one of whom must be designated captain.
(1-1-1; 4-4-1f)
 3. The umpires' jurisdiction begins at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time or as soon as they enter school grounds.
(10-1-2)
 4. Caps and shoes are required parts of the uniform.
(1-4-1)
 5. A catcher's commercially manufactured head, face and throat protection may be a one-piece or multi-piece design.
(1-5-4)
 6. Bats that are not made of a single piece of wood do not need to meet the BBCOR performance standard and be so labeled.
(1-3-2d)

7. A pitcher may use a multi-colored glove provided it does not have any white or gray on the glove and it is not judged by the umpire-in-chief to be distracting.
(1-3-6; Case Book 1.3.6 SIT. A) [_____]
8. It is only required that players have plain Arabic style numbers at least **8** inches high on the backs of their jerseys and that no teammates wear identical numbers.
(1-4-3) [_____]
9. All fielders may wear any glove/mitt which meets rules specifications.
(1-3-6) [_____]
10. The catcher's helmet and mask shall have full ear protection (dual ear flaps) and a legal throat protector.
(1-5-4) [_____]
11. Bats that are altered from the manufacturer's original design and production are legal for use if sanctioned by the plate umpire and agreed to by the opposing team.
(1-3-5) [_____]
12. While composite bats may not, wood bats are allowed to exceed 36 inches in length.
(1-3-2c2; 1-3-3b) [_____]
13. **B1** lines a pitch right back at **F1's** feet. **F1** eludes the ball, but it hits the front edge of the rubber and rebounds across the foul line in front of 1st base. RULING:
a. Fair ball.
b. Foul ball.
c. It depends on the local ground rules.
(2-16-1a) [_____]
14. If weather conditions or darkness interfere with play during any game (regular season, play-off or championship) such that it cannot be completed that day, as per LHSAA rules, it will be "official" if **4½** (home team ahead) or **5** complete innings have been played.
(4-2-3; LHSAA HANDBOOK 10.5.1-1) [_____]
15. When bases are awarded, runners must legally touch those bases when advancing even though the ball is dead.
(2-2; 8-2-1; 8-2-9) [_____]
16. In the 6TH inning, an eligible substitute arrives at the game site and the visiting coach wants to substitute him in the lineup for an injured player and return his team to **9** players. RULING: This is permissible.
(4-4-1f NOTE 2) [_____]

17. In the bottom of the 7TH inning, if an over-the-fence home run is hit, only the number of runs required to win the game will count.
(4-2-2a) []
18. Baseballs used for competition need only have the NFHS Authenticating Mark on the ball to be compliant. RULING:
a. YES, as long as the NFHS Authenticating Mark is on the ball.
b. NO, the SEI/NOCSAE mark is also required to be on the baseball. So there are **2** marks on the baseball.
c. NO, only the SEI/NOCSAE mark is required on the baseball.
d. NO, there are no requirements for baseballs.
(1-3-1) []
19. When a runner causes *malicious contact* with any fielder, it is considered to be *offensive interference*. The ball becomes immediately *dead*.
(2-21-1b; 5-1-1e) []
20. A coach who is restricted to the bench for the balance of the game may have a charged conference in the dugout/bench area.
(3-4-4) []
21. An *illegal substitution* may be discovered by the umpire or either team.
(3-1-1) []
22. It is *illegal* for players to wear hard and unyielding items such as casts, braces, splints, etc. even if they are properly padded.
(1-5-8) []
23. The 3rd base coach grabs the runner rounding third, forcing him to legally touch 3rd base. RULING:
a. This is legal action by the coach.
b. This is *interference* by the coach and the ball is *immediately* dead.
c. This is *interference* by the coach and the ball is dead at the end of playing action.
d. The runner at third is declared out, the ball remains in play and other runners may advance at their own risk.
(3-2-2 Penalty; 8-4-2s) []
24. The catcher comes to his position wearing a skull cap and an unattached mask. Both pieces of gear are in good shape. RULING: This is illegal. The catcher must wear a helmet and mask combination that meets the NOCSAE standard.
(1-5-4; Case Book 1.5.4 SIT. A) []
25. A ball is always awarded to the batter when the pitcher commits a balk.
(2-3; 7-2-2) []

26. If a fielder illegally obstructs a runner and is responsible for failure of that runner to reach home plate, the umpire has authority to award home plate to that runner.
(9-1-1 NOTE 1) [_____]
27. A run will not count when, with **2** outs, **R3** at 3rd base steals home before the batter-runner is thrown out at **1st** base on a dropped 3rd strike.
(9-1-1 Exception a) [_____]
28. The defensive player for whom the DH is batting may only pinch hit/run for the player in the DH's slot in the batting order.
(3-1-4) [_____]
29. Both of the pitcher's feet must be completely within the 24" confines of the pitcher's plate when he begins his pitching motion.
(6-2, 3) [_____]
30. With his feet in the *wind-up position*, a pitcher may step backward off the plate with his pivot foot first or he may deliver a pitch.
(6-1-2) [_____]
31. An *illegal substitute* is:
a. A player who enters the game without reporting.
b. A player who violates the *courtesy runner rule*.
c. A player who re-enters the game in the wrong position in the batting order.
d. B and C.
(2-36-3b, e) [_____]
32. With **R2** advancing to 3rd base, the batted ball gets past **F5** who was playing in to defend a possible bunt. The ball contacts **R2** just prior to his touching 3rd base. **F6** is not in a position to make a play on the ball. RULING: No violation has occurred; the ball remains *live* and in play.
(5-1-1f2) [_____]
33. An intentional base on balls may be issued by the defensive team prior to their pitching to the batter or on any ball and strike count thereafter.
(2-4-3) [_____]
34. With the winning run scoring in the bottom of the 7th inning, the umpires proceed to leave the field. While one umpire stops for a drink of water at the dugout, the visiting team appeals that the runner who scored missed 3rd base. RULING: The appeal is invalid and should be ignored since the game officially ended when the winning run crossed home plate and the umpires had left fair territory.
(8-2-6j; Case Book 8.2.2 SIT. J) [_____]

35. With a 2-2 count on the batter and the bases loaded, **F1** drops the ball just prior to his release. The ball's momentum causes it to roll across the 3rd base foul line.
RULING: Balk; advance all runners **1** base. The ball becomes *dead*.
(6-1-4) [_____]
36. **R1** is on 1st base when **B5** hits a ground ball to **F4**. **F4** attempts to tag advancing **R1**, but misses him. **F4** then throws to 1st base but sails the ball into the dugout.
RULING: **R1** and **B5** will be awarded:
a. **2** bases from their original positions at the time of the pitch.
b. **2** bases from the time of the throw.
c. **2** bases from the time the ball became dead.
d. **1** base.
(8-3-3c2; 8-3-5) [_____]
37. Before the plate umpire puts any dead ball back in play, he must first ensure that the pitcher is legally holding the ball while touching the pitcher's plate, the catcher is in the catcher's box and the batter is in the batter's box.
(5-1-4) [_____]
38. The batter may legally leave the batter's box when:
a. The batter swings at a pitch.
b. A member of either team requests and is granted "Time."
c. The catcher does not catch the pitched ball.
d. Any of the above.
(7-3-1 Exception a, f, h) [_____]
39. With no lights on the field and concerned about the fading daylight, both coaches want to play a doubleheader with each game being only **5** innings. RULING: Not legal. Both games must be scheduled **7**-inning games to be regulation.
(4-2-2b) [_____]
40. No infraction has occurred if the fielder attempting to field a batted ball is in the runner's proper path and the runner goes behind the fielder trying to avoid interfering with him.
(8-4-2a1) [_____]
41. **R1**, running on the pitch, has touched and passed **2nd base** before the fair batted ball bounces over the outfield fence. RULING: The umpire should send **R1** home on the 2-base award since **R1** touched 2nd base before the ball cleared the fence.
(8-3-3c; 8-3-5b) [_____]
42. An ambidextrous pitcher can change to either hand at any time while facing a batter.
(6-1-1) [_____]

43. A *charged conference* is a meeting which involves the coach or his non-playing representative and any player(s) of that team.
(2-10-1) [_____]
44. If an illegal player on defense is involved in a play, the offensive team will have the option to let the play stand or to allow the batter to bat again, provided the infraction is discovered prior to the first pitch to the next batter of either team.
(3-1-1) [_____]
45. Lineups for the game become *official*:
- When the head coaches present them to the plate umpire.
 - When the head coaches exchange the cards with each other.
 - After the lineup cards have been exchanged, verified and then accepted by the umpire during the pregame conference.
 - When the plate umpire announces "Play ball!" to start the game.
- (1-1-2) [_____]
46. The pitcher, with both arms at his side in the wind-up position, first moves his glove hand to a position in front of his chest, stops, and then brings his pitching hand into the glove. RULING: Legal move.
(6-1-2; Case Book 6.1.2 SIT. H) [_____]
47. Any umpire's decision which involves judgment, such as whether a hit is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or a ball, or whether a runner is safe or out, is final unless there exists a reasonable doubt about a decision being in conflict with the rules.
(10-1-4) [_____]
48. In the **8TH inning**, the coach comes out and replaces his pitcher. Two (**2**) batters later, he goes to the mound to discuss strategy with his pitcher and catcher. The opposing coach claims that the pitcher must now be replaced. RULING: Since the coach replaced the pitcher on his **1st** trip that inning, he still has his **1** allowed conference remaining and does not have to change pitchers.
(3-4-1) [_____]
49. **B1** hits a towering fly to deep centerfield. **F8** makes a gallant effort to catch it, but the ball deflects off his glove and goes over the fence in fair territory. RULING: **B1** will be awarded a ground-rule double.
(8-3-3a) [_____]
50. When the plate umpire halts play for inclement weather, he must wait at least **30** minutes before he suspends or ends the game.
(5-2-1b1) [_____]

51. In Louisiana, the “10-run rule” is in effect for all regular season and play-off games.
(4-2-2; LHSAA HANDBOOK 10.5.2) [_____]
52. An *obstructed runner* returning to a base is awarded:
a. The base to which he is returning.
b. A mandatory **2** bases.
c. A minimum of **1** base beyond his position on base when the obstruction occurred.
d. There is no award for an obstructed runner returning to a base.
(8-3-2) [_____]
53. *Courtesy runners* may be used for the pitcher and/or catcher at any time, regardless of the number of outs or the ball/strike count.
(Rules Book Pg. 65 Courtesy Runners 1) [_____]
54. From the *windup position*, the pitcher may throw to an occupied base to make a play on a runner there if he first clearly steps toward that base.
(6-1-2) [_____]
55. During the 3rd inning of the game, the lead-off batter enters the box with an illegal bat which is discovered by the plate umpire at that point. There has been no previous such issue with any bat. RULING:
a. The batter is declared out and his head coach is restricted to the bench.
b. The batter is declared out and his head coach is ejected.
c. The player and the coach are warned and a subsequent violation will result in an ejection of the coach and the player.
d. There is no problem. The batter shall secure a legal bat.
(4-1-3b Penalty) [_____]
56. In the 4th inning, Sanders, the 5th hitter in the line-up, strains his knee sliding into 2nd base on a double. He is not able to continue and the team has no available substitutes. RULING: The most recent batter not on base is allowed to run for Sanders.
(4-4-1 NOTE 1) [_____]
57. Following a morning rainstorm, playing conditions are questionable for an afternoon game. RULING: Both coaches must be in agreement that the grounds and other conditions are suitable for play in order to start the game.
(4-1-1) [_____]
58. Defensive *malicious contact* causes the ball to be *immediately* dead.
(5-1-1m) [_____]

59. A foul fly ball caroms off **F3's** glove and is caught by **F2** while still in flight. RULING: The ball remains live and in play. The out stands.
(2-6-1; 2-9-1; 5-1-1) [_____]
60. The game begins when the plate umpire calls "Play" after all infielders, pitcher, catcher and batter are in their positions to start the game.
(4-1-5) [_____]
61. The starting *designated hitter* may be any one of the starting defensive players and have two positions: the defensive player and the designated hitter.
(3-1-4b) [_____]
62. A fielder who gets possession of a fly ball in his hand or glove and then runs into a wall or another player and drops the ball is considered to have made a catch if he has taken at least 3 steps with the ball in his possession.
(2-9-1) [_____]
63. As **F6** sets up to catch a high pop fly, **R2** makes contact with him. RULING: This is *offensive interference*, **R2** is called out and the ball will be declared dead when all playing action has ended.
(2-21-1a; 5-1-1e; 8-4-2c) [_____]
64. The plate umpire gives the "Do not pitch" signal. RULING: The ball becomes dead immediately.
(5-1-1h) [_____]
65. Team **A** is not using a DH in the game. Team **A** batter Eric pinch hits for **B8** in the bottom of the 2ND inning but does not take the field in the top of the 3rd inning. In the 5TH inning, Eric comes to bat again in the same spot in the order. RULING:
- Eric is an *illegal substitute*.
 - If Eric is discovered before completing his at-bat, he can be replaced by a substitute.
 - Eric is out when discovered while at bat.
 - Both A and C.
- (2-36-3a; 7-4-1h) [_____]
66. If a team chooses to use a designated hitter (**DH**), it must declare one prior to the start of the game.
(3-1-4) [_____]
67. With no outs and a runner on 1st base, **F4** allows **B3's** high fair pop-up to fall untouched to the ground. RULING: The ball remains live and no one is yet out.
(8-4-1c1) [_____]

68. When hitting the ball, the batter must have both feet touching completely within the lines of the batter's box.
(7-3-2) [_____]
69. A slide is *illegal* if the runner uses a rolling, cross-body or pop-up slide into the fielder. On a force play slide violation, the batter-runner will also be called out.
(2-32-2a; 8-4-2b Penalty) [_____]
70. In the 3RD inning, the defensive coach is granted his 2nd timeout of that inning to talk to his pitcher. RULING: Since it was the 2nd charged conference of that inning, the player must now be removed as pitcher for the duration of the game.
(3-4-1 Penalty) [_____]
71. From the windup position, **F1** begins to bring his hands up, as if to begin his windup, and then steps back off the rubber with his pivot foot and throws to 3rd base in an attempt to pick off the runner there. RULING: Balk.
(6-1-2 Penalty) [_____]
72. After a close play at the plate, an assistant coach leaves his dugout and directs harsh language at the calling umpire. RULING:
- Both the assistant coach and the head coach shall be immediately ejected.
 - Both the assistant coach and the head coach shall receive written warnings and will be restricted to the dugout for the duration of the game.
 - If the assistant's actions are severe, he may be ejected and the head coach is still restricted for the balance of the game.
 - Both b and c.
- (3-3-1f6 Penalty) [_____]
73. With Hoyt listed in the starting lineup as the 2B/DH and batting fourth in the order, the coach wants to bring in Ballard to hit for Hoyt. RULING: If substitute Ballard comes in to hit (or run) for Hoyt, the role of the DH is terminated for the game.
(3-1-4b2; Case Book 3.1.4 SIT. H) [_____]
74. In all games an appeal may be made during a *live ball* by any fielder in possession of the ball touching the base missed or left too soon on a caught fly ball.
(8-2-6b) [_____]
75. Held is the F9/DH. In the 6TH inning the coach wants MacDowell to play right field and have Held to continue to be the DH. RULING: Legal move.
(3-1-4) [_____]
76. It is an immediate dead ball when any fielder catches then intentionally drops a fly ball with runners on base.
(5-1-1j) [_____]

77. The pitcher places his entire pivot foot in contact with the pitching plate and his entire non-pivot foot in front of a line extending through the front edge of the pitching plate. RULING: This is a legal *set position*.
(6-1-2) []
78. **B1** hits a high pop fly that drifts over foul territory near 3rd base. **F5** is accidentally prevented from catching the ball by **R3**. RULING: **B1** is called out. **R3** remains at 3rd base.
(7-4-1fp; 8-2-9) []
79. The count is 3-0 when the batter allows an inside pitch to hit him. RULING: The ball becomes dead and batter will be awarded 1st base for receiving *ball four*.
(5-1-1a; 7-3-4 Penalty) []
80. While **R2** is attempting to steal 3rd base, **B7** interferes with **F2's** throw to third by stepping in front of **F2**. The putout attempt at 3rd base is unsuccessful. RULING:
a. Both the batter and the runner are out.
b. The batter is out and the runner is returned to 2nd base.
c. The runner is out and the batter continues his time at bat.
d. Neither the runner nor the batter is out. The runner is simply returned to 2nd base.
(7-3-5 Penalty) []
81. It is a *delayed dead-ball* if a balk or an illegal pitch is committed.
(5-1-1k) []
82. It is legal for a pitcher, while in the set position, to turn his shoulders to check a runner.
(6-1-1) []
83. The pitching regulations begin when the pitcher intentionally touches the dirt circle of the pitcher's mound.
(6-1-1) []
84. The bases are loaded with **1** out when **F1** balks as he delivers to **B1**. Before the umpire makes the call, **B1** doubles scoring all runners. RULING: The ball is immediately dead and the balk is enforced. All runners advance **1** base and **B1** remains at bat.
(5-1-1k; 8-3-1a) []
85. **R1** is on 1st base when **F1** steps on the mound and brings his pitching hand in contact with his mouth but does not wipe it off prior to touching the ball. RULING: The plate umpire shall award a ball to the batter with **R1** remaining at 1st base.
(6-2-1e Penalty) []

86. At the beginning of the 5TH inning, the head coach tells the plate umpire that Baylor will bat for the 4th batter in the inning, Federico, if the inning lasts that long. MacDowell comes to bat instead of Baylor and does not tell the plate umpire. With no outs, he hits into a run-scoring double play. RULING: MacDowell is an unreported substitute. Upon discovery, the plate umpire will make the needed changes in the lineup.
(3-1-1) [_____]
87. The batting helmet must have extended ear flaps that cover both ears and temples and also display the NOCSAE stamp and the exterior warning statement.
(1-5-1) [_____]
88. If umpires disagree or cannot get a proper angle to see the play, it is permissible for them to use a video replay, if available, in order to render the correct call.
(10-1-5) [_____]
89. Any umpire has the authority to eject players and coaches, but only the plate umpire has the authority to forfeit the game.
(10-2-2; 10-3-1) [_____]
90. As part of their pre-game duties, umpires should ascertain from game management whether a lightning detector and trained healthcare personnel are available.
(LHSAA GUIDELINES) [_____]
91. The batting order is Allen, Brett, Collin, Dan & Eddie. Allen reaches 1st base on a hit and Brett is due to bat but Collin erroneously takes his place. The error is discovered by the opposing coach and brought to the plate umpire's attention with the count at 1-2. RULING: No penalty; Brett will take his proper place at bat with the count at 1-2.
(7-1-1) [_____]
92. The ball becomes dead immediately anytime the umpire handles a *live* ball.
(5-1-1h) [_____]
93. With no runners on base and a 3-2 count on the batter, **F1** pitches from the *set position* but does not come to a stop. **B1** swings and misses. RULING:
a. **F1** has committed a balk.
b. Ball 4 is awarded to **B1** and he is entitled to 1st base.
c. **B1** has struck out.
d. The pitch is a "do over."
(6-1-3 Penalty; 7-2-2; 8-1-1c) [_____]
94. The defensive team will not be charged a conference if an assistant coach is granted a time-out to confer with the first baseman.
(3-4-1) [_____]

95. The base umpires declares “Foul” on a fly ball that is caught by **F9** in fair ground and thrown to 2nd base to double up the runner who left too soon. RULING:
- It is a foul ball and is immediately dead.
 - It is a fair ball and the catch stands, but the ball is immediately dead.
 - The ball stays live and in play, and the catch is recorded along with the out at 2nd base.
 - The offensive team coach gets to decide which out will stand.
- (5-1-1h) []
96. If the 1st base coach leaves the vicinity of his coaching box to argue a close call there, both the assistant coach and the head coach receive a written warning and shall be restricted to the bench for the remainder of the game.
- (3-3-1f6, Penalty) []
97. If there is a medical emergency or if, in the umpire’s opinion, further play could jeopardize an injured player’s safety, the umpire can immediately call “Time” and halt play.
- (5-2-1d1) []
98. The visiting team is using a **DH** for the pitcher, batting in the 4th spot in the batting order. In the 6th inning, because of an injury, the coach wants the **DH** to move into the field and play 1st base. The coach does not want to change pitchers. The previous first baseman was batting in the 7th spot in the batting order. RULING: This is a *legal substitution*.
- (2-36-3d; 3-1-4) []
99. From the set position, **F1** pitches with the toe of his pivot foot parallel to and touching the pitchers plate and his heel outside a line through the end edge of the plate. RULING: Legal.
- (6-1-3) []
100. **R2** leaves base too soon on a caught fly ball then returns in an attempt to tag up legally, but the throw doubles him off. RULING: This is considered a “time play” and not a force out.
- (8-2-6h) []
101. In the top of the 1st **inning**, the visiting coach wants to pinch hit for his starting pitcher (who has not yet faced a batter). RULING: This is allowable. However, he must re-enter and pitch to the 1st batter in the bottom of the inning or else he will be ineligible to pitch for the rest of the game but could play another position.
- (3-1-1; 3-1-3; Case Book 3.1.2 SIT. C) []

102. A defensive appeal of a runner failing to touch a base or tag up is considered a play.
(2-29-6) [_____]
103. There are no runners on base when **B1** swings and misses a pitch in the dirt for “strike three”. **F2** blocks the ball, which then rolls forward. As he leaves the batter’s box, **B1** kicks the ball into foul territory and is safe at **1st base**. RULING: If the plate umpire judges the kick to be unintentional, the play stands and **B1** is safe at **1st base**.
(7-4-1b1; 8-4-1a) [_____]
104. **R1** is on **1st base** with no outs when **B2** bunts the ball in the air near **3rd base**. Hoping to turn a double play, **F5** intentionally drops the ball. RULING: The umpire should immediately kill the play, call **B2** out and return **R1** to **1st base**.
(5-1-1j; 8-4-1c) [_____]
105. **B1** bunts down the **1st base** line and drops his bat in fair territory. The backspin on the ball causes it to roll back into the bat. **F2** fields the ball, but **B1** beats out the throw and is safe at first. RULING:
- Dead ball, **B1** was out when the ball contacted the bat.
 - Delayed dead ball; call **B1** out after the play is over.
 - Delayed dead ball; **B1** is safe if you judge the contact had no material effect.
 - The play stands.
- (5-1-1b; 5-1-1f; 8-4-1d) [_____]
106. In a force situation, if **2** runners are on the same base at the same time and both are tagged, the runner who is forced to advance from that base shall be declared out.
(8-2-8a) [_____]
107. On a deep fly ball that was caught, **R1** misses **2nd base** on his way to **3rd** but touches it as he safely returns to **1st base**. RULING: **R1** is subject to being called out upon proper appeal at **2nd base**.
(8-2-6l) [_____]
108. With the base empty, **B1** swings and misses the pitch for **strike 3**. The ball eludes **F2** and lodges behind his chest protector. **B1** advances to **2nd base** before the ball is discovered. RULING: The ball becomes dead and **B1** is awarded only **1st base**.
(5-1-1g4; Rules Book Pg. 50: Baserunning Awards Table-Batter #7; CB 5.2.1 SIT. B)
[_____]
109. On the **4th** or subsequent charged conferences in a **7-inning game**, or for any charged conference in excess of **1** in each extra inning, the pitcher shall be removed as pitcher for the duration of the game.
(3-4-1 Penalty) [_____]

110. If the *designated hitter (DH)* is not also a defensive player, he may hit in different spots in the batting order.
(3-1-4) [_____]
111. A strike will be charged to the batter when a pitch is struck at and missed, but the ball hits the batter on the wrist. The ball also becomes immediately dead.
(5-1-1a1; 7-2-1b) [_____]
112. An ejected coach may continue to coach from the bench if he is the only coach for the team at the game.
(3-3-2) [_____]
113. **B1** is in the front part of the batter's box. As he swings, his front foot is in the air outside the box. He contacts the ball for a hit after which his foot lands outside the box. RULING: This is a legal hit.
(7-3-2) [_____]
114. The lineup card given to the umpire should also list the names and numbers of each eligible substitute for that team.
(1-1-2) [_____]
115. The batting order is Art, Bob, Carl, Dennis, etc. At the end of the 5TH inning, **R2** is picked off for the 3rd out while improper batter Carl was hitting with an 0-1 count. Bob should have been at the plate. In the 6th inning:
a. The defense can appeal for an advantageous 4th out for batting out of order.
b. Carl is the legal batter since he started the at-bat the previous inning.
c. Bob is the legal batter; the end of the inning did not change that.
d. The hitter will start the 6TH inning with an 0-1 count.
(7-1-1) [___]
116. Following a controversial call at 2nd base, the assistant coach at 1st base storms out to 2nd base, argues vehemently with the base umpire then slams his cap to the ground. RULING: The assistant coach is ejected; no written warning is needed, and the head coach will be restricted to the dugout for the remainder of the game.
(3-3-1f6; 3-3-1q; Penalties) [_____]
117. Going into extra innings, the home team has used only **1** of its allotted charged conferences. RULING: The home team will now have **3** charged conferences available to them . . . the **2** from regulation play plus **1** for each extra inning.
(3-4-1) [_____]
118. It is a *delayed dead ball* when the catcher or any fielder obstructs a batter or runner.
(5-1-2b) [_____]

119. From the set position, the *time of the pitch* is when the pitcher, after coming to a complete and discernible stop, starts any movement with arm(s) and/or leg(s) that commits him to pitch.
(2-28-3) [_____]
120. The batter enters the batter's box wearing a helmet that meets all NOCSAE requirements but has a mirror-like finish. RULING: The umpire shall instruct the batter to obtain a legal (non-mirror finish) helmet.
(1-5-1) [_____]
121. A *foul tip* will be ruled when a batted ball goes *directly* to the catcher's glove or hand, caroms against his protector, rebounds and is then caught by the catcher.
(2-16-2) [_____]
122. It is legal for a team to use a video camera on a tripod manned by a player in uniform or a tablet computer manned by an assistant coach from either the stands or in the dugout.
(3-3-1; Case Book 3.3.1 SIT. OO {b}) [_____]
123. If loose equipment interferes with play, the umpire may call an out(s), award bases or return runners, based on his judgment and the circumstances concerning the play.
(1-3-7 Penalty) [_____]
124. **B1** is hit by a pitch and awarded 1st base. He overruns the base, slowly turning toward fair territory to return. An alert **F2** fires the ball to **F3** who tags **B1** before he gets back to 1st base. RULING: The umpire should declare **B1** out.
(5-1-1a; 5-2-2a) [_____]
125. The head coach must attend the pre-game conference, if available. He will be restricted to the dugout for the duration of the game if he refuses to attend.
(3-2-4, Penalty) [_____]
126. With the bases loaded and **2** outs, **B1** homers, but misses 1st base. If properly appealed, how many runs will score?
a. None.
b. Three.
c. Two.
d. One.
(9-1-1 Exception a) [_____]
127. The location of a fly ball when it is touched, in relation to fair/foul ground, determines whether it is a "fair" or "foul" ball.
(2-5-1f; 2-16-1d) [_____]

128. Runners are on 1st and 3rd bases with **1** out when **R1** tries to steal 2nd base. **B5** knocks **F2** off balance on the throw to 2nd base which still nails **R1**, but **R3** scores on the throw. RULING: **R1** is out on the throw and **R3's** run counts. **B5** remains at bat with **2** outs.
(5-1-2a; 7-3-5) [_____]
129. The batting order is Andy, Benny, Carey, Dary, etc. Andy is the proper batter but Carey bats instead and hits a double. Andy then comes to bat and strikes out. Benny follows and also strikes out. Carey is now the proper batter but he is on **2nd base**. RULING: Carey is left on base and is skipped over in the batting order to Dary, now the proper batter.
(7-1-2 Penalty #5 Note) [_____]
130. To be considered in fair territory, a fielder need only be touching the ground in fair territory with **1** foot; the other foot can be on foul ground.
(1-1-4) [_____]
131. A player may be removed as pitcher and returned as pitcher any number of times during an inning as long as he remains in the game.
(3-1-2) [_____]
132. Prior to the start of the game, each head coach shall verify to the umpire-in-chief that his players are properly equipped in accordance with NFHS rules and are using only legal equipment.
(4-1-3b) [_____]
133. With **R3** on 3rd base and **2** out, the suicide squeeze is called and **R3** breaks for the plate. **B1** squares and bunts, but is thrown out at first as **R3** scores. RULING:
a. The run does not score.
b. The run scores only if **R3** touched the plate before **B1** was out.
c. The run scores regardless of when **R3** touched the plate.
(9-1-1 Exception a) [_____]
134. An *infield fly* is a fair fly that:
a. Includes an attempted bunt.
b. Is caught only by an infielder.
c. Is declared only when there is **1** out and the bases are loaded.
d. None of the above.
(2-19) [_____]
135. **B1's** line shot deflects off **F3's** glove, hits the base umpire and is then possessed by **F3** before it hits the ground. RULING: No catch.
(2-9-1) [_____]

136. **R1** is advancing to score when **F7** throws home. **F2** completely blocks home plate with his lower leg/knee while juggling and attempting to secure the ball to tag **R1**. The contact prevents **R1** from touching the plate. **R1** is then tagged by **F2** after he has caught the ball. RULING: Legal defensive play since **F2** had to be in that position in order to make the play.
(2-22-3) [_____]
137. With **R3** at 3rd base and **R1** at 1st, **R1** takes several hard steps in a bluff to steal 2nd base. From the set position, **F1**, without simulating a pitch, wheels, steps toward and feints a throw to 2nd while **R1** is taking his steps to 2nd base. RULING: This is a legal move in the given circumstance.
(6-2-4b) [_____]
138. Even though the plate umpire is designated as “umpire-in-chief”, he cannot by rule, overturn a call by the base umpire(s) unless asked for help by the umpire who made the call.
(10-1-4) [_____]
139. As the batter steps into the box, the plate umpire raises one hand in the air indicating “Do not pitch.” **F1** then successfully attempts a pick-off of **R1** at 1st base. RULING: Since the plate umpire did not verbally announce his signal, the ball remains *live* and **R1** is out.
(5-1-1h) [_____]
140. The batting order is Alton, Bernard, Conan, Darryl, etc. Conan erroneously bats for Alton and reaches 1st base on a single. The batting infraction is not detected by anyone before a pitch to the next batter. RULING: The correct batter is now Darryl.
(7-1-1 Penalty #5) [_____]
141. **R1** is on 1st base with no outs when **B2** bunts the ball in the air. Hoping to turn a double play, **F5** intentionally drops the ball. RULING: The umpire should immediately kill the play, call **B2** out and return **R1** to 1st base.
(5-1-1j; 8-4-1c) [_____]
142. If a runner is hit by an *infield fly* while he is not touching his base, both he and the batter are out.
(8-4-2k2) [_____]
143. If a bleeding or injured player has to leave the game for appropriate treatment, the re-entry rule is suspended and he may return to the game regardless of any prior substitution made for him.
(3-1-6; CB 3.1.6 SIT. A) [_____]

144. If a baserunning infraction is the 3rd out of an inning, any runs scored by the following runner(s) would not count.
(8-2-6k) [_____]
145. A line drive or an attempted bunt cannot become an infield-fly situation.
(2-19) [_____]
146. A fair ball is a batted ball which:
a. Settles on the 1st base foul line between home plate and 1st base.
b. Contacts fair ground on or beyond an imaginary line between 1st and 3rd base.
c. Touches 1st, 2nd or 3rd base.
d. Any of the above.
(2-5-1a, b, e) [_____]
147. A special ground rule adopted by the home coach to address unusual field conditions and agreed to by the visiting coach may be used even though it is contrary to the rules book.
(4-1-2) [_____]
148. The bases are loaded when **F1** fields a ground ball and throws to **F2** attempting to retire **R3** from 3rd base. **R3** slides directly into and past home plate, contacting **F2** in the baseline extended, who is throwing to another base. RULING: Because **R3** slid directly into home plate in the baseline extended and the contact was not malicious, this is not a violation and no interference should be called.
(2-32-2c; 8-4-2b; CB 2.32.2 SIT. C) [_____]
149. There are **2** outs with **R2** on 2nd base. **F1** delivers a wild pitch which rolls toward the backstop. **F2** stops it with his mask. RULING:
a. **R2** remains on 2nd base.
b. **R2** is awarded 3rd base.
c. **R2** is awarded home.
(8-3-3c1; 8-3-5a; Case Book 8.3.3 SIT. L) [_____]
150. In Louisiana, coaches are not required to wear team uniforms or helmets in order to perform their on-field duties during the game.
(LHSAA HANDBOOK 10.3.3) [_____]