

2020 IHSAA Baseball Exam Answers

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1	A bat would be considered legal for the game:	If it had a BBCOR certification mark.	If it only had a BESR certification mark.	If the temperature of the bat had been artificially controlled.	If it had been altered from the manufacturer's original design and production.		1	1-3-2d
2	Any questions regarding the legality of a player's equipment shall be resolved by:	The opposing team's head coach.	The head coach of the player whose equipment is in question.	By a consensus of the two head coaches and the umpires.	By the umpire-in-chief.		4	1-5-10
3	Tharp comes to pinch-hit in the fifth inning. The plate umpire checks the lineup card and finds that Tharp is not listed on the card. The plate umpire shall:	Not allow Tharp to hit.	Restrict Tharp's head coach to the bench for failure to list all substitutes.	Allow Tharp to pinch-hit and mark the change on the lineup card.	Allow the substitution, but issue a written ruling to the head coach.		3	1-1-2
4	The home team decides to temporarily extend both dugouts. They may do so:	Toward home plate on a line parallel to the foul line.	Toward the foul line.	Toward the outfield on a line parallel to the foul line.	All of the above.		3	1-2-4
5	The catcher shall wear a body/chest protector that meets the NOCSAE standard at the time of manufacture. The body/chest protector options are:	Traditional chest protector with a NOCSAE approved pad attached.	A compression shirt that has a NOCSAE approved cardiac cavity protector built into the shirt.	A newly manufactured traditional chest protector that meets the NOCSAE standard.	All of the above.		4	1-5-3
6	B1 hits a single to center field. The base umpire notices F8 fielded the ball with a first baseman's glove.	The play stands, but the glove must be removed.	The offense can have the pitch replayed.	B1 will be awarded three bases.	Any fielder may use a first baseman's glove.		4	1-3-6
7	An illegal slide occurs when:	The runner slides head first.	The runner, on a force play, slides in a direction away from the fielder making the play at the base.	The runner goes beyond the base and alters the play of the fielder.	The runner slides feet first with one leg and buttock on the ground.		3	2-32-1; 2-32-2c
8	During the pre-game conference:	Head coaches verify that all players are legally equipped and using only legal equipment.	Lineup cards are exchanged and checked.	Umpires share the expectations of good sporting behavior throughout the game.	All of the above.		4	2-10-2; 4-1-3a,b
9	The following are acts of offensive interference:	A runner yelling at a shortstop causing him to drop a fly ball.	A runner maliciously contacting a fielder without the ball.	A coach who physically assists a runner during playing action.	A & B.	All of the above.	4	2-21-1
10	Which of the following statements on obstruction is correct:	The ball is delayed dead.	Obstruction is declared when a fielder without the ball simulates a tag on a runner.	Obstruction occurs when a fielder without possession of the ball denies access to the base the runner is attempting to achieve.	All of the above.		4	2-22-1; 2-22-2; 2-22-3
11	Who has the authority to request an intentional walk:	The catcher.	The coach	The pitcher	A & B.	All of the above.	4	2-4-3
12	F6 mishandles B1's grounder and the ball rolls to a stop on the chalk line delineating dead-ball territory. F5, while standing with both feet in live-ball territory, picks up the ball and throws to second base, preventing B1's advance.	Legal play.	B1 is awarded second base.	B1 is awarded third base.	The play is legal only if F5 picks the ball up without stepping partially into the dead-ball area.		1	Feb-42

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13	B1 hits a line drive toward F4. The ball deflects off F4's glove, hits the base umpire's shoulder in the air and is caught by F6.	B1 is out.	B1 is out only if F6 throws to first base and beats B1.	The ball is dead when it hits the field umpire.	B1 is awarded first base.		2	2-9-1
14	In a game where the DH is not used, Chizek pinch hits for B8 in the bottom of the second inning, but does not take the field in the top of the third inning. In the fifth inning, Chizek comes to bat again in the same spot in the order.	Legal play.	If Chizek gets on base and is discovered after the first pitch to the next batter, Chizek is out.	If Chizek gets on base and is discovered after the first pitch to the next batter, Chizek can be replaced by a substitute.	If Chizek gets on base and is discovered before the first pitch to the next batter, Chizek is not out, but must be replaced by the proper batter.		2	2-36-3a; 7-4h
15	No outs and R1 on first base and R3 on third base. B1 grounds to F6, who flips to F4 for the force. R1 slides directly at the base with his upper leg waist high to F4, and contacts F4's glove. The relay throw retires B1.	Legal play.	R3 is also out.	R3 is returned to third base.	R3 would only be out if a triple play were possible.		3	2-32-2b; 8-4-2b
16	A player who was removed from the game for exhibiting signs or symptoms consistent with a concussion:	May never return to play that day.	May not return to play in that specific game.	May return to play if written clearance is provided by an appropriate health-care professional.	May return to play without being cleared if he has sat for an inning.		3	3-1-5
17	An offensive conference will be charged when:	A coach meets with his base runner after the opposing coach has been granted a conference to talk with his pitcher.	Time is granted for an obviously injured player.	An assistant coach is granted time to confer with the base runner on first base.	All of the above.		3	3-4-2
18	At the pre-game conference, the home plate umpire issues a warning to both teams for any player wearing jewelry while participating in the game.	Any player on either team caught wearing jewelry for the first time in the game will be ejected.	A warning for the wearing of jewelry may not be given at the pre-game conference.	If an umpire observes a player for either team wearing jewelry while in the game, he may issue a warning to both teams at that point.	A team warning should be given if a player is observed wearing an ear stud in the dugout.		2	3-3-1d PENALTY
19	If an assistant coach leaves the coaching box to argue a judgment call by the base umpire:	A warning shall be issued to the team.	Both the head coach and the assistant coach are restricted to the dugout on the first offense.	Both head coach and the assistant coach are automatically ejected.	Only the assistant coach is restricted to the dugout.		2	3-3-1f(6) PENALTY
20	If the player for whom the DH is batting subsequently bats:	The role of the DH is terminated.	The DH may no longer participate in the game.	The DH may re-enter the game and DH for another player.	The DH may return to play on defense for another player in a different batting position.		1	3-1-4
21	If the starting pitcher does not face one batter:	He may later return to pitch.	He may never return to the game.	He may play another position, but not return to pitch.	He must face one batter, even if it is to issue an intentional walk.		3	3-1-1 PENALTY
22	The runner is attempting to score when the catcher, without the ball, blocks home plate allowing the runner no access. The runner maliciously runs over the catcher attempting to score. The umpire will:	Declare the runner out and eject him.	Score the runner on the obstruction by the catcher and then eject him.	Return the runner to third base.	Eject the catcher for obstructing the runner.		1	3-3-1n PENALTY, 8-4-2e(1)
23	The home team is utilizing Smith as the P/DH. In the second inning, Smith hits a double. The home team coach now comes to the plate umpire and tells the umpire that No. 45 will be a courtesy runner for Smith.	The home plate umpire shall mark the use of No. 45 as a courtesy runner and inform the visiting team.	The home plate umpire shall tell the coach he will have to get agreement from the opposing coach.	The home plate umpire will deny the use of No. 45 as a courtesy runner for Smith. When Smith comes to bat, he bats as a DH and not a pitcher. Courtesy Runners are not allowed for a DH.	Both A & B.		3	3-1-4 Suggested Speed-Up Rules, Courtesy Runner #1
24	After the game starts, the sole judge of whether conditions are fit for play:	Is the home coach.	Is the visiting coach.	Are the umpires.	Both coaches must agree.		3	4-1-1

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25	During the second inning of the game, the lead-off batter enters the box with an illegal bat. There has been no previous issue with an illegal bat.	There is no problem. The batter shall secure a legal bat.	The batter is declared out and his head coach is ejected.	The batter is declared out and his head coach is restricted to the dugout.	The player and the coach are warned and a subsequent violation will result in an ejection of the coach and the player.		3	4-3-1b PENALTY
26	It is an immediate dead ball when:	An umpire interferes with the catcher attempting to make a throw.	A runner sprains an ankle touching second base and falls to the ground.	The ball is batted with an illegal bat.	A member of the offensive creates a distraction for the purpose of causing the opposing pitcher to balk.		3	5-1-1b; 5-1-2c,d; 5-2-1d
27	What conditions must be met for a dead ball to be made live?	The pitcher has engaged the pitcher's plate while holding the ball in a legal pitching position.	The batter and the catcher are in their respective boxes.	The umpire calls "Play" and give the appropriate signal.	All of the above.		4	5-1-4
28	When does the ball become dead after malicious contact?	Immediately.	At the end of playing action.				1	5-1-1m
29	A pitch dropped during a delivery with the bases empty is:	An illegal pitch.	A ball if it crosses the foul line.	A dead ball and declared a no pitch if it stops prior to crossing the foul line.	B & C.		4	6-1-4
30	A pitcher may turn his shoulders to check runners while in contact with the pitcher's plate and in the :	Windup position.	Set position.	Both A & B.	Neither A nor B. It is always illegal for a pitcher to turn his shoulders to check a runner.		2	6-1-1
31	In the windup position, the pitcher pauses for several seconds with both hands together above his head.	This is legal provided the pause was complete and discernible.	This would be legal had he stopped with his hands together at or below his chin.	This is illegal. After he starts his movement to pitch, he must continue his motion without interruption or alteration.	Both A & B.		3	6-1-2
32	The pitcher takes his position in an illegal, "hybrid" position on the pitching plate with a runner on first base.	A balk should be called immediately when the pitcher assumes this illegal position.	A balk would be called when the pitcher made a move to pick-off the runner at first base.	A balk would be called when the pitcher begins his delivery to the batter.	Both B & C.		4	6-1-1; 6-1-2; 6-1-3
33	The pitcher takes his position on the pitching plate in an illegal "hybrid" position.	Provided the pitcher has made no subsequent move since he took his position on the pitching plate, he may legally step back off the pitching plate with his pivot foot to change to a legal pitching position.	Once the pitcher assumed this illegal position, he is not allowed to change to a legal position.				1	6-1-1;6-1-2; 6-1-3
34	With runners on first and third base, the pitcher legally feints a pick-off attempt to third base and then legally turns and successfully picks off the runner at first base.	This is a legal move and the out will stand.	The third to first move is illegal and a balk will be declared.				1	6-2-4
35	A batter may leave the batter's box with no penalty when:	The pitcher attempts a pickoff.	Time is granted to either team.	The catcher leaves the catcher's box to give defensive signals.	All of the above.		4	7-3-1
36	An improper batter is discovered at bat with a count of 1 ball and 2 strikes.	Only the defense can appeal or discover the infraction.	The improper batter shall be declared out and the proper batter will come to bat.	The proper batter will replace the improper batter with the 1-2 count.	The improper batter shall be declared out and restricted to the bench.		3	7-1-1

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37	The batting order is Chizek, Curtis, Keating, Tharp. Curtis is at bat when Chizek is caught stealing for the third out. When the team returns to offense in the next inning, the first batter shall be.	Chizek.	Curtis.	Keating.	Tharp.		2	7-1-2
38	When the defense successfully appeals batting out of order:	The proper batter is declared out.	Any outs made on the play stand.	An advance by a runner from a wild pitch, while the improper batter is at bat, is legal.	All of the above.		4	7-1-1
39	When the proper batter is declared out because he has failed to bat in turn, the next batter shall be:	The batter who batted improperly.	The proper batter who should have batted.	The batter whose name follows the proper batter thus called out.	The batter the opposing team chooses.		3	7-1-1 PENALTY 4
40	With one out and the runner from third base attempting to steal home, the batter interferes with the catcher.	The runner is out.	The batter is out.	Both the runner and the batter are out.	The result of the play will stand.		1	7-3-5 PENALTY
41	With the runner from first base attempting to steal second base, the batter swings and misses the pitch for strike two. His follow-through contacts the catcher and causes him to drop the ball on his attempted throw.	The batter is declared out and the runner is returned to first.	The runner is declared out and the batter continues his at bat.	Both the batter and the runner are declared out.	B & C.		1	7-3-5c PENALTY
42	Attempting to return to first base when a deep fly ball was caught, the runner failed to touch second base. The throw from the outfield, attempting to double the returning runner at first base, sails into the dugout.	For missing second base on the return, the runner cannot now legally touch second base since he was standing on first base when the ball became dead.	Because the runner failed to touch second base on his return, he will not be awarded third base due to the overthrow into the dugout.	If the runner correctly touches second base as he is advancing to third base on the award, his touching second base corrected his previous infraction of missing the base while returning.	The umpire should eject the runner for making a travesty of the game by missing the base as he returned.		3	8-2-6l
43	Catcher's obstruction is ignored:	It is never ignored and the penalty must be enforced.	The penalty is ignored if the batter-runner reaches first base and all other runners advance at least one base.				2	8-1-1e
44	If a successful appeal of a runner leaving a base too soon is the third out of the inning:	No runs score as this is considered to be a force play.	All runs that score in advance of the appealed runner and scored prior to the appeal will count.				2	8-2-6h
45	If two runners are on the same base at the same time in a force situation and both are tagged:	The runner who is forced to advance shall be declared out.	The following runner shall be declared out.				1	8-2-8a
46	If two runners are on the same base at the same time in a non-force situation and both are tagged:	Both runners are out.	Neither runner is out.	The preceding runner is declared out.	The following runner is declared out.		4	8-2-8a
47	When two runners are between the same two bases on an overthrow into dead-ball territory:	The lead runner is awarded two bases and the following runner is awarded one base.	Both runners are awarded two bases.	Both runners are awarded three bases.	Both runners are returned to the base occupied at the time of the throw.		1	8-3-3c(3)
48	The home team shall be the official scorebook, including pitch count verification, when the host school is not participating.	TRUE	FALSE				1	9-2-2; IOWA ADAPTATION
49	An umpire's jurisdiction ends when:	The last out of the game has been declared.	One umpire has left the confines of the field.	All umpires have left the confines of the field at the conclusion of the game.	The scorekeeper announces there are no issues with the scorebook.		3	10-1-2
50	R3 is injured when he scores in the fifth inning. His team has no eligible subs available.	The game is immediately forfeited.	The game will be forfeited when R3's team has to take the field.	The game may continue.			3	4-4-1f Note 1

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51	R1 is injured as he steals second base. His team has no eligible subs available.	The game is immediately forfeited.	The game will be forfeited when R1's team has to take the field.	R1's coach may select any player to run for R1.	The defensive coach may select any player to run for R1.	The most recent batter not on base must run for R1.	5	4-4-1f Note 1
52	With no runners on base, B1 takes a called third strike. B1 heads for his dugout not realizing that F2 dropped the pitch. F2 then throws the ball wildly toward first. B1 heads for first base and makes the base safely.	B1 is out only if he reached the dugout before breaking for first base.	B1 is out only if he left the dirt circle of the plate area before breaking for first base.	B1 is out regardless of where he was before breaking for first base.	All of the above.		1	8-4-1i
53	With R2 on second base, B1 grounds to F6. F6 fields the ball and chases R2 back toward second base. He then swipes at and misses R2, and throws wildly to first base into dead-ball territory. Before F6 throws, B1 touches first base.	B1 is awarded second base and R2 is awarded third base.	B1 is awarded third base and R2 is awarded home.	The bases awarded are a judgment call depending on whether or not the umpire rules that chasing R2 back to second is a play.			2	8-3-5
54	Which of the following are true if the DH is batting for the pitcher?	The pitcher may pinch hit for another defensive player.	The DH is never allowed to play defense.	The pitcher may pinch run, but only for the DH.	If the DH plays defense, the pitcher must leave the game.	C & D.	5	3-1-4
55	With R3 on third base in the bottom of the ninth, the visiting team is leading 2-1. F1 balks and immediately delivers the pitch to B1. B1 hits the ball over the fence. A balk is called.	The ball is dead, R3 scores, no pitch.	R3 scores and a ball is called on the batter.	The ball remains live and the game is over with the home team winning 3-2.			1	5-1-1-k
56	B1 hits a fair ball down the right-field line. A spectator, believing it is a foul ball, picks it up.	The ball is delayed dead.	The ball is immediately dead.	B1 must be awarded two bases from the time of the pitch.	B1 must be awarded two bases from the time of the interference.		2	5-1-1g(1)
57	Baseballs used for competition only have to have the NFHS Authenticating Mark on the ball to be compliant.	Yes, as long as the NFHS Authenticating Mark is on the ball.	No, the SEI/NOCSAE mark is also required to be on the baseball. So there are two marks on the baseball.	No, only the SEI/NOCSAE mark is required on the baseball.	No, there are no requirements for baseball used for practice.		2	1-3-1
58	A coach, restricted to the dugout for the balance of the game, may:	Not have a charged conference with his team at any time.	Have a charged conference on the field of play, just as he could before he was restricted.	Have a charged conference only when the other team has been granted one.	Have a charged conference-offense or defense- in the dugout/bench area.		4	3-4-4
59	An assistant coach directs some extreme profanity at the base umpire that is heard by the dugout. The base umpire should:	Immediately eject the assistant coach.	Have a meeting with the assistant and the head coach to express the desire that this conduct cease.	First, warn the coach with a written warning. No ejection may occur unless a warning was previously given.	Pretend he did not hear the profanity.		1	3-3-1 PENALTY
60	An ejected coach:	May continue to coach from the bench if he is the only coach for the team at the game.	May remain in the dugout area but cannot coach any player.	Shall leave the vicinity of the playing area immediately and cannot have any further contact with the team unless requested by the umpire.	May be reinstated as a coach of the team if he is truly contrite for his actions.		3	3-3-2
61	Tharp is the SS/DH. In the fourth inning Chizek comes in to play shortstop. In the fifth inning, the coach wants Chizek to pinch hit.	This is legal. Tharp may re-enter later as defensive player batting for himself.	The role of the DH is ended.	A & B.			3	3-1-4
62	The catcher comes to his position wearing a skull cap and an unattached mask. Both pieces of gear are in good shape.	Unless the opposing team complains, the plate umpire should not have an issue.	This is legal. Both pieces of equipment are fine.	This is illegal. The catcher must wear a helmet mask combination that meets the NOCSAE standard.	The catcher and head coach shall be ejected.		3	1-5-4; 4-1-3b PENALTY

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63	The visiting team has used one of its three defensive-charged conferences when the game enters the eighth inning. It now has available for use:	Two charged conferences.	Three charged conferences.	One charged conference.	No conferences are allowed in extra innings.		3	3-4-1
64	With runners on second base and third base, the pitcher intentionally drops a fair bunt in flight.	The ball remains live and in play.	The ball becomes dead immediately.	It is a delayed dead ball.	The batter is out due to a fielder's choice.		1	5-1-1j
65	A pitcher may assume the wind-up position when:	His hands are together in front of his body.	His hands are at his side.	Either hand is in front of the body and the other hand is at his side.	All of the above.		4	6-1-2
66	The batter swings and misses the pitch and the pitch hits him on the hand.	This is a hit batter, award the batter first base.	Charge a strike to the batter.				2	7-2-1b
67	If a runner correctly touches a base that was missed (either in advancing or returning), the last time he was by the base, that last touch corrects any previous baserunning infraction.	TRUE	FALSE				1	8-2-6l
68	On ball four, the pitch gets by the catcher and rolls into the dugout. The batter-runner is awarded:	First base.	Second base.				1	Base Awards Table
69	A team starts the contest with a "straight nine" lineup, with no DH in the lineup. Later in the game they want to change to add a DH. This is permissible.	TRUE	FALSE				2	3-1-4
70	The traditional DH can have a substitute.	TRUE	FALSE				1	3-1-4
71	The traditional DH can play a defensive position and remain as the DH.	TRUE	FALSE				2	3-1-4
72	Tharp is playing 2nd base and Chizek is the designated hitter for Tharp hitting in the fifth spot in the lineup. In the fourth inning, Tharp moves to third base and replaces Curtis in the ninth spot. The plate umpire is correct in not allowing this substitution to occur.	TRUE	FALSE				1	3-1-4
73	The player/DH is required to be the pitcher.	TRUE	FALSE				2	3-1-4
74	With the new rule change regarding the player/DH, a defensive player may be substituted for, but only the starting player/DH can ever occupy the DH role.	TRUE	FALSE				1	3-1-4
75	The pitcher/DH starts as the pitcher and is replaced as the pitcher in the third inning. Provided all other pitching rules are met, he is able to return to pitch in the fourth inning.	TRUE	FALSE				1	3-1-4