

California Softball Officials Association Certification Test "C"

True/False

Indicate whether the statement is true or false.

1. Only the plate umpire may call an illegal pitch.
2. **The pitcher or catcher must bat and reach base legally, or earn their way on base, to be eligible for a courtesy runner.**
3. Awarded bases need not be touched.
4. **Players must utilize equipment properly and as designed by the manufacturer.**
5. 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.
6. **The required exterior warning label on the batting helmet may be on either side of the bill.**
7. A pitcher may not make more than one revolution of the arm in the windmill motion.
8. **A substitute is any player who enters or re-enters the game.**
9. 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.
10. **The plate umpire may rectify any situation in which an umpire's decision that was reversed has placed either team in jeopardy.**
11. The DP may re-enter the contest once, but the FLEX does not have a re-entry opportunity.
12. **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.**
13. 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.
14. **The ball becomes dead immediately when a batted ball, while on or over foul ground, first touches the catcher's glove or hand.**
15. If an undershirt is worn under the powder blue umpiring shirt, it shall be white and short-sleeved.
16. **One base is awarded to a base runner when a defender fakes a tag.**
17. 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.
18. **The phrase "Meets NOCSAE Standard" is recommended on each batting-helmet face protector.**
19. The batter will be called out when R1 interferes with F5's attempt to field a foul fly ball.
20. **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.**
21. An improper batter is considered to be at bat as soon as she enters the batter's box.
22. **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.**
23. The umpire(s) shall decide whether the grounds and other conditions are suitable for starting the game.
24. **An illegal substitution is a player who is in the game but has entered without reporting.**
25. 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.
26. **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.**
27. The penalty for interference by an on-deck batter and interference by offensive team equipment causing a blocked ball is the same.
28. **The ball becomes dead immediately when interference occurs by a base runner.**
29. The NFHS Authenticating Mark shall be on each softball.
30. **F1 and F6 may switch defensive positions any number of times in the same half-inning.**
31. 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.
32. **The courtesy runner may run for the DP only if the DP is batting for the pitcher or catcher.**
33. Bats made entirely of wood are permitted and need not bear the ASA certification mark.

34. **It is interference when R1 slides into the glove of F6 and knocks the ball out of the glove.**
35. 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.
36. **The ball must physically be in one of the pitcher's hands for the look-back rule to be in effect.**
37. Either the plate umpire or the field umpire may call an illegal pitch.
38. **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.**
39. A pitcher is considered to be in the 16-foot circle when both feet are within or partially within the line.
40. **A pitched ball that contacts the batter in the strike zone is a dead-ball strike.**
41. 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.
42. **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.**
43. A coach may leave the dugout to attend to an injured/ill player, if recognized by the umpire.
44. **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.**
45. 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.
46. **A player not listed as an eligible substitute on the lineup card is permitted to enter the contest.**
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. **A batter is called out for permitting a pitched ball to touch her.**
49. An "infield fly" cannot be ruled if an outfielder catches the ball.
50. **A batter's discarded bat and a catcher's discarded helmet/mask are considered part of the playing field.**
51. A rolling or cross-body slide into a fielder is legal provided the runner stays in the base path.
52. **If space allows, the on-deck circles should be 30 feet from home plate.**
53. 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.
54. **If a thrown live ball accidentally touches a base coach in foul territory, the ball is live and in play.**
55. A runner may return to touch a missed base after a following runner has scored.
56. **The plate umpire has final authority to forfeit a game.**
57. Both the offense and the defense can be penalized for malicious contact.
58. **Substitution rules are in effect after the umpire-in-chief accepts the lineup cards from both coaches before the game.**
59. If a courtesy runner is injured, the replacement must either be a legal substitute or the pitcher/catcher for whom she is running.
60. **A bleeding player may be treated and remain in the game provided the medical treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time.**
61. The pitcher may take the pitching position on or near the pitcher's plate without having possession of the ball.
62. **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.**
63. The pitcher may continue her windup after releasing the ball.
64. **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.**
65. A pitcher may throw to a base while one foot is in contact with the pitcher's plate after having taken the pitching position.
66. **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.**
67. The game begins when the umpire calls "Play Ball."
68. **Gloves/mitts may be a maximum of two colors unless judged to be distracting by the umpire.**
69. A player who has been rendered apparently unconscious during the game may resume participation when a physician provides written authorization.

- 70. A runner is out for interference only if she intentionally contacts a fielder attempting to make the initial play on a fair-batted ball.**
71. It is interference when R1 slides into the glove of F6 and knocks the ball loose.
- 72. When a base has been dislodged from its proper position, runners must still touch or follow the base out of position.**
73. 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.
- 74. Exposed undergarments are considered part of the official uniform and may be of any solid color.**
75. 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.
- 76. Effective immediately, the dynamic stiffness of softballs shall not exceed 7.500 pounds.**
77. 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.
- 78. The number on the back of each player's jersey must be of a solid color and contrasting with the color of the shirt.**
79. 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.
- 80. A courtesy runner may run for another courtesy runner.**
81. Only the home plate umpire has the authority to enforce penalties restricting players and coaches to the dugout.
- 82. 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.**
83. A state association may determine game-ending procedures.
- 84. The proper NFHS uniform for an umpire includes a powder blue shirt, heather gray slacks and a navy cap.**
85. The ball does not have to be released the first time past the hip on a windmill motion.
- 86. Tinted eye shields may be worn on the batting helmet but must be constructed of a rigid material.**
87. The batter is out when the bat hits the ball a second time while the ball is on or over fair territory.
- 88. A retired runner is a player who has scored or who has been put out and who is in dead-ball territory.**
89. It is obstruction if an errant throw pulls F3, without the ball, into the path of the batter-runner and impedes her progress.
- 90. When a second unreported substitution occurs, both the offending player and the head coach are restricted to the dugout/bench.**
91. If F2 goes out to confer with F1, a defensive conference should be charged.
- 92. 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.**
93. An eye shield connected to a catcher's mask may be tinted.
- 94. 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.**
95. A fly ball is a batted ball that rises an appreciable height above the ground.
- 96. When returning to a base, the runner must touch the base(s) in reverse order, except on a foul ball.**
97. 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.
- 98. A pitcher may use a windup in which there is a reversal of the forward motion.**
99. The balls used for a contest may be white or optic yellow, but the same color shall be used throughout the contest.
- 100. Players may wear metal cleats and metal toe plates if playing on a grass infield.**



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