

# 2011 SOFTBALL EXAM STUDY GUIDE

1. Umpires may not stop a game prior to being notified of imminent lightning danger by the host site Game Manager. FALSE (GHSA Policy)
2. The host school Game Administration shall handle all unsporting acts that occur following the conclusion of the game. TRUE (GHSA Policy)
3. If the head coach is not present, the community coach may attend the pre-game conference. FALSE (GHSA Policy)
4. To be eligible for post season, all umpires must attend/take the GHSA clinic, attain a score of at least 85 on the rules exam and attend an advance camp at least every other year. TRUE (GHSA Policy)
5. All unsporting acts that occur after the conclusion of the game shall be handled by the Host School Game Administrator. However, the umpire is required to submit a game report to GHSA. TRUE (GHSA Policy)
6. The Host School is required to have an updated ASA Non-Approved Bat List in each dugout prior to the start of the game. TRUE (GHSA Policy)
7. If it is raining on Senior night, the host school may cancel the JV game in order to get the field ready for the Varsity game. FALSE (GHSA Policy)
8. The umpire crew shall conduct an equipment inspection no less than fifteen (15) minutes and conduct a pre-game conference with the head coaches no less than five (5) minutes prior to game time. TRUE (GHSA Policy)
9. In two umpire mechanics, with runners on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> base, the plate umpire has tag-up responsibility at both bases. TRUE (Manual).
10. In two person mechanics with a runner on 1<sup>st</sup> base, the base umpire shall obtain a position approximately 3 feet behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman, on the 1<sup>st</sup> base side. TRUE (Manual)
11. In two person mechanics, the field umpire always has tag-up responsibility at 3<sup>rd</sup> base. FALSE (Manual)

12. In three person mechanics with runners on 1<sup>st</sup> base and 2<sup>nd</sup> base, the 3<sup>rd</sup> base umpire shall take a position approximately 3 feet behind the shortstop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> base side so he/she can cover a possible pick-off play at 2<sup>nd</sup> base or steal of 3<sup>rd</sup> base. FALSE (Manual)
13. In two or three-person mechanics, with no one on base the plate umpire should trail the batter/runner to 1<sup>st</sup> base. TRUE (Manual)
14. In three-person mechanics, the 3rd base umpire always has fly ball responsibility from center field to left field. FALSE (Manual)
15. In two person mechanics, the plate umpire has responsibility to watch for "swipe tag" or pulled foot on throws to 1<sup>st</sup> base. TRUE (Manual)
16. With 2 outs in bottom of 3<sup>rd</sup> inning and a 3 ball 2 strike count on the batter it is discovered that the pitching distance is incorrect. You complete the inning and the correct the distance. FALSE (Rule 1-1-9)
17. The glove/mitt shall not have a gray, white, or optic color marking on the outside or inside that gives the appearance of a ball. TRUE (Rule 1-4-1d)
18. All bats shall meet the 2004 ASA Bat Performance Standard and have either the 2000 or 2004 ASA Certification Mark and not be on the ASA Non-Approved Bat List. TRUE (1-5-1d)
19. Obstruction shall be called if a fielder blocks the base without the ball even though the runner is not impeded. FALSE (2-36, 8-4-3)
20. If a forced runner, after touching the next base retreats for any reason toward a prior base, the force play is reinstated. FALSE (Rule 2-24-4)
21. If a batted ball hits the pitcher's plate, is not touched and rolls into foul territory it is a fair ball. FALSE (Case Book 2-25-1 A)
22. B1 hits a roller in front of plate which catcher fields but does not throw to 1<sup>st</sup> bases because she would have hit batter-runner who was outside three foot running lane. Interference shall be called. FALSE (Case Book, 2.32 B)
23. For obstruction to be ruled, the act must be an intentional act that impedes a runner's attempt to advance to the next base. FALSE (2-36)

24. After the lineup card is accepted by the umpire, if a coach must make a change to player/substitute name or number, the coach shall be restricted to the dugout for the remainder of the game. FALSE (Rule 3-1-3 Penalty)
25. Players removed from the game for displaying symptoms of a concussion shall not be permitted to return without written authorization form from a health care professional. FALSE (Rule 3-3-9)
26. In the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, the Flex bats for the DP without reporting. This is an illegal substitution. FALSE (3-3-6g, Case Book 3-3-6 D)
27. Coaches in live ball areas shall be similarly attired in school colors or black, khaki, white or gray and logos on shirts must be consistent with the school or mascot. TRUE (5-3-3, GHSA Policy)
28. Batter B1 throws her bat in disgust after she strikes out. The umpire rules B1 is restricted to the dugout for the remainder of the game. FALSE (3-6-16 Penalty, Case Book 3-6-16 A)
29. A player who is not listed as an eligible substitute on the lineup card shall not be eligible to play. FALSE (3-3-1)
30. The coach of the home team shall decide whether the field is suitable for starting the game. TRUE, (4-1-1)
31. When a thrown ball, not a pitch, enters dead ball territory it is an immediate dead ball and all runners are awarded two bases from time of release. TRUE (Rule 5-1-1g, Dead Ball Table #15)
32. With a two strike count, B1 swings and misses. The ball strikes her on the arm. It is a dead ball and B1 is awarded first base. FALSE (5-1-1 Note, 7-2-1g, Case Book 5-1-1B)
33. If a runner intentionally removes her helmet during a live ball, a dead ball is immediately called and the runner is declared out. FALSE (5-1-2e)
34. Prior to starting the pitch, the pitcher shall take a position with both feet on or partially on the pitcher's plate with hands separated and the ball in her pitching hand. FALSE (6-1-1)

35. If the ball slips from the pitcher's hand during the back swing, an illegal pitch shall be called. FALSE (6-2-6)
36. The penalty for an illegal pitch is a ball on the batter and all baserunners advance one base. TRUE (6-2-1 Penalty)
37. For each warm up pitch the pitcher takes in excess of 6 a ball shall be awarded to the batter. FALSE (6-2-5 Penalty)
38. The pitcher may step back off the pitcher's plate after her hands have come together prior to the start of the delivery motion. TRUE (6-1-1f2)
39. The pitcher may not take a step backward with her non-pivot foot prior to her hands coming together. FALSE (6-1-2b)
40. If a pitcher exceeds the 20 second time limit rule, an illegal pitch is called, the batter is awarded a ball and all base runners are advanced one base. FALSE (6-2-3 Penalty)
41. If a pitcher is removed from the pitching position and then returns to the pitching position during the same inning she is not allowed any warm up pitches. TRUE (Rule 6-2-5 Note 1)
42. While in the batter's box, the batter must make an attempt to get out of the catcher's way when the catcher is attempting to throw out a runner. FALSE (Case Book 7-2-1 A)
43. The batter shall be called out if after hitting the ball she drops the bat and the ball rolls into the bat in fair territory. FALSE (Case Book 7-4-13)
44. Once the pitcher has brought her hands together, prior to the delivery of the pitch, timeout shall not be granted to the offensive team. TRUE (7-3-1 Penalty)
45. A batter may be called out even though her batted ball was not initially ruled an infield fly. TRUE (8-2-9 Note)
46. A fly ball hits the top of the fence and then is deflected over the fence by the fielder is credited as a home run. FALSE, (Case Book 8-4-3 R)

47. If an umpire judges that a fielder intentionally carries a live ball into dead ball territory, it is an immediate dead ball and all runners are awarded one base. FALSE (8-4-3j Penalty)
48. If an illegal pitch is called and then a runner leave the base early the illegal pitch penalty is enforced and the penalty for leaving early is waived. FALSE (Case Book 8-6-21)
49. If multiple runners are guilty of violating the “look back” rule, each runner is called out. FALSE (8-7 Penalty)
50. An obstructed runner is always protected if the defensive team makes a subsequent play on a different runner. FALSE (8-4 Exception 1)
51. R1 on second, B2 hits a fly ball that R1 leaves early for third. R1 is obstructed on her way to third. F8 the makes the catch and R1 is thrown out attempting to return to second. Since obstruction was called R1 is given second base. FALSE (Case Book 8-4-3 H)
52. When a runner must return to a previous base while the ball is in play or dead she must always touch them in reverse order. FALSE (8-3-2 Exception)
53. If a fair-batted ball hits a runner after being deflected by the pitcher, the runner shall be declared out and the batter awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base. FALSE (8-6-11)
54. A runner must slide if the defender is in possession of the ball at the base/home plate to which the runner is attempting to advance. FALSE (8-6-13)
55. After scoring, R2 unintentionally contacts F2 who is attempting to make a play on another. R2 is called out for interference and the run does not count.. FALSE (8-6-18 Penalty)
56. The score book for the home team shall always be the official book. FALSE (9-2-2)
57. The proper umpire uniform consists of powder blue pullover, heather gray slacks, navy blue hat, black shoes and either a white or navy blue T-Shirt. FALSE (Manual, Rule 10-4-2)

58. Umpire jurisdiction begins with the arrival of both umpires within the confines of the field. FALSE (Rule 10-1-2).
59. In two or three person crews, any umpire may forfeit a game for due cause. FALSE (Rule 10-2-2)
60. The proper umpire uniform consists of powder blue pullover, heather gray pants, navy blue hat, black shoes and either a white or navy blue T-shirt. FALSE (10-4-2)