

2016 BASEBALL STUDY GUIDE

1. After receiving four pitches called “balls”, the ball immediately becomes dead after the pitch that results in the fourth called ball. (F) Rule 2-4-2
2. A batter shall have both feet completely inside the boundary lines of the batter’s box. (F) 2-7-2
3. A catch cannot be called a legal catch if the ball is touching the playing surface while in the grasp of the defender. (F) 2-9-1 Note
4. A live ball is in play when a catcher catches a foul tip that goes directly into the glove. (T) 2-16-2
5. An illegal pitch can only be called when a runner is on base. (F) 2-18
6. Following the first pitch of the game the umpires have the sole responsibility for determining the play ability of the field conditions. (T) 4-1-1
7. During the coaches/umpires meeting in addition to discussing line-up cards all special ground rules must be presented. (T) 4-1-2
8. A team shall have nine players on the starting line-up card, but may finish the game with seven players. (F) 4-4-1
9. If during the game injury forces a team to play with eight players, the team may return to nine players should another illegible player become available. (T) 4-4-1 Note
10. If an over the fence home run is hit to end the game, the ball is dead and the game is over at that time. (F) 4-2-2
11. It is the responsibility of each head coach to indicate that all the players are properly equipped in accordance with NFHS rules during the coaches/umpires pregame meeting. (T) 4-1-3
12. Any violation for the use of an illegal bat shall result in an ejection of the head coach of the offending team. (F) 4-1-3 Penalty
13. The starting pitcher is required to pitch until the batter is put out or reaches base. (T) 3-1-1
14. An illegal player on defense shall be replaced immediately upon discovery and then restricted to the dugout for the remainder of the game. (T) 3-1-1
15. A “restricted player” may occupy a coach’s box providing they are wearing a legal helmet. (F) 3-2-1
16. Any coach may attend the mandatory pregame conference. (F) 3-2-4
17. Each team is permitted only two pitching conferences per inning prior to replacing the pitcher. (F) 3-4-1
18. A defensive conference is completed once the coach departs from the pitching mound area. (F) 3-4-3
19. An offensive conference is completed once the coach departs for the dugout or coach’s box. (T) 3-4-4
20. When an infielder intentionally drops a fair fly ball with runners on base, the batter is called out and all runners shall return to the base previously occupied. (T) 5-1-1
21. When a batter’s backswing interferes with the catcher a delayed dead ball shall be called. (F) 5-1-1
22. A dead ball is called immediately when a fielder steps with both feet outside the field of play. (T) 5-1-1
23. When an intentional base on balls is awarded the ball becomes dead when the batter/runner reaches first base. (F) 5-1-3
24. When a batted ball makes contact with a field umpire prior to passing or being touched by any defensive player a dead ball shall be called immediately. (F) 5-1-1
25. If a thrown ball goes into any dead ball area, and then rolls back into the field of play, a dead ball shall be called. (T) 5-1-1
26. If a pitch ball contacts a batter’s jersey that is illegally being worn, and goes directly into the catcher’s mitt, a dead ball shall not be called. (F) 5-1-1

27. The batted fair ball becomes dead immediately when it contacts a base runner after glancing off the pitcher's glove. (F) 5-1-1
28. The ball is dead immediately when a thrown ball contacts the on-deck batter. (F) 5-1-1
29. The position of the pitcher's foot shall determine the position he starts his motion from. (T) 6-1-1
30. During the delivery, a pitch dropped that crosses the foul line shall be called a no-pitch. (F) 6-1-4
31. Failure to pitch to a batter in a continuous motion after the habitual movement of the body shall be called a balk when runner(s) are on base. (T) 6-2-4
32. A pitcher shall not be allowed to wear exposed undersleeves that are white or gray. (T) 6-2-1
33. With no runners on base, a batter shall receive a "ball" toward the count if the pitcher fails to deliver a pitch within thirty seconds after receiving the ball from the catcher. (F) 6-2-2
34. Obstruction of the batter-runner is ignored if the batter-runner reaches first and all other runners advance at least one base. (F) 8-1-1.e
35. If a runner misses any base (including home plate) and desires to return to touch the base, he must do so immediately. If the offensive team initiates a play before the next pitch, the defensive team does not lose the right to appeal. (T) 8-2-5
36. It is not spectator interference if a spectator physically hinders a fielder who is reaching into a dead ball area to make a play on a batted or thrown ball. (T) 8-3-3.e
37. A designated hitter for said player shall be selected prior to the start of the game, and his name shall be included on the lineup cards presented to the umpire-in-chief. (T) 3-1-4
38. A batter is not in proper order if he follows the player whose name precedes his in the lineup, even though such preceding batter may have batted out of order. (F) 7-1-1
39. To avoid a penalty, the batter must take his position in the batter's box within 20 seconds.(T) 7-3-1
40. For the wind-up position, the pitcher is not restricted as to how he shall hold the ball. (T) 6-1-2
41. Umpire jurisdiction begins upon the umpires arriving at the field (within the confines of the field) and ends when the umpires leave the playing field at the conclusion of the game. (T) 10-1-2
42. The plate umpire is required to make all decisions on the batter and final decisions on points not covered by the rules. (T)10-2-1 & 10-2-3.g
43. If there is a question about a rule that was possibly misapplied, the team's coach or captain shall inform the umpire at the time of the play and before a pitch to the next batter of either team. (T) 10-2-3.i.1
44. After the pitcher has come set, the batter steps from the right-side batter's box to the left-side batter's box, the batter is called out. (T) 7-3-3
45. A runner must slide in a direction toward the base/plate to avoid the tag or alter the play. (F) 8-4-2.b.1
46. A runner advancing to second base dives over a fallen defensive player. There was no interference by the runner. The runner is out and the ball remains live. (F) 8-4-2.d
47. Play list/signal wristbands shall be worn in the manner intended by the manufacturer. (T) NFHS Guide, Pg 3
48. The field umpire is required to keep a written record of defensive and offensive team charged conferences for each team and notify the respective coach each time a conference is charged to his team. (F) 10-2-3.j
49. When the ball becomes dead, no action by the defense can cause a player to be put out. (F) 5-2-2.a

50. Umpires have the authority to have Game Administration have a spectator(s) removed from the premises for conduct that affects the administration of the game. (T) GHSA Policy
51. All GHSA registered umpires must comply with the E-Verify program by July 1 each year.
(T) GA State Legislature/GHSA Policy
52. All GHSA sanctioned umpiring associations must use the Arbiter Program for membership registration. (T) GHSA Policy
53. Once a game ejection is assessed it can be reversed after a review at a later time. (F) GHSA Policy
54. A ball/strike/out indicator is optional for use by the field/base umpire(s) during GHSA sanctioned games. (F) GHSA Policy
55. "Play-In" games are considered part of the regular season and shall be umpired by the host school's regular season association. (T) GHSA Policy
56. GHSA Member schools are not permitted to play varsity level games against non-member schools (GISA). (T) GHSA Policy
57. The pitch ends when it is touched by the catcher. (F) 2/28/4
58. An illegal batter penalty can only be assessed following a pitched ball. (F) 7-1-1
59. Regardless of the location of the pitch, a strike shall be called when the batter squares to bunt and leaves the bat in the strike zone without an attempt to contact the ball. (F) 7-2-1
60. Failure to have a substitute to replace an injured player shall result in an out being declared in the spot the injured player occupied in the batting order. (T) 7-4-1
61. When two runners occupy the same base at the same time, the lead runner shall be the runner declared out when both are tagged. (F) 8-2-8
62. When the batter intentionally contacts the ball with the bat twice he is declared out. (T) 8-4-1
63. A runner shall be declared out when his running path exceeds more than four feet in an effort to avoid a tag. (T) 8-4-2
64. Malicious contact always supersedes obstruction. (T) 8-4-2
65. A runner must move off the base to avoid being hit by an infield fly ball. (F) 8-4-2
66. Beginning in 2017 the GHSA State Championship for only classifications AA-AAAAAAA series will be held at neutral sites. (F) GHSA Policy
67. Beginning in 2016 contracts are required for all regular season and post-season games. (T) GHSA Policy
68. When a game is terminated before it becomes a legal game, it shall be considered a "no contest" and replayed beginning with the first inning. (T) GHSA Policy
69. When a game is terminated after it becomes a legal game, and a winner cannot be determined, it shall be replayed beginning at the point of interruption. (T) GHSA Policy
70. If the first game of a double-header is terminated the second game is also terminated. (T) GHSA Policy