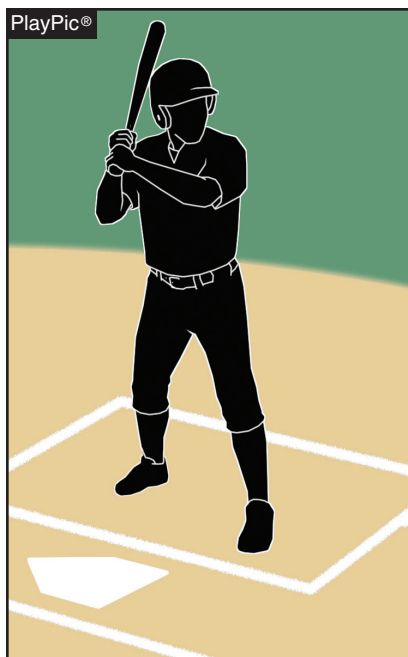


Umpires Quiz 2011

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The batter has stepped into the box with an altered bat, but not to the point that anyone has noticed before he stepped in. Before the first pitch, the catcher points it out to the umpire. See Question 4 for what should happen next.

In each of the following, you are given a situation and at least two possible answers. Decide which answer or answers are correct for NFHS, NCAA and pro rules, which may vary. (Answers appear on page 5)

1. With the bases loaded and one out, B5 hits a ground ball that takes F4 deep into the hole in shallow right field. F4's only play is at first base, where B5 is retired. On the play, both R2 and R3 score. The defense then successfully appeals that R2 missed third base.
 - a. R3's run scores
 - b. R3's run does not score
2. Who is responsible for determining if a single game should be delayed or postponed before it starts?
 - a. The coach of the home team (includes game management).
 - b. The coach of the visiting team.
 - c. The umpire in chief.
 - d. The umpires and coaches should work together to arrive at the best decision.
3. After the first game ends, who is responsible for determining if the second game of a doubleheader should be delayed or postponed before it starts?
 - a. The coach of the home team (includes game management).
 - b. The coach of the visiting team.
 - c. The plate umpire from game one.
 - d. The plate umpire for game two.
 - e. The umpires shall work together.
 - f. The umpire crew chief, regardless of which position he is working on the field.
 - g. The umpires and coaches should work together to arrive at the best decision.
4. The cleanup hitter brings a bat to the plate that has been altered, but not to the point that the umpire sees the problem before the batter steps into the box. The batter then steps into the box and the catcher points out the illegal bat. No pitch has been thrown.
 - a. The batter is out.
 - b. The batter is ejected.
 - c. The batter is allowed to change bats without further penalty.
 - d. A team warning is issued. If one has been issued that game, the player and head coach are ejected.
5. The pitcher has a glove that is solid red, with no other colors involved.
 - a. Legal, with no stipulations.
 - b. Legal, but he must use the same glove for the entire game.
 - c. Illegal.
6. A team's batting order is B1, B2, B3, B4, etc. B2 is due to bat, but B4 bats in his place and doubles. B3 then bats in what should be his spot in the order and strikes out. B4 should be the next batter, but is passed over by rule and B5 enters the box. Up to this point, the defensive team has made no batting-out-of-order appeals during the inning. Before a pitch is thrown, F1 picks B4 off second base.
 - a. B4 goes to the plate to bat since he is no longer on base and should be the next legal batter.
 - b. B5 remains at the plate since his time at bat legally started.
7. A team is using a designated hitter for the pitcher. While on offense, the head coach wants to use his pitcher as a pinch-hitter. It is the offense's first substitution of the game.
 - a. The pitcher may pinch-hit for anyone in the lineup.
 - b. The pitcher may pinch-hit only for the DH.
 - c. The role of the DH is done for the game.
 - d. The person who was the DH is done for the game.
8. Two teams are playing a doubleheader. In the sixth inning, the home team is ahead, 9-1, when a downpour strikes. The tarp is put on the field and the game is delayed for nearly an hour. The game is not being played under any special game-ending rules. When the field becomes playable, there is only about two hours of playing time left, due to either no lights or a curfew at the facility:
 - a. The first game must be played to a conclusion before the second game is started.
 - b. It is permissible to suspend game one, play game two and resume game one afterward if time permits.
 - c. It is permissible to decide game one is over and resume competition with the start of game two.

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9. Jones is pitching for the home team, but is replaced by Smith on what was the head coach's first trip to the mound of the game. Before Smith throws anything other than his warmup pitches, the game is suspended for rain. The game resumes 45 minutes later with the coach wanting Jones to return to the mound. Smith is not injured or incapacitated.

a. Even with the delay, Smith must pitch to one batter or records the third out of the inning.

b. By rule, Smith does not have to pitch to one batter because of the delay.

c. Because of the delay, Jones can return to pitch to the next hitter.

d. Jones may return, but only after Smith faces one hitter or records the third out of the inning.

10. With R1 on first, R2 on second and two outs, B8 hits a gapper to right-center field. R2 touches third and scores. R1 misses second, touches third and scores. B8 touches first and second and ends up on third base. The defense returns the ball to the pitcher and time is called. B8 and the third-base coach confer. When the ball is made live, before F1 can begin the appeal, B8 attempts to steal home. F1 properly disengages the rubber and throws home, but not in time to retire B8. F1 then gets the ball back and appeals R1's missed base.

a. R1, R2 and B8 all score.

b. R2 and B8 score. R1 is out on appeal for the third out.

c. Only R2 scores. R1 is out on appeal.

d. No runs score.

11. Leading off the inning, B9 hits a fly ball to shallow left field. F5, F6 and F7 converge. B9 hustles toward first. The ball drops on the edge of the infield dirt. F6 fields the ball and throws toward first base, in attempt to retire B9, who had overrun first base. When F6 made the throw, B9 turned toward second base. However, the throw ricochets and eventually goes out of play. When the ball went out of play, B9 had touched second base.

a. The throw made by F6 was the first play from the infield. B9 is awarded second.

b. B9 is awarded third, since he had reached first at the time of the throw.

c. B9 is awarded home, two bases from where he was when the ball went out of play.

12. With R1 on first, F1 makes a pitch that bounces, deflects off F2's shinguard and heads toward dead-ball territory. R1 is stealing on the play and easily reaches second base as F2 chases the ball. F2 intentionally deflects the ball and it goes into dead-ball territory. The umpire believes the ball would have left the playing field without F2's deflection.

a. R1 is awarded second base.

b. R1 is awarded third base.

c. R1 is awarded home.

13. R1 is on first with one out and stealing on the pitch, which is the first to B2. F1 fails to come to a complete and discernable stop while delivering the pitch, which bounces and gets past the catcher. R1 advances to third base safely.

a. R1 must return to second base.

b. R1 remains on third base.

c. The at-bat resumes with no count on B2.

d. The at-bat resumes with a 1-0 count on B2.

14. With R1 on first, R3 on third and one out, B5 attempts a squeeze bunt, but pops it up. F1 is unable to make the catch, but R3 is caught in a rundown between third and home. During the rundown, R1 advances to third and B5 advances to second. At that moment, still in the rundown, R3 interferes with F2.

a. The ball is immediately dead.

b. The ball is delayed-dead.

c. R3 is out.

d. R1 remains on third.

e. R1 must return to second.

f. B5 remains on second.

g. B5 must return to first.

15. R1 is on first and R2 is on second with no outs. B8 is batting when R1 and R2 attempt a double steal. The catcher first attempts to throw out R2 at third, but B8's illegal swing and follow-through prevent F2 from

releasing his attempted throw. F2 then resets and fires to F4 to retire R1, who got a slow break from first base.

a. B8 is out for batter's interference.

b. B8 is not out since R1 was thrown out.

c. R2 is allowed to remain at third.

d. R2 must return to second.

e. R1's out stands.

f. R1 must return to first.

16. Jones is a substitute player, hitting eighth in the lineup. With two outs and no runners on in the sixth inning, the head coach sends Smith to bat for Jones. No one notices Smith has previously been in the game as a pinch-hitter in the third inning for a different player. Smith doubles. The next hitter, Brown, homers and then Thompson grounds out to end the inning. In between innings, the plate umpire realizes the illegal substitution. The defense makes no appeal.

a. The umpire cannot penalize the illegal substitution.

b. Even without appeal, the umpire can enforce illegal substitution.

c. Smith is called out.

d. Smith's run counts.

e. Brown's run counts.

f. Brown leads off the next inning.

g. The batter after Thompson leads off the next inning.

h. Smith is ejected/restricted.

i. Since the substitution for Jones was not legal, it never took place and Jones can remain in the game.

17. With R1 on first, the defense suspects that R1 will attempt to steal second and calls for a pitchout. The pitcher has come to a stop in the set position and the catcher has both feet in the catcher box. The pitcher starts his motion, the catcher moves one foot completely outside the catcher's box and the pitcher releases the ball.

a. Balk, R1 is awarded second.

b. Legal, the pitch counts as a ball on the batter.

18. With R2 on second and R3 on third, B7 attempts a suicide squeeze bunt. F2 interferes with B7's attempt to bunt the ball. R3 is trying to score on the play, but R2 missed the sign and was not attempting to steal third.

- a. R3 scores.
- b. R3 returns to third.
- c. R2 advances to third.
- d. R2 remains at second.
- e. B7 is awarded first.
- f. B7 remains at the plate.

19. A game is scoreless in the bottom of the 10th inning when weather ends play for the day.

a. The game is suspended and shall be resumed from the point of interruption.

b. The game is declared a tie.

c. The game is declared to be "no game" and must be replayed from the beginning.

20. B9 hits a grounder to F6. F6's throw to F3 bounces and ends up trapped against F3's body by his arm. F3, who is standing on first base, holds the ball securely in that manner while B9 touches first base. After B9 has crossed the bag, F3 pulls the ball out and shows it to the umpire. F3 never juggled or bobbled the ball.

- a. B9 is out.
- b. B9 is safe.

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1 — **NFHS, pro – a** (NFHS 2-24-1, 9.1.1K; pro 2.00-force play, 7.12); **NCAA – b** (8-5j exception)
- 2 — **All – a** (NFHS 4-1-1; NCAA 4-2a; pro 4.01, PBUC 2.6)
- 3 — **NFHS – e** (4-1-1); **NCAA, pro – c** (NCAA 4-2c; pro 3.10b)
- 4 — **NFHS, pro – a** (NFHS 1-3-5, 7-4-1a; pro 6.06d comment); **NCAA – c** (NCAA 1-12 penalty)
- 5 — **NFHS – a** (1-3-6); **NCAA – c** (1-13c AR 2); **pro – b** (PBUC 3.11)
- 6 — **All – b** (NFHS 2-39, 7-2 note; NCAA 7-11a[5]; pro 6.02a, 6.07 AR play 6)
- 7 — **NFHS – b, c** (3-1-4); **NCAA – b, d** (NCAA 7-2c [10]); **pro – b, c, d** (6.10b [10])
- 8 — **NFHS – c** (4-2-4); **NCAA, pro – a** (NCAA 5-7a; pro 4.13b)
- 9 — **NFHS – a** (3-1-2); **NCAA, pro – b** (NCAA 5-5b AR3; pro PBUC 5.10)
- 10 — **NFHS, NCAA – d** (NFHS 8-2-6k; NCAA 8-6b [4]); **pro – a** (7.10, PBUC 6.2)
- 11 — **All – b** (NFHS 8-3-3c, 8-3-5; NCAA 8-3o [3] AR 1; pro 7.05g AR)
- 12 — **NFHS – a** (8.3.3K); **NCAA – b** (8-3o [4]); **pro – c** (7.05h, PBUC 6.8)
- 13 — **NFHS – a, c** (5-1-1k, 6-1-3 penalty); **NCAA, pro – b, c** (NCAA 9-3m [3] AR 3; pro 8.05m AR, PBUC 8.9 [8])
- 14 — **NFHS – a, c, d, f** (8-2-9, 8-4-2c); **NCAA, pro – a, c, e, g** (NCAA 2-50 AR 1, 8-5d; pro 7.08b comment)
- 15 — **All – a, d, f** (NFHS 7-3-5 penalty; NCAA 7-11f penalty; pro 6.06c exception)
- 16 — **All – a, d, e, g** (NFHS 2-36-3, 3-1-1; NCAA 5-5j; pro 3.03)
- 17 — **NFHS, pro – b** (NFHS 2-28-3, 6-1-1; pro 4.03a); **NCAA – a** (5-4a)
- 18 — **NFHS, NCAA – a, d, e** (NFHS 8-1-1e; NCAA 8-2e [2]); **pro – a, c, e** (7.07)
- 19 — **NFHS, NCAA – b** (NFHS 4-2-2; NCAA 5-10); **pro – a** (4.12a [6])
- 20 — **NFHS – a** (2-24-1, 8-4-2j); **NCAA, pro – b** (NCAA 2-74; pro 2.00-tag, PBUC 9.2)

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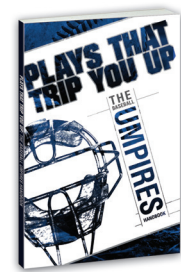
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