

WMBUA 2010 EXAM -- MARCH 7, 2010

**All questions are true or false and are based on the
2009 National Federation of High Schools rules.**

Please use the answer sheet

1. A bunted ball comes to rest on home plate. The ball is foul. [FALSE]
2. A game may be started if one team has only 8 players. [FALSE]
3. A ball will be ruled fair if it strikes the pitcher's plate and rebounds to foul ground between third base and home, where it comes to rest. [FALSE]
4. The batter swings at a pitched ball and, in the process, makes contact with the catcher's glove. However, the ball is fouled off by the batter. There is no catcher's interference because the result was a foul ball. [FALSE]
5. If a batter's loose garment, such as a shirt that is not worn properly, is touched by a pitched ball, the batter is not entitled to first base. [TRUE]
6. If a fair batted or thrown ball becomes dead because the ball becomes lodged in an umpire's equipment or uniform, each runner is awarded two bases. [TRUE]
7. After the umpire calls a balk, the pitcher continues through with the pitch which the batter hits fair over the outfield wall. The ruling is homerun. [FALSE]
8. With runners on first and second, the batter squares to bunt and hits a pop fly. The infield fly rule is in effect. [FALSE]
9. The batter steps completely outside the batter's box after a called strike, making the count 3-2. The umpire may call a 3rd strike on the batter. [TRUE]
10. A ~~player~~ substitute on the bench may wear jewelry. [TRUE]
11. A coach may wear prostheses and use mobility devices. [TRUE]
12. If the starting DH is substituted for by a pinch-hitter, he may not re-enter the game under the re-entry rule. [FALSE]
13. An on-deck batter is allowed to use either on-deck circle. [FALSE]
14. All high school games below the varsity level must go 5-1/2 or 6 innings before the 10-run "mercy rule" may be applied. [TRUE]
15. Umpires are required to check bats and helmets before the game. [TRUE]

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16. A fly ball is hit to F8 who gets the ball in his glove, takes four steps, hits the fence and the ball drops out. It is a catch because F8 had control of the ball. [FALSE]
17. On an infield fly runners may advance at their own risk. [TRUE]
18. The home plate can overrule a decision of the base umpire at any time. [FALSE]
19. Diving over a fielder is illegal and the runner is out. [TRUE, 8-4-2b]
20. A batter is out when a third strike is not caught with a runner occupying first base and less than two outs. [TRUE, 7-4-1b]
21. While an improper batter is at bat, if a runner advances by stealing a base, such advance is illegal. [FALSE, 7-1]
22. If, in the umpire's judgment, interference prevents a possible double play, two players may be ruled out. [TRUE, 7-3-6]
23. With no runners on base, the home plate umpire should be moving up the first base line on all ground balls to the infield. [TRUE]
24. With a runner on 2nd base, the base umpire shall take the runner to 3rd base on a caught fly ball. [TRUE]
25. The home plate umpire must signal the ball into play after all dead balls. [TRUE]
26. The plate umpire receives the home team's line-up first in the pre-game conference. [TRUE]
27. On a caught foul tip, the ball is dead. [FALSE]
28. A coach may warm-up a pitcher at home plate. [TRUE]
29. With R1 on 2nd base and 2 outs, B4 hits a pop-fly to F6. As R1 runs past F6, he shouts "I've got it!", but does not physically contact F6, who drops the ball. R1 is out for verbal obstruction. [FALSE – "Interference"]
30. One base is awarded to the batter when a pitch is thrown out of play on ball four. [TRUE]
31. A coach or catcher may request an intentional base on balls. [TRUE]
32. A pitch dropped during delivery with at least one runner on base would be a balk if it does not cross a foul line. [TRUE]
33. In the 2010 season, all metal bats must have a BESR or BBCOR stamp. [TRUE]
34. Defensive malicious contact is a delayed dead ball. [FALSE, 5-1-1m]

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35. The ball is dead and all runners are awarded two bases when a foul ball is caught by a fielder who then falls into a dugout. [FALSE, 8-3-3d]
36. Wooden bats are illegal. [FALSE]
37. On the second defensive conference in the same inning, the pitcher must be removed as pitcher for the rest of the game. [FALSE]
38. The offensive team is allowed one conference per inning. [TRUE]
39. A pitcher is removed in the third inning and goes to first base on defense. He may not come back to pitch in that game. [FALSE]
40. A swinging third strike is dropped by the catcher. B1 runs to first base and gets hit with the thrown ball while running outside the running lane. B1 is out. [FALSE]
41. Turning the shoulders to check runners while in contact with the pitcher's plate in the set position is illegal. [FALSE, 6-1]
42. If a game goes into extra innings, each team is permitted only one charged defensive conference in each of the extra innings in addition to any carried over from earlier innings. [TRUE, 3-4-1]
43. A fake tag is considered obstruction. [TRUE, 2-22-2]
44. It is a balk if the pitcher stops his motion because the batter steps out of the box. [FALSE, 6-2-4D]
45. B1 hits safely to the gap. As he rounds first and heads to second, while the ball is still in the outfield, B1 runs 5 feet outside of a direct line between 1st and 2nd base. B1 is out. [FALSE]
46. The pitching regulations begin when the pitcher deliberately contacts the pitcher's plate. [TRUE]
47. A batter is out when the third base coach interferes with the third baseman's attempt to catch a foul fly ball. [TRUE]
48. A starting player who is rendered unconscious during a game may return later in that game if his coach approves his return. [FALSE]
49. Each runner is awarded three bases on a thrown ball touched by detached player equipment. [FALSE]
50. It is optional on the part of the state association as to whether protests are permitted. [TRUE]

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