



### Part 1 Softball Examination Questions

Here are the possible questions and answers on the Part 1 Softball examination. Print out this page and use your rule book to study for the test.

When you take the examination, you will be presented with a random subset of these questions.

1	The pitcher may use any windup desired provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. There is no stop or reversal of the forward motion.</li> <li>* B. She does not make more than 1 ½ clockwise revolutions of the arm.</li> <li>* C. No motion to pitch is made without immediately delivering the ball.</li> <li>* D. All of the above.</li> </ul>
2	To be legal a pitcher can	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. Keep the pivot foot in contact with the ground.</li> <li>* B. Have only one foot inside the 24 inch width of the pitching plate.</li> <li>* C. Have both feet off the ground as long as her feet are inside the 24 inch width of the pitching plate and she does not replant.</li> <li>* D. Both A &amp; C.</li> </ul>
3	What is the best answer? While in the pitching position, the pitcher shall:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. Take (or simulate taking) signal from the catcher</li> <li>* B. Have hands separated with ball in pitching hand or glove</li> <li>* C. Take position with shoulders in line with first and third base</li> <li>* D. All of the above</li> </ul>
4	The umpire shall call “time” and suspend play in which of the following situations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. A player is ordered to secure protective equipment.</li> <li>* B. A base is awarded after an infraction.</li> <li>* C. The umpire considers the ground conditions unfit for play.</li> <li>* D. All of the above</li> </ul>
5	A runner may not return to touch a missed base or one left too soon on a caught fly ball if:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. A following runner has not scored.</li> <li>* B. The runner has left the field of play; or a following runner has scored.</li> <li>* C. A runner has reached a base beyond the base missed or left too soon and the ball becomes dead.</li> <li>* D. Both B and C</li> </ul>
6	It is a dead ball immediately when:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. An illegal pitch is delivered</li> <li>* B. The catcher obstructs the batter</li> <li>* C. The plate umpire interferes with the catcher with B4 stealing second base</li> <li>* D. B3 swings at strike three and she is hit by the pitch</li> </ul>
7	In which of the following situations is a ball charged to the batter?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. A pitched ball is swung at and missed.</li> <li>* B. A batter delays the game by failing to promptly take position inside the batter’s box within ten seconds after the ball is returned to the pitcher.</li> <li>* C. A pitch is not touched by the bat and is not a strike.</li> <li>* D. A pitcher leaps while delivering the pitch.</li> </ul>
8	What is the best answer regarding the IHSA concussion protocol?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. A player exhibiting signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with concussion is immediately removed from the game.</li> <li>* B. If an appropriate health-care professional determines that the athlete has not suffered a concussion, the athlete may return to play.</li> <li>* C. This is a health and safety issue for coaches and administrators, since an athlete should not return to play or practice on the same day of a concussion.</li> <li>* D. All of the above are correct.</li> </ul>
9	Team A has only nine players to begin the game. Player A9, who occupies the ninth position in the batting order, becomes ill and is transported to a hospital in the top of the first inning. With two outs in the bottom of the third inning, the missing player’s turn to bat is reached. Which of the following is the correct ruling?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. An out is declared and the third inning is ended.</li> <li>* B. The player who occupies the first position in the batting order is allowed to bat in place of A9.</li> <li>* C. The most recent batter not on base is allowed to bat for A9.</li> <li>* D. The game shall be forfeited to Team B.</li> </ul>
10	When shall the pregame conference take place?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. 10 minutes prior to the scheduled game</li> <li>* B. When the umpire(s) arrives at the game site.</li> <li>* C. No later than 5 minutes prior to the scheduled game time and before the home team takes the field.</li> <li>* D. No pregame conference is required.</li> </ul>
11	To grant an intentional walk the request needs to be made to the umpire from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. The pitcher.</li> <li>* B. The catcher.</li> <li>* C. The defensive coach</li> <li>* D. Any of the above</li> </ul>
12	The plate umpire’s pregame duties include which of the following?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. Inspect batting helmets, catchers’ helmets, and bats.</li> <li>* B. Inspect the condition of the field.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* C. Define the dugout/bench areas.</li> <li>* D. B and C only.</li> </ul>
13	During the pregame conference what is not correct?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. An assistant coach may represent the team and present the lineup card</li> <li>* B. Ground rules will be discussed</li> <li>* C. Umpires will ask the head coaches if their teams are legally equipped</li> <li>* D. No balls are hit or thrown in live ball territory</li> </ul>
14	A game shall be forfeited to the offended team by the umpire when a team fails to provide how many players to start the game:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. 7</li> <li>* B. 8</li> <li>* C. 9</li> <li>* D. 10</li> </ul>
15	The on-deck batter is permitted to do which of the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. Leave the on-deck circle to direct a runner advancing from the third base to home plate</li> <li>* B. Occupy the on-deck circle closest to the dugout of the opposing team</li> <li>* C. Warm up with three softball bats</li> <li>* D. All the above</li> </ul>
16	Defective equipment when discovered shall be:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. Replaced before the next game.</li> <li>* B. Removed from the game and the player restricted to the dugout/bench for the remainder of the game.</li> <li>* C. Repaired or replaced immediately.</li> <li>* D. Removed immediately and the coach restricted to the dugout/bench for the remainder of the game.</li> </ul>
17	If a batter is discovered with a bat that is cracked, rattles, has dents or sharp edges this considered a:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. Non-approved bat.</li> <li>* B. Legal bat.</li> <li>* C. Illegal bat.</li> <li>* D. Damaged bat.</li> </ul>
18	Which statement is NOT an example of interference?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. The batter-runner stops between home plate and first base to delay being tagged out.</li> <li>* B. The batter-runner contacts a fair batted ball before reaching first base.</li> <li>* C. The batter-runner remains in the batter's box on a play to prevent an obvious out.</li> <li>* D. All of the above.</li> </ul>
19	Which of the following is illegal once the pitcher receives the ball from the catcher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. She picks up dirt from the ground and drops the dirt</li> <li>* B. She licks her fingers and then directly touches the softball</li> <li>* C. She touches a rosin bag</li> <li>* D. She wipes her hand on a towel in the back pocket that has no residue</li> </ul>
20	What is the best answer? When must appeals be made?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. Before the next legal or illegal pitch.</li> <li>* B. At the end of a half-inning, before all infielders have left fair territory and the catcher vacates their normal fielding position.</li> <li>* C. On the last play of the game before the umpire leaves the field of play.</li> <li>* D. All the above</li> </ul>
21	What is the best answer? During the pregame conference, the head coach shall be responsible for verifying to the plate umpire that the:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. Lineup card is correct</li> <li>* B. Players are legally equipped</li> <li>* C. Equipment is in compliance with all NFHS rules</li> <li>* D. All the above</li> </ul>
22	The batter shall take position with both feet completely inside the batter's box within _____ after the ball is returned to the pitcher to prepare for the next pitch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. Ten seconds</li> <li>* B. Fifteen seconds</li> <li>* C. Twenty seconds</li> <li>* D. Thirty seconds</li> </ul>
23	The on-deck circles shall be a safe distance from home plate with a recommendation distance of:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. 15 feet, if space allows.</li> <li>* B. 20 feet, if space allows.</li> <li>* C. 25 feet, if space allows.</li> <li>* D. 30 feet, if space allows.</li> </ul>
24	B1 hits a high fly ball down the line to right field. F9, with both feet clearly in fair territory, extends across the foul line in an attempt to catch the ball. While the ball is still in the air, completely over foul ground, the ball deflects off of F9's glove and lands in fair territory. The correct call is:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. Foul ball since the ball was over foul ground when touched.</li> <li>* B. Fair ball since both feet were clearly in fair territory when F9 touched the ball.</li> <li>* C. Fair ball because after F9 touched the ball it landed in fair territory.</li> <li>* D. Fair ball. Any ball touched by a fielder is automatically fair</li> </ul>
25	Prior to starting the delivery of a pitch, the pitcher must:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. Stand with her shoulders facing any direction</li> <li>* B. Have her hands together while stepping on the pitcher's plate</li> <li>* C. Make no contact with the top of the pitcher's plate</li> <li>* D. Bring her hands together in front of the body for not less than one second and not more than 10 seconds before releasing the pitch.</li> </ul>
26	What is the best answer? It is a delayed dead ball when:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. An illegal pitch is delivered.</li> <li>* B. A catcher or any fielder obstructs the batter or ball through the use of detached equipment.</li> <li>* C. The umpire interferes with a catcher who is attempting to throw a non-batted ball.</li> <li>* D. All of the above.</li> </ul>
27	After reaching base, a team has the option to use a courtesy runner for:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. The pitcher only.</li> <li>* B. The catcher only.</li> <li>* C. The pitcher and/or catcher of record.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* D. Any player as long as they are designated by the coach during the pre-game meeting.</li> </ul>
28	Team A is occupying the 3rd base dugout and at bat with R1 on 1st base. The batter A #1 hits a short looping base hit over F4. F9 fields the ball and over throws the cutoff person when throwing the ball back into the infield. Both R1 and R2 stop at 2nd and 1st bases respectively. The on-deck batter sees the ball rolling away and picks it up and hands it to the pitcher, thus confusing the defense. Which is the best ruling:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. This is interference by the on-deck batter. Since there was no obvious play on any runner, no runner is out.</li> <li>* B. This is interference. Since the ball was live, the runner closest to home is declared out.</li> <li>* C. There is no infraction. The ball remains live. Play continues</li> <li>* D. The on-deck batter is ejected</li> </ul>
29	Per the State Association Adoption, which score below is considered a complete game, excluding a suspended game?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. 19-1 with the home team ahead at the end of the 4th inning.</li> <li>* B. 3-7 with the visiting team ahead at the end of the 2nd inning.</li> <li>* C. 4-3 with the home team ahead at the end of the 6th inning.</li> <li>* D. 8-3 with the visiting team head at the end of the 5th inning.</li> </ul>
30	A head coach who intends to utilize the DP/Flex option must alert the umpires and opposing team when:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. Before that coach's team bats for the first time.</li> <li>* B. Before that coach's team throws its first pitch on defense</li> <li>* C. During the exchange of line-up cards at home plate during the pregame conference.</li> <li>* D. Before the DP's first at-bat.</li> </ul>
31	What is the best answer? A pitcher shall be penalized when:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. Pitcher exceeds five warm-up pitches between innings.</li> <li>* B. A pitcher deliberately drops, rolls, bounces, etc. the ball while in pitching position preventing the batter from striking it.</li> <li>* C. The pitcher throws to a base while still in contact with the pitching plate.</li> <li>* D. All of the above.</li> </ul>
32	Which of the following actions is allowed during the pregame conference with head coaches?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. The assistant coach is hitting ground balls to the infielders.</li> <li>* B. The assistant coach is hitting fly balls to the outfielders.</li> <li>* C. F1 is throwing warm-up pitches in foul territory between home and first base.</li> <li>* D. None of the above.</li> </ul>
33	In a sanctioned IHSA softball game in Illinois, a coach indicates he does not want to play the game with a double first-base. Which statement is correct?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. If both coaches agree the double first-base does not need to be used.</li> <li>* B. The double first-base rule is an IHSA state adoption and must be used in all contests.</li> <li>* C. Any type of base is permissible in IHSA softball.</li> <li>* D. It can be removed when the aforementioned coach's team is on defense.</li> </ul>
34	If there are some concerns that the conditions of the grounds and other conditions are not suitable for the start of the game, this decision shall be made by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. The home team coach.</li> <li>* B. The plate umpire.</li> <li>* C. The athletic director.</li> <li>* D. A decision after consulting with all the above.</li> </ul>
35	A1 is the Team A pitcher in the fourth inning. A11 is brought in as a relief pitcher in that inning. Team A coach wants to reenter A1 in the fourth inning as the pitcher. The correct call is:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. This is an illegal substitution.</li> <li>* B. This is legal and A1 can have five warm-up pitches when she reenters.</li> <li>* C. This is a legal substitution with no warm-up pitches for A1 when she reenters.</li> <li>* D. Team A can substitute A1 as pitcher as many times as they want in the inning.</li> </ul>
36	After B3 fouls the pitch into dead ball territory, the umpire hands a new ball to F2. When does the ball become live?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. When F2 receives the ball from the umpire.</li> <li>* B. When F1 receives the ball from the catcher.</li> <li>* C. When F1 takes (or simulates taking) a signal from F2.</li> <li>* D. When the umpire calls and/or signals "play ball"</li> </ul>
37	At the end of the top of the 1st inning, it is discovered that the pitching plate is set at the wrong distance. What is the correct procedure?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. After the plate is set at the correct distance, the half-inning is replayed.</li> <li>* B. Allow the bottom of the inning to be played before the correction is made.</li> <li>* C. Make the correction immediately and continue the game.</li> <li>* D. Finish the game at the wrong distance and send a special report to the IHSA.</li> </ul>
38	Each team, when on defense, is allowed how many charged conferences during a seven-inning game, without penalty?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. One.</li> <li>* B. Two.</li> <li>* C. Three.</li> <li>* D. Four.</li> </ul>
39	When is artificial noise prohibited during IHSA Softball games?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. All games.</li> <li>* B. State Championship games only.</li> <li>* C. Only in the IHSA State Series per the IHSA Terms and Conditions. Thus, at all IHSA post season contests.</li> <li>* D. All of the above.</li> </ul>
40	An eligible substitute enters the game unreported. When discovered the umpire shall.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. Remove the player from the game.</li> <li>* B. Eject the player and restrict to the dugout/bench.</li> <li>* C. Restrict the head coach to the dugout/bench.</li> <li>* D. Issue a team warning, with the head coach and the next offender restricted to the dugout/bench for the remainder of the game</li> </ul>
41	What is the best answer? An umpire should declare a "no-pitch" on which of the following occurrences?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A. The pitcher pitches during a suspension of play.</li> <li>* B. The runner is called out for leaving the base too soon.</li> <li>* C. The pitcher pitches before the base runner has retouched the base after</li> </ul>

		a foul ball has been declared and the ball is dead. * D. All of the above.
42	Which answer is incorrect on the types of appeals that may be made?	* A. Missing a base. * B. Judgment calls. * C. Leaving early on a caught fly ball. * D. Batting out of order
43	Batter A #1 is at bat and hits a double to center field. At the conclusion of the play the plate umpire notices a crack on the barrel of the bat. The bat is removed. What best describes what the proper ruling should be:	* A. This a damaged bat. The bat is removed without penalty * B. This is an altered bat. A #1 is called out. Both A #1 and the team A head coach are ejected. * C. This a legal bat. Cracks do not make a bat is illegal. * D. All of the above
44	In which of the following situations is a strike charged to the batter?	* A. A member of the offensive team intentionally removes a line. * B. A pitched ball becomes a foul when the batter has fewer than two strikes. * C. A pitched ball enters any part of the strike zone in flight and the batter does not swing. * D. All of the above
45	Each team, when on offense may be granted:	* A. Two charged conferences per inning * B. Three charged conferences per game * C. One charged conference per inning * D. Zero charged conferences per inning
46	Umpire jurisdiction ends at the conclusion of the game when:	* A. The umpires leave the field of play * B. The umpires leave the visual confines of the facility * C. The umpires are in the parking lot of the school facility * D. The third out is declared in the final half-inning
47	After B1 reaches base and completes her at bat, the plate umpire notices the bat that was used lying on the ground is damaged. The umpire shall:	* A. Declare the batter out. * B. Eject the batter for using an illegal bat. * C. Restrict the batter to the dugout/bench area for the remainder of the game. * D. Remove the bat from the game.
48	Once the game has started and weather conditions or darkness interferes with play so that the game is called (ended), who makes this decision?	* A. The home team coach * B. Both coaches confer and make a decision * C. The athletic director * D. The umpire
49	After the pitcher F1 has started her delivery, B1 steps out of the batter's box without requesting time. In this situation, if the pitcher delivers a legal pitch, the umpire shall:	* A. Call time * B. Declare no pitch * C. Call the pitch a strike only if the ball is within the perimeter of the strike zone * D. Call the pitch a strike
50	With a 1-1 count on B2, the ball is live as F1 is in position and ready to pitch. B1 then disconcerts F1 by stepping out of the left hand batter's box and moving to the right hand batter's box. Which of the following is the correct ruling?	* A. The ball is dead immediately. * B. The batter is out. * C. The batter and head coach are restricted to the dugout for the remainder of the game. * D. Both A and B