

TRUE/FALSE

- Any attachments on the bat handle must be attached with grip tape.
- Attachments, such as flare cone or choke up device, on the bat handle render the bat an "altered bat."
- The requirement to use grip tape on attachments has been removed.
- In high school play, the tape on the handle of the bat may be any length from 6"-15".
- The penalty for an illegal pitch is a ball on the batter and all runners who are forced to advance move up one base.
- B1 is struck by an illegal pitch. The offense has the *option* to take the penalty for the illegal pitch *or* the penalty for the hit-by-pitch.
- Bats with the 2013 ASA certification mark are legal.
- Teams are not required to report *any* defensive changes.
- If the EP enters the game on defense for the Flex, the Flex is considered to have left the game.
- If the EP leaves the game due to injury and there are no eligible substitutes, the Flex may enter the game for the EP.
- The pitcher has 5 seconds to release the next pitch after receiving the ball or after the umpire indicates "play ball."
- BR receives a base-on-balls and stops on 1st base. BR steps off of 1st base. BR is not out if she immediately returns non-stop to 1st base or advances non-stop to 2nd base.
- If BR overruns 1st base and starts back to the base, BR still may attempt to advance to 2nd base.
- Once the batter-runner reaches 1st base, they may start on and return to either the white or contrasting color portion of the base.
- Regarding applying a foreign substance to the ball, dirt is considered a foreign substance when the game is played on an artificial field (e.g., AstroTurf).
- B1 hits cleanly to center field. B1 rounds 1st base, stops and heads back to 1st base. F3 obstructs BR *returning* to 1st base. F8 throws to F6 covering 2nd base. BR never would have reached 2nd base safely. When BR is obstructed returning to 1st base, her base coach yells "go to 2nd base." B1 is thrown out at 2nd base. B1 is declared out. This is the proper procedure.
- Right-handed B1 bats the ball, which lands just outside the batter's box in fair territory. B1 takes her first step toward 1st base and kicks the ball with her left foot. When B1 does this, her right foot is still within the batter's box, but her left foot is completely outside the batter's box. This is interference.
- With R3 on 3rd base and 2 outs, B4 lays down a squeeze bunt. R3 crosses home plate. Then, B4 is called out for 3-foot lane interference. R3's run counts.
- With R2 on 2nd base, B3 hits a fly ball to center field. The base umpire is responsible for the play on R2 going into 3rd base.
- An obstructed runner who chooses to go back rather than advance forward may *never* be awarded an additional base(s).
- R2 from 2nd base is advancing home on B3's hit to the outfield. F2 is *legally* blocking the plate as R2 attempts to do a slide by. F2 misses the tag and R2 misses and passes the plate. While in possession of the ball and standing on home plate, F2 makes a *live ball* verbal appeal for R2 missing home plate prior to R2 going back and touching the plate. The plate umpire calls R2 out. This is the proper ruling.
- With no runners on base, the plate umpire is responsible for catch/no catch on all fly balls *unless* the base umpire goes out (chases).
- With a runner(s) on base, the plate umpire is responsible for catch/no catch on all fly balls *unless* the base umpire goes out (chases).
- With no runners on base, the base umpire is responsible for catch/no catch on fly balls hit from the center fielder to the right field fence, *regardless* of whether he/she goes out..
- With a runner(s) on base, the base umpire is responsible for catch/no catch on fly balls hit from the left fielder to the right fielder, *regardless* of whether he/she goes out.

BALL STATUS

- A runner contacts a fielder who does not have a legitimate chance to make a play on a batted ball.
- An obstructed runner is tagged out between the two bases where the obstruction occurred.
- A batted ball is touched by a thrown glove.
- R1 is attempting to steal 2nd base. B2 interferes with F2's throw to F6. At the time of the interference, the ball is ____.
- When a trail/succeeding runner passes a lead/preceding runner.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

- Obstruction will be called:
 - With R1 on 1st base, F3 stands directly in the baseline between 1st base and 2nd base at the time of the pitch.
 - Whenever F2 and B1 collide after a batted ball.
 - When, on a safe hit to the outfield, F6 impedes the progress of R1 about ten feet behind the baseline;
 - All of the above.
- When the tie-breaker rule is instituted:
 - It is the responsibility of the umpires & scorer to notify the teams involved which player will be placed at 2nd base;
 - There is no penalty if an incorrect tie-breaker runner is discovered; the correct runner will be placed on base;
 - The proper tie-breaker runner is the player scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning;
 - All of the above are true.
- R1 is on 1st base with one out when B2 lines out to F6. However, F6's throw to 1st base goes into the 1st base dugout but rebounds back on the field.
 - B2 is out and the ball is live and in play
 - B2 is awarded two bases from her position at the time of the throw
 - R1 is awarded 2nd base and B2 is out
 - R1 is awarded 3rd base and B2 is out.

- 4 The batting order is Alice, Betty, Cindy, Dana, etc. It is Alice's turn to bat, but Cindy erroneously bats and hits a double. Next, Alice strikes out. Then, Betty strikes out. It is now Cindy's turn to bat but Cindy is on 2nd base:
 - a. Cindy is declared out;
 - b. Cindy is skipped over but remains on 2nd base and Dana becomes the proper batter;
 - c. Cindy is removed from 2nd base and takes her place in the batter's box;
 - d. Cindy is removed from 2nd base and Dana comes to bat.

BASE AWARDS

- 1 F2 throws to F3 attempting to pickoff R1 at 1st base. Sliding back into 1st base, R1's foot knocks the ball out of F3's glove and the ball enters dead ball territory. R1 is awarded ____.
- 2 With R2 on 2nd base, B3 hits a deep fly ball to center field. F8 leaps for the ball, catches it while in play, then falls over the temporary fence. R2 is between 2nd and 3rd base at the time of the dead ball. R2 is awarded ____.
- 3 B1 hits a fair ball deep down the right field line. F9 intentionally kicks the ball out of play when B1 is between 1st and 2nd base. B1 is awarded ____.
- 4 With R2 on 2nd base and R1 on 1st base, B3 hits an infield fly. The umpires rule B3 out. The ball then strikes F5 in fair territory and ricochets out of play. R2 is awarded ____.

PLATE UMPIRE ONLY

- 5 R1 on 1st base advances to and stops on 2nd base on B2's hit to the outfield. When R1 stops at 2nd base, PU should be ____.
- 6 R1 on 1st base. B2 hits to F6. F6 throws to F3 to retire B2. PU's initial aiming point is ____.