

California Softball Officials Association Certification Test "A"

True/False

Indicate whether the statement is true or false.

1. An improper batter is considered to be at bat as soon as she enters the batter's box.
2. **The umpire(s) shall decide whether the grounds and other conditions are suitable for starting the game.**
3. The ball does not have to be released the first time past the hip on a windmill motion.
4. **Bats made entirely of wood are permitted and need not bear the ASA certification mark.**
5. When a second unreported substitution occurs, both the offending player and the head coach are restricted to the dugout/bench.
6. **The pitcher may take the pitching position on or near the pitcher's plate without having possession of the ball.**
7. The ball becomes dead immediately when a batted ball, while on or over foul ground, first touches the catcher's glove or hand.
8. **A coach may leave the dugout to attend to an injured/ill player, if recognized by the umpire.**
9. The plate umpire has final authority to forfeit a game.
10. **After taking the catcher's signal, the pitcher must bring the hands together in front of the body for between 1 and 10 seconds before releasing the ball.**
11. A player who has been rendered apparently unconscious during the game may resume participation when a physician provides written authorization.
12. **The game begins when the umpire calls "Play Ball."**
13. The batter is only called out if both feet are touching the ground completely outside the lines of the batter's box when she hits the ball.
14. **The ball becomes dead immediately when interference occurs by a base runner.**
15. An illegal substitution is a player who is in the game but has entered without reporting.
16. **The penalty for interference by an on-deck batter and interference by offensive team equipment causing a blocked ball is the same.**
17. The plate umpire may rectify any situation in which an umpire's decision that was reversed has placed either team in jeopardy.
18. **An "infield fly" cannot be ruled if an outfielder catches the ball.**
19. The DP may re-enter the contest once, but the FLEX does not have a re-entry opportunity.
20. **Players must utilize equipment properly and as designed by the manufacturer.**
21. If space allows, the on-deck circles should be 30 feet from home plate.
22. **B7, who was a starting player batting in the seventh batting position and who left the game in the third inning, may re-enter the game in the sixth inning in the fourth batting position.**
23. Prior to starting the delivery, the pitcher need only have one foot on the ground within or partially within the 24-inch length of the pitcher's plate.
24. **The pitcher and catcher are identified as the last players who physically played that position on defense, except for the top of the first inning.**
25. A catcher is restricted to the catcher's box area from the time the pitcher steps on the pitcher's plate until she releases the pitch.
26. **Either the plate umpire or the field umpire may call an illegal pitch.**
27. B1 bunts the ball and drops the bat. The bat is lying stationary in fair territory and the ball rolls against it. The ball remains live.
28. **A second offense for removal of a boundary line results in a ball or strike called on the batter and the offender and head coach being restricted to the dugout/bench area.**
29. The pitch may be delivered from behind the back provided the pitching hand remains below the hip and the wrist is not farther from the body than the elbow.
30. **The phrase "Meets NOCSAE Standard" is recommended on each batting-helmet face protector.**
31. Exposed undergarments are considered part of the official uniform and may be of any solid color.
32. **When a base has been dislodged from its proper position, runners must still touch or follow the base out of position.**
33. A pitcher may use a windup in which there is a reversal of the forward motion.

34. **When a batter-runner has one foot touching completely outside the running lane and is contacted with a thrown ball, she is not out for interference provided that the ball contacts her in fair territory.**
35. Effective immediately, the dynamic stiffness of softballs shall not exceed 7.500 pounds.
36. **Only the home plate umpire has the authority to enforce penalties restricting players and coaches to the dugout.**
37. The batter will be called out when R1 interferes with F5's attempt to field a foul fly ball.
38. **A batter's discarded bat and a catcher's discarded helmet/mask are considered part of the playing field.**
39. If there is a runner at 1st base and there are less than two outs, F2 must catch the third strike in flight for the batter to be out.
40. **The three-foot running lane is a space defined by a line drawn 3 feet from and parallel to the first base foul line starting halfway between home and first base and extending to first base in foul territory.**
41. The pitcher may legally remove herself from the pitcher's plate before or after the hands come together by stepping back from the plate with both feet.
42. **Both the offense and the defense can be penalized for malicious contact.**
43. A fly ball is a batted ball that rises an appreciable height above the ground.
44. **A pitcher may throw to a base while one foot is in contact with the pitcher's plate after having taken the pitching position.**
45. If B1 steps out of the batter's box after F1 has brought her hands together, B1 runs the risk of having a strike called for being out of position.
46. **A non-adult warming up a pitcher within the confines of the field must wear an approved catcher's helmet and mask combination and throat protector.**
47. When an improper batter becomes a runner and the defense correctly appeals, the proper batter is declared out and all runners not declared out on the play return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.
48. **It is obstruction if an errant throw pulls F3, without the ball, into the path of the batter-runner and impedes her progress.**
49. It is interference when R1 slides into the glove of F6 and knocks the ball out of the glove.
50. **The pivot foot may remain in contact with or may push off and drag away from the pitcher's plate prior to the front foot touching the ground.**
51. The ball must physically be in one of the pitcher's hands for the look-back rule to be in effect.
52. **Prior to pitching, the pitcher must take a position with the shoulders in line with 1st and 3rd bases with the ball in the glove or pitching hand and with the hands separated.**
53. An eye shield connected to a catcher's mask may be tinted.
54. **One base is awarded to a base runner when a defender fakes a tag.**
55. Awarded bases need not be touched.
56. **A fielder who catches a ball in-flight while contacting or stepping on a collapsible fence, which is completely horizontal, is credited with a catch.**
57. The pitcher or catcher must bat and reach base legally, or earn their way on base, to be eligible for a courtesy runner.
58. **The batter is out when the bat hits the ball a second time while the ball is on or over fair territory.**
59. Only the plate umpire may call an illegal pitch.
60. **After both balls have been in play, the pitcher may request to use the ball not currently in play for her warm up pitches for that half inning.**
61. Once a courtesy runner is used for a pitcher or catcher, that position must continue to use a courtesy runner for the remainder of the game.
62. **If an undershirt is worn under the powder blue umpiring shirt, it shall be white and short-sleeved.**
63. A bleeding player may be treated and remain in the game provided the medical treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time.
64. **If a base runner is unable to continue and there are no available substitutes, the previous batter not on base is permitted to replace her as a temporary runner until she is put out, scores or the half-inning ends.**
65. F1 and F6 may switch defensive positions any number of times in the same half-inning.

66. **A retired runner is a player who has scored or who has been put out and who is in dead-ball territory.**
67. The number on the back of each player's jersey must be of a solid color and contrasting with the color of the shirt.
68. **With the look-back rule in effect, if two or more runners are off their bases, only one runner may be called out and the other returned to the last base touched.**
69. If a coach physically assists a runner during playing action, the ball is dead immediately, the assisted runner is out and all other action on the play is nullified.
70. **The balls used for a contest may be white or optic yellow, but the same color shall be used throughout the contest.**
71. The batter is declared out if she leans over the plate after the catcher receives the pitch and interferes with her attempt to throw out a base runner.
72. **Players may wear metal cleats and metal toe plates if playing on a grass infield.**
73. The NFHS Authenticating Mark shall be on each softball.
74. **Tinted eye shields may be worn on the batting helmet but must be constructed of a rigid material.**
75. A state association may determine game-ending procedures.
76. **A pitcher is considered to be in the 16-foot circle when both feet are within or partially within the line.**
77. A pitcher may not wear any item on the pitching hand, wrist, arm or thighs, which may, in the umpire's judgment, be distracting to the batter.
78. **A runner may return to touch a missed base after a following runner has scored.**
79. A batter is declared out for disconcerting the pitcher by stepping out of the box on one side of home plate to the box on the other side while the pitcher is in the pitching position.
80. **B1 holds the bat in the strike zone as the pitch is delivered, but does not make any movement to the ball as it passes two inches over the bat. The umpire shall call a ball, as the batter did not "offer" at the pitch.**
81. The required exterior warning label on the batting helmet may be on either side of the bill.
82. **The pitcher may continue her windup after releasing the ball.**
83. A player not listed as an eligible substitute on the lineup card is permitted to enter the contest.
84. **If a thrown live ball accidentally touches a base coach in foul territory, the ball is live and in play.**
85. If a courtesy runner is injured, the replacement must either be a legal substitute or the pitcher/catcher for whom she is running.
86. **The proper NFHS uniform for an umpire includes a powder blue shirt, heather gray slacks and a navy cap.**
87. A courtesy runner may run for another courtesy runner.
88. **A runner is out for interference only if she intentionally contacts a fielder attempting to make the initial play on a fair-batted ball.**
89. A pitcher may not make more than one revolution of the arm in the windmill motion.
90. **The courtesy runner may run for the DP only if the DP is batting for the pitcher or catcher.**
91. It is interference when R1 slides into the glove of F6 and knocks the ball loose.
92. **While the pitcher has the ball within the 16-foot circle, once the runner stops at a base for any reason, she will be declared out if she leaves the base.**
93. A pitched ball that contacts the batter in the strike zone is a dead-ball strike.
94. **A substitute is any player who enters or re-enters the game.**
95. When returning to a base, the runner must touch the base(s) in reverse order, except on a foul ball.
96. **Substitution rules are in effect after the umpire-in-chief accepts the lineup cards from both coaches before the game.**
97. A rolling or cross-body slide into a fielder is legal provided the runner stays in the base path.
98. **If F2 goes out to confer with F1, a defensive conference should be charged.**
99. A batter is called out for permitting a pitched ball to touch her.
100. **Gloves/mitts may be a maximum of two colors unless judged to be distracting by the umpire.**



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