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NFHS BASEBALL RULES EXAM

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2025 NFHS Baseball Rules Changes

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/WipG1dYhaVI>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/21DhQupovMVw8Z2f9>

Relevant Rules: 4-4-1, 1-3-2

1. A coach from Team A is ejected for violation of the rules and refuses to leave the vicinity of the playing area immediately.
 - a) The game will remain suspended until the coach is escorted outside of the vicinity of the field.
 - b) The game will be suspended immediately, and the state association will determine if the game will be resumed or forfeited.
 - c) The game should be forfeited to the opposing team if the refusal to leave causes a delay in the resumption of play.
2. The coach has been ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct. Later in the game, the coach's pitcher complains of a sore arm. The coach returns from the parking lot.
 - a) This is legal.
 - b) This is illegal.
3. Which logo is required to be on a non-wood bat?



a)



b)



c)



d)

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4. Chase comes up to bat for the home team in the first inning. He has applied pine tar to the handle of his metal, BBCOR bat to improve grip. Is this legal?
 - a) Yes, so long as it is not beyond the handle of the bat.
 - b) No.
5. Greg comes up to bat with an illegal bat in the bottom of the first inning and steps into the batter's box. It is then detected by the umpire. This is the first use of an illegal bat detected by the umpire in this game.
 - a) Greg shall be instructed to replace the bat.
 - b) Greg shall be called out.
 - c) Greg shall be called out and restricted to the dugout.
 - d) Greg shall be called out and ejected.
6. Greg comes up to bat with an illegal bat in the bottom of the first inning and steps into the batter's box. It is then detected by the umpire. This is the first use of an illegal bat detected by the umpire in this game. The head coach of the home team is Lisa. What happens to the head coach in this situation?
 - a) Lisa is verbally warned and instructed to have the bat removed from the dugout.
 - b) Lisa is restricted to the dugout.
 - c) Lisa is ejected.
7. In the same game, James comes up to bat with an illegal bat in the bottom of the third inning and steps into the batter's box. It is then detected by the umpire. This is the second use of an illegal bat by the home team in this game.
 - a) James shall be instructed to replace the bat.
 - b) James shall be called out.
 - c) James shall be called out and restricted to the dugout.
 - d) James shall be called out and ejected.
8. In the same game, James comes up to bat with an illegal bat in the bottom of the third inning and steps into the batter's box. It is then detected by the umpire. This is the second use of an illegal bat by the home team in this game.

The head coach of the home team is Lisa. Her assistant head coach is Eric. What happens to the head coach in this situation?

- a) Lisa is warned and instructed to have the bat removed from the dugout.
 - b) Lisa is restricted to the dugout.
 - c) Lisa is ejected.
 - d) Lisa has already been ejected. Eric is now ejected.
9. In the same game, Cameron comes up to bat with an illegal bat in the bottom of the fifth inning and steps into the batter's box. It is then detected by the umpire. This is the third use of an illegal bat by the home team in this game.
 - a) Cameron shall be instructed to replace the bat.
 - b) Cameron shall be called out.
 - c) Cameron shall be called out and restricted to the dugout.
 - d) Cameron shall be called out and ejected.

10. In the same game, Cameron comes up to bat with an illegal bat in the bottom of the fifth inning and steps into the batter's box. It is then detected by the umpire. This is the third use of an illegal bat by the home team in this game. The head coach of the home team is Lisa. Her assistant head coach is Eric. What happens to the head coach in this situation?
- a) Lisa is warned and instructed to have the bat removed from the dugout.
 - b) Lisa is restricted to the dugout.
 - c) Lisa is ejected.
 - d) Lisa has already been ejected. Eric is now restricted to the dugout.
 - e) Lisa has already been ejected. Eric is now ejected.
11. With his team trailing 4–3 in the top half of the seventh inning and two out, George comes up to bat. Before he steps into the box, the home team coach points out to the umpire that pine tar extends beyond the barrel of the bat and 19 inches from the knob of the bat.
- a) This is legal.
 - b) This is illegal. The bat should be replaced.
 - c) This is illegal. The batter is out.
12. With his team trailing 4–3 in the top half of the seventh inning and two out, George comes up to bat. After entering the box, the home team coach points out to the umpire that pine tar extends beyond the barrel of the bat and 19 inches from the knob of the bat.
- a) This is legal.
 - b) This is illegal. The bat should be replaced.
 - c) This is illegal. The batter is out.
13. With his team trailing 4–3 in the top half of the seventh inning and two out, George comes up to bat. After hitting a home run, the home team coach points out to the umpire that pine tar extends beyond the barrel of the bat and 19 inches from the knob of the bat.
- a) This is legal.
 - b) This is illegal. The bat should be replaced. The play stands.
 - c) This is illegal. The batter is out. The run does not score.
 - d) This is illegal. The batter is out. The run does score.

2025 NFHS Points of Emphasis

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/FAAWMX30MIs>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/fW4TDvEbgYWqstqT7>

Relevant Rules: 4-4-1, 1-3-2

14. According to the NFHS rules, what is the legal circumference of a baseball?
- a) 6 to 6 1/2 inches
 - b) 8 to 8 1/2 inches
 - c) 9 to 9 1/2 inches
 - d) The rules do not specify a specific size.
15. Can a player be restricted to the dugout for unsportsmanlike behavior?
- a) Yes
 - b) No

16. With the bases loaded, B4 hits a grand slam. His teammates come out of the dugout and celebrate with him around home plate but after he touches the plate. One of the bench players brings out a bucket but doesn't do anything unsportsmanlike with it.
- a) This is legal.
 - b) This is illegal. The player is restricted to the dugout.
 - c) This is illegal. The player is ejected.
 - d) This is illegal. The player and head coach are ejected.
 - e) This is illegal. The head coach is restricted to the dugout.
 - f) This is illegal. The head coach is ejected.

2025 Delayed Dead Ball Balks

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/o7SjaiZre0>

READ THE RULE:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vq4FjrGgZgGvgEbsXkBJrMfhnhZ6nmp/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108545646370577009970&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Relevant Rules: 4-4-1, 1-3-2

17. What is the key condition for a delayed dead ball balk to be ignored?
- a) The pitcher steps off the rubber after the balk.
 - b) The batter hits a foul ball.
 - c) The defense requests to decline the balk.
 - d) All runners, including the batter-runner, advance one base safely.
18. When does a balk result in an immediate dead ball under the experimental rule?
- a) When the pitcher throws a wild pitch.
 - b) When the pitcher delivers the ball to the plate.
 - c) When the pitcher does not deliver a pitch or throw to a base.
 - d) When a defensive player appeals the play.
19. How should umpires initially signal a delayed dead ball balk?
- a) Call "Time" and point at the pitcher.
 - b) Announce "That's a balk" while pointing, without calling time.
 - c) Wait for the play to end before signaling the balk.
 - d) Blow your whistle and announce "Delayed balk."
20. If a batter flies out after a delayed dead ball balk is called, what happens next?
- a) The play continues, and the balk is ignored.
 - b) The ball becomes dead immediately, and the balk is enforced.
 - c) The defensive team chooses whether to enforce the balk.
 - d) The batter-runner returns to the plate with a new count.
21. R1, 0 outs. F1 balks while delivering the pitch. B2 hits a single to right field. R1 advances to third base. The defense appeals that R1 did not touch second base, and the appeal is upheld. What happens if a runner misses a base while advancing after a delayed dead ball balk?
- a) The runner is considered to have advanced for the purposes of the balk. The results of the play and the appeal stand.
 - b) The runner is called out, and the balk is enforced. R1 is awarded second. B2 returns to bat.

22. In a delayed dead ball balk scenario, when should the umpire call time?
- a) Immediately after calling the balk.
 - b) After all playing action has ceased.
 - c) Only when requested by the defensive team.
 - d) As soon as a runner attempts to advance.
23. What is the most common type of balk seen in games that applies to the delayed dead ball rule?
- a) Start-stop balk
 - b) No-stop balk
 - c) Quick pitch
 - d) Illegal pickoff move
24. What is the proper ruling if a pitcher commits a start-stop balk and then attempts to quickly deliver the pitch?
- a) The pitch is considered live, and the play continues.
 - b) The pitch is ignored, and the ball is immediately dead.
 - c) The defensive team may request to waive the balk.
 - d) The offense chooses whether to enforce the balk or not.

5 Steps of an Ejection

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/kOMTNKJ4LR4>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/SYw4Lx9xTrEq5BJXA>

Relevant Rules: 3-3

25. Is an umpire required to give a written warning (dugout restriction) before ejecting a head coach?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
26. F1 is removed by the head coach during the game. Following the last out of the game, F1 makes an unsportsmanlike comment to the PU near home plate regarding the umpire-in-chief's strike zone.
- a) The plate umpire can eject the player.
 - b) The plate umpire can not eject the player but should file a report.
27. F1 is removed by the head coach during the game. Following the last out of the game, F1 berates the umpires as they leave the field heading to their vehicles.
- a) The plate umpire can eject the player.
 - b) The plate umpire can not eject the player but should file a report.
28. The base umpire ejects the head coach of the offensive team, after hearing him yell a profanity regarding an out at first base.

The coach immediately responds by saying it was someone in the crowd yelling, not him. The Umpire-In-Chief also confirms that the yelling came from the crowd and not the coach.

- a) The ejection can be reversed by the umpire-in-chief.
- b) The calling umpire can reverse the ejection.
- c) The state association can reverse the ejection.
- d) The ejection can not be reversed.

29. After a close play is ruled out at first by U1, the assistant coach in the first base coach's box leaves his position to argue the call.

The behavior outside of leaving his position is considered minor.

- a) The assistant coach should be restricted to the dugout.
 - b) The assistant coach and head coach should be restricted to the dugout.
 - c) The assistant coach should be ejected.
 - d) The assistant coach should be ejected and the head coach should be restricted to the dugout.
30. Arguing balls and strikes under any circumstance is immediately grounds for an ejection.
- a) True
 - b) False

Base Paths and Running Lanes

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/fLo6mUu4VW0>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/c8XKGm8Vst8RbQzB8>

Relevant Rules: 2-19, 2-32-2, 8-4-1, 8-4-2

31. R3, 1 out. 3-2 count. B1 strikes out on an uncaught third strike and starts running towards first base. R3 attempts to score on the wild throw. F2 throws the ball to F1, and R3 is tagged out. B1, thinking there were two outs, is almost at first when the out at home occurs. Thinking it was the third out, he starts walking back towards his dugout and is about half-way to the dugout, when his coach yells for him to go to first base.

B1 gets to first base safely, and the defense argues he abandoned his effort to run the bases.

- a) The defense is correct. B1 is out.
 - b) The defense is incorrect. B1 stays at first.
32. B1 reaches first base safely but thinks the ball reached first base before B1 arrived. B1 starts jogging back to his dugout, when his coach gets his attention and instructs B1 to return back to first.
- a) B1 is safe at first.
 - b) B1 is out.
33. B1, 1 out. F2 drops the third strike. B1 starts toward the 3rd base dugout and F2 does not throw to first. After exiting the dirt circle around home plate, B1 then makes a quick dash to first.
- a) B1 is out.
 - b) B1 is safe.
34. B1, 1 out. F2 drops the third strike. B1 starts toward the 3rd base dugout and F2 does not throw to first. Before exiting the dirt circle around home plate, B1 then makes a quick dash to first.
- a) B1 is out.
 - b) B1 is safe.

35. R3, 1 out. B1 hits a ground ball to F3 who makes a diving stop towards the first base line. F3 gets up quickly and throws home. The throw hits B1 who is more than halfway towards first base, and running in fair territory. R3 reaches home safely, and B1 reaches first safely.
- a) R3 is out. B1 is awarded first.
 - b) R3 is returned to third. B1 is out.
 - c) R3 and B1 are out.
 - d) Neither are out.
36. B1 hits a ground ball to F3 who is playing in. B1 is running in fair territory more than halfway towards first base, when F3 makes a diving tag attempt. B1 avoids the tag by moving more than 3 feet to his right and into the running lane. He does not go outside of the running lane.
- a) This is legal. B1 is safe.
 - b) This is illegal. B1 is out.
37. With R1 on first base, B2 bunts to F3 who fields the ball on the first bounce near the foul line. B2 stops and reverses toward home to avoid being tagged out by F3, who then throws to F6 for a force-out on R1, and the relay throw fails to retire B2 at first base.
- a) B2 is out for abandoning his effort to reach first.
 - b) B2 is out for making a travesty of the game.
 - c) B2 is out for interference.
 - d) B2 is safe.
38. R2, R1, 2 outs. B3 hits a ground ball to the shortstop and just towards the right of R2. R2 slows so that he can jump over the ball to potentially distract the fielder. F6 is playing well behind the baseline, and R2 did not leave the baseline.
- a) This is interference. R2 is out.
 - b) This is not interference.

How a Run Scores

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/79slluTBP1w>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/gjbf3MpLWoQSfCXj8>

Relevant Rules: 2-24-1, 2-29-3, 8-4-2j, 9-1

39. R3, R1, 2 outs. B5 hits a fair slow roller toward first base. B5 interferes with F3, who is trying to field the ball. However, R3 scores before the interference. Does the run score since R3 touched home plate before the interference?

- a) Yes
- b) No

40. R2, R1, 1 out. B4 hits a long fly that appears to be uncatchable, but is caught by F8. R2 retouches second and advances home but misses third base. R1 fails to retouch first base and advances to third base.

At the end of playing action, the defense appeals R1 did not retouch. The umpires call R1 out, and the defense leaves the field.

- a) No runs score.
 - b) 1 run scores. The defense can verbally appeal that R2 missed third and change the result to no runs score.
 - c) 1 run scores. The defense can not appeal R2 missed third because they have already made three outs in the inning.
 - d) 1 run scores. The defense can not appeal R2 missed third because they have already left the field.
41. R2, R1, 1 out. B4 hits a long fly that appears to be uncatchable, but is caught by F8. R2 retouches second and advances home but misses third base. R1 fails to retouch first base and advances to third base.

At the end of playing action, the defense appeals R1 did not retouch. Then, they appeal that R2 missed third base.

- a) No runs score. The third out of the inning was a force out.
 - b) No runs score. The defense can choose to take the out on R2 instead of the out on R1, resulting in no runs scoring.
 - c) 1 run scores. The third out of the inning was the out at first base. The out was recorded after R2 touched home.
42. R1, 2 outs. B4 hits the next pitch for an inside-the-park home run. After the playing action, the defense appeals that B4 missed second base, and B4 is called out.
- a) No runs score.
 - b) 1 run scores.

43. R3, R1, 2 outs. B5 receives a fourth ball. An overthrow at third permits R3 to reach home. R1 advances to third, and B5 advances to second base.

The defense appeals R1 did not touch second, and R1 is called out.

- a) No runs score.
 - b) 1 run scores.
44. Bases loaded and 1 out. B5 hits a fly ball to F8 for the second out. All base runners except R1 tag up and try to advance one base. F8's throw to F5 retires R2 for the third out, but after R3 has scored. R1 did not tag up and was detected leaving first base early, and at the conclusion of all action, upon appeal, the umpire declares R1 out (fourth out).

Does the run by R3 count?

- a) Yes
 - b) No. A fourth out negates the run.
 - c) No. The out at first base is a force out.
45. Bases loaded and one out. B5 hits safely to right field. R3 scores, R2 misses third base and scores and R1 is thrown out at third base. At the end of playing action, time is called, the defense makes a proper appeal and the umpire declares R2 out. How many runs score?
- a) No runs score.
 - b) 1 run scores.
 - c) 2 runs score.
46. Bases loaded and no outs. B1 grounds into a 6-4-3 double play as R3 and R2 score. R2 misses third base and is declared out for the third out upon proper appeal.
- a) No runs score.
 - b) 1 run scores.
 - c) 2 runs score.
47. Bases loaded and 1 out. B5 hits a home run out of the park. While advancing to second base, B5 passes R1 and B5 is declared out. R1 fails to touch second base, but touches third base on the way home. The defense appeals the miss of second base, and R1 is called out. How many runs score?
- a) No runs score.
 - b) 1 run scores.
 - c) 2 runs score.
48. Bases loaded and 2 outs. B5 hits a home run out of the park. While advancing to second base, B5 passes R1 and B5 is declared out. R1 fails to touch second base, but touches third base on the way home. The defense appeals the miss of second base, and R1 is called out. How many runs score?
- a) No runs score.
 - b) 1 run scores.
 - c) 2 runs score.

How a Run Scores

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/mAWkaweau3o>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/Vzt43d4KtVyJSZKD9>

Relevant Rules: 8-2-6, 8-4-2j

49. R3, R2, 1 out. B1 hits a ground ball to F1. F1 looks R3 back to the bag and then makes a wild throw to F3. F3 is able to keep the ball in front of him but does not field the ball cleanly. F3 picks up the ball while still in contact with the bag, but after B1 has run through the bag at first, while missing first base.

F3 did not realize that B1 missed the base and throws it back to the mound. B1 then returns to the base.

- a) B1 is out.
 - b) B1 is safe.
50. R3, R2, 1 out. B1 hits a ground ball to F1. F1 looks R3 back to the bag and then makes a wild throw to F3. F3 is able to keep the ball in front of him but does not field the ball cleanly. F3 picks up the ball while still in contact with the bag, but after B1 has run through the bag at first, while missing first base.

F3 realizes that B1 missed the base, steps on the bag with the ball before B1 returns, and says to the umpire, "He missed first!"

- a) B1 is out.
 - b) B1 is safe.
51. R3, R2, 1 out. B1 hits a ground ball to F1. F1 looks R3 back to the bag and then makes a wild throw to F3. F3 is able to keep the ball in front of him but does not field the ball cleanly. F3 picks up the ball while still in contact with the bag, but after B1 has run through the bag at first, while missing first base.

F3 comes off the bag and then says to the umpire "But he missed first!" Then, B1 steps back onto the bag without the bag or B1 having been tagged by F3.

- a) B1 is out.
 - b) B1 is safe.
52. R3, R2, 1 out. B1 hits a ground ball to F1. F1 looks R3 back to the bag and then makes a wild throw to F3. F3 is able to keep the ball in front of him but does not field the ball cleanly. F3 picks up the ball while still in contact with the bag, but after B1 has run through the bag at first, while missing first base.

F3 can not hear his dugout, which is yelling for him to appeal. B1 comes back to the bag and then, F3, while still holding the ball, tags B1 who is standing on first and says "I'm appealing he missed first."

- a) B1 is out.
- b) B1 is safe.

53. R3, R2, 1 out. B1 hits a ground ball to F1. F1 looks R3 back to the bag and then makes a wild throw to F3. F3 is unable to keep the ball in front of him. After the ball passes F3 who is now between the batter and the bag, B1 tries to avoid him and misses first base while running through the bag.

The right fielder was backing up and throws the ball to F3. F3 steps on first base and says "I want to appeal the batter missed first" before B1 makes it back to the bag.

- a) B1 is out.
 - b) B1 is safe.
54. R3, R2, 1 out. B1 hits a ground ball to F1. F1 looks R3 back to the bag and then makes a wild throw to F3. R3 and R2 advance on the throw. F3 is able to keep the ball in front of him but does not field the ball cleanly.

F3 picks up the ball while still in contact with the bag, but after B1 has run through the bag at first, while missing first base. F3 sees R2 advancing home and throws to F2 who tags out R2 at the plate.

B1, seeing the throw home, immediately takes off for second base without going back to touch first. The defense then throws to F3 who tags first base and says, "I want to appeal the batter never touched first."

- a) B1 is out. R2 is out. 1 run scores.
 - b) B1 is out. R2 is out. No runs score.
 - c) B1 is safe. R2 is out. 1 run scores.
55. R3, R2, 1 out. B1 hits a ground ball to F1. F1 looks R3 back to the bag and then makes a wild throw to F3. R3 and R2 advance on the throw. F3 is able to keep the ball in front of him but does not field the ball cleanly.

F3 picks up the ball while still in contact with the bag, but after B1 has run through the bag at first, while missing first base. F3, while still touching first base says, "I want to appeal the batter never touched first." He then throws home to retire R2 at the plate.

- a) B1 is out. R2 is out. 1 run scores.
 - b) B1 is out. R2 is out. No runs score.
 - c) B1 is safe. R2 is out. 1 run scores.
56. R3, R2, **2 outs**. B1 hits a ground ball to F1. Runners are advancing on contact. F1 makes a wild throw to F3. F3 is able to keep the ball in front of him but does not field the ball cleanly.

F3 picks up the ball while still in contact with the bag, but after B1 has run through the bag at first, while missing first base. R3 crossed before the throw to first base. R2 stayed at third base.

F3 steps on first base before B1 can return and says "I want to appeal the batter missed first base."

- a) B1 is out. 1 run scores.
- b) B1 is out. No runs score.
- c) B1 is safe. 1 run scores.

Pitch Strikes a Runner

Video Link: https://youtu.be/OV_q12UUCSw

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/kxB4ZrcdwdNQK1N98>

Relevant Rules: 5-1-1, 8-3-1

57. With the bases loaded, two outs, and a 3-2 count on the batter (B1), the runners are advancing on the pitch. The pitch strikes R3 as he crosses home. The pitch would have been a strike.
- a) R3 is out for interference. B1 will lead off the next inning.
 - b) R3 is out for interference. B2 will lead off the next inning.
 - c) B1 is out. The run does not score. B2 will lead off the next inning.
 - d) B1 is out. The run does score. B2 will lead off the next inning.
 - e) R3 scores. R2 advances to third. R1 advances to second. There is no pitch and B1 will remain at bat with a 3-2 count.
 - f) R3 scores. R2 advances to third. R1 advances to second. B1 is awarded first.
58. With the bases loaded, two outs, and a 3-2 count on the batter (B1), the runners are advancing on the pitch. The pitch strikes R3 as he crosses home. The pitch would have been a ball.
- a) R3 is out for interference. B1 will lead off the next inning.
 - b) R3 is out for interference. B2 will lead off the next inning.
 - c) B1 is out. The run does not score. B2 will lead off the next inning.
 - d) B1 is out. The run does score. B2 will lead off the next inning.
 - e) R3 scores. R2 advances to third. R1 advances to second. There is no pitch and B1 will remain at bat with a 3-2 count.
 - f) R3 scores. R2 advances to third. R1 advances to second. B1 is awarded first.
59. With the bases loaded, **one out**, and a 1-2 count on B1, R3 attempts to steal home. R2 and R1 do not attempt to steal.

The pitch strikes R3 and would have been a strike.

- a) R3 is out for interference. "No Pitch". R2 and R1 remain at second and first.
 - b) R3 is out for interference. B1 strikes out. R2 and R1 remain at second and first.
 - c) R3 scores. R2 advances to third. R1 advances to second. B1 is out.
 - d) R3 scores. R2 and R1 remain at their bases (they were not attempting to advance). B1 is out.
 - e) R3 scores. R2 and R1 remain at their bases (they were not attempting to advance). B1 is still at bat with a 1-2 count.
60. With the bases loaded, **one out**, and a 1-1 count on B1, R3 attempts to steal home. R2 and R1 do not attempt to steal.

The pitch strikes R3 and would have been a ball.

- a) R3 is out for interference. "No Pitch". R2 and R1 remain at second and first.
- b) R3 is out for interference. The count on B1 is now 2-1. R2 and R1 remain at second and first.
- c) R3 scores. The count is now 1-1. R2 and R1 remain at second and first.
- d) R3 scores. The count is now 2-1. R2 and R1 remain at second and first.
- e) R3 scores. The count is now 2-1. R2 and R1 advance to third and second.

Player/DH Recap

Video Link: https://youtu.be/jA8G51W9W_0

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/GEZw1zWf5CrR8RYs5>

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Relevant Rules: 3-1-4, Courtesy Runner

This is the lineup card we will always start with →

61. This game is being played with the option for teams to use courtesy runners. Shohei Ohtani is the pitcher and designator hitter. In the top of the first inning, he hits a single.

Can Leo Lesser, who has not yet entered the game, be used as a courtesy runner for Shohei Ohtani?

- Yes
- No

62. Use "Play 1 Answers" and start with the lineup card above. The following substitutions occur throughout the game in the order given. Unless mentioned, players do not swap positions.

- 15 enters 40 on offense
- 12 enters for 2 on defense

In the 5th inning, Pennypacker strikes out for the first out of the inning. Who is the next batter?

- #2
- #12
- #15

63. Use "Play 1 Answers" and start with the lineup card above. The following substitutions occur throughout the game in the order given.

- 15 enters 40 on offense
- 12 enters for 2 on defense

In the 5th inning, Pennypacker strikes out for the first out of the inning. Which lineup card is correct?

- Card A
- Card B
- Card C
- None are correct.



"YOU'RE ACTUALLY ROOTING FOR THE CLOTHES"

HEAD COACH: MATT WILHELM
ASST. COACH: JUSTIN PITT
TRAINER: DR. VAN NOSTRAND

DATE: May 18', 1995 OPPONENT: Rochelle Music School

#	Player Name	Pos.	Substitutions
22	Jacopo Peterman	9	
4	Lloyd Braun	8	
7	Art Vandelay	2	
3	H.E. Pennypacker	6	
2	Shohei Ohtani	1/DH	
93	Kenny Bania	4	
17	Keith Hernandez	3	
40	Bob Sacamano	5	
11	David Puddy	7	

48 Wayne Newman

29 Frank Costanza

24 Morty Seinfeld

55 Babu Bhatt

1 Kel Varnsen

15 Leo Lesser

12 Matt Wilhelm

6 Joe Davola

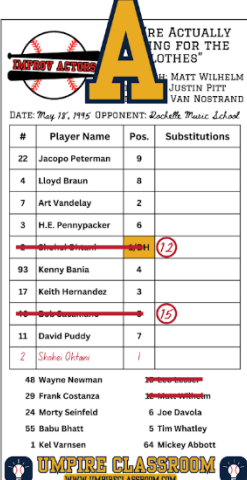
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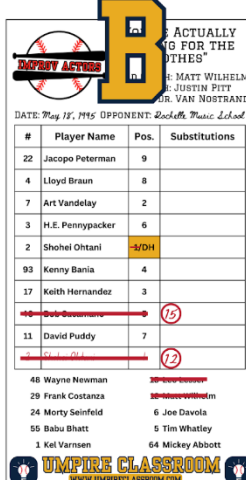
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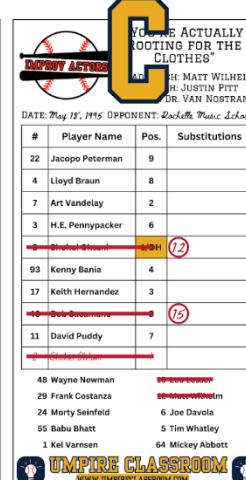
PLAY 1 ANSWERS



A



B



C

64. Use "Play 2 Answers" and start with the lineup card above. The following substitutions occur throughout the game in the order given. Unless mentioned, players do not swap positions.

1. In the bottom of the third inning, Ohtani hits a single to left field.
2. Davola enters as a courtesy runner for Ohtani.

PLAY 2 ANSWERS

A				
YOU ARE ACTUALLY SWEATING FOR THE CLOTHES™				
DATE: May 18, 1995 OPPONENT: Rockville Music School				
#	Player Name	Pos.	Substitutions	
22	Jacopo Peterman	9		
4	Lloyd Braun	8		
7	Art Vandelay	2		
3	H.E. Pennypacker	6		
93	Kenny Bania	4		
17	Keith Hernandez	3		
40	Bob Sacamano	5		
11	David Puddy	7		
48	Wayne Newman	15		
29	Frank Costanza	12		
24	Morty Seinfeld	6		
55	Babu Bhatt	5		
1	Kel Varnsen	64		
15	Leo Lesser			
12	Matt Wilhelm			
5	Tim Whatley			
64	Mickey Abbott			

B				
YOU ARE ACTUALLY SWEATING FOR THE CLOTHES™				
DATE: May 18, 1995 OPPONENT: Rockville Music School				
#	Player Name	Pos.	Substitutions	
22	Jacopo Peterman	9		
4	Lloyd Braun	8		
7	Art Vandelay	2		
3	H.E. Pennypacker	6		
93	Kenny Bania	4		
17	Keith Hernandez	3		
40	Bob Sacamano	5		
11	David Puddy	7		
48	Wayne Newman	15		
29	Frank Costanza	12		
24	Morty Seinfeld	6		
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1	Kel Varnsen	64		
15	Leo Lesser			
12	Matt Wilhelm			
5	Tim Whatley			
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C				
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#	Player Name	Pos.	Substitutions	
22	Jacopo Peterman	9		
4	Lloyd Braun	8		
7	Art Vandelay	2		
3	H.E. Pennypacker	6		
93	Kenny Bania	4		
17	Keith Hernandez	3		
40	Bob Sacamano	5		
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1	Kel Varnsen	64		
15	Leo Lesser			
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After the half inning, Ohtani comes back out on defense to pitch. The coach of the opposing team brings to the umpire's attention that a courtesy runner was not allowed, and Davola was actually a substitute.

The manager confirms he wants Ohtani to pitch the 4th inning. Which lineup card is correct?

- a) Card A
- b) Card B
- c) Card C

65. None are correct. Use "Play 3 Answers" and start with the lineup card above. The following substitutions occur throughout the game in the order given. Unless mentioned, players do not swap positions.

1. In the 3rd inning, Newman replaces Ohtani at pitcher.

PLAY 3 ANSWERS

The following all happens as Improv goes on defense in the 6th inning.

- Bania comes in to pitch.
- Newman goes to 3rd.
- Sacamano goes to left field.
- Varnsen comes in to 2nd.
- Puddy is removed.

Which lineup card is correct?

- a) Card A
- b) Card B
- c) Card C
- d) None are correct.

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B				
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DATE: May 18, 1995 OPPONENT: Rockville Music School				
#	Player Name	Pos.	Substitutions	
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#	Player Name	Pos.	Substitutions	
22	Jacopo Peterman	9		
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66. Use "Play 4 Answers" and start with the lineup card above. The following substitutions occur throughout the game in the order given. Unless mentioned, players do not swap positions.

1. In the 3rd inning, Whatley comes in to bat for Ohtani.
2. The next half inning, Costanza comes in to pitch.
3. Later, Ohtani re-enters to play right field. Peterman moves to pitch. Costanza leaves the field.

Which lineup card is correct?

- a) Card A
- b) Card B
- c) Card C
- d) None are correct.

67. Use "Play 4 Answers" and start with the lineup card above. The following substitutions occur throughout the game in the order given. Unless mentioned, players do not swap positions.

1. In the 3rd inning, Whatley comes in to bat for Ohtani.
2. The next half inning, Costanza comes in to pitch.
3. Later, Ohtani re-enters to play right field. Peterman moves to pitch. Constanza leaves the field.

Who is the current DH?

- 1) Ohtani #2
- 2) Whatley #5
- 3) Peterman #22
- 4) There is no DH.

PLAY 4 ANSWERS

A

B

C

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Double First Base

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Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/Vzt43d4KtVyJSZKD9>

Relevant Rules: 8-2-6, 8-4-2j

68. B1 hits a hard ground ball down the first-base line. The ball bounds (a) starting entirely over the white part of the base, then hitting the colored base as it continues to the outfield.

a) Fair
b) Foul

69. B1 hits a hard ground ball down the first-base line. The ball bounds (b) starting over the white and colored base, then hitting the colored base as it continues to the outfield.

a) Fair
b) Foul

70. B1 hits a hard ground ball down the first-base line. The ball bounds (c) starting over the colored base, then hitting the colored base as it continues to the outfield.

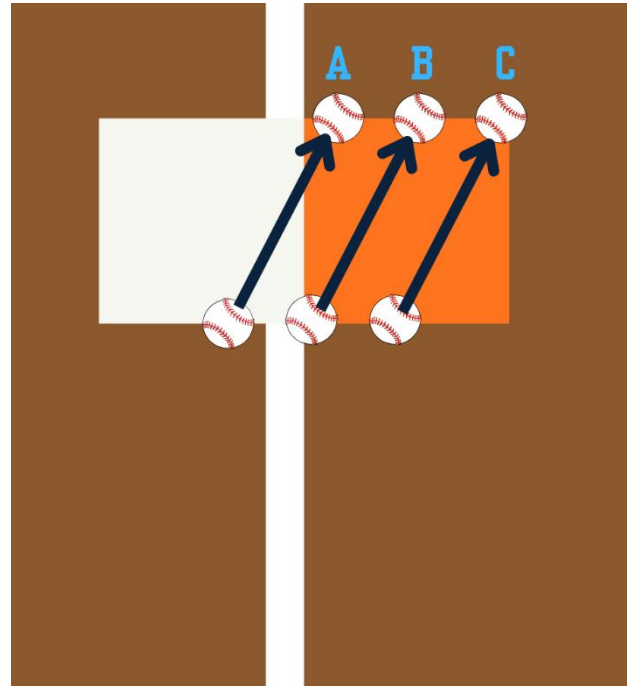
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b) Foul

71. B1 bunts and the ball settles in fair territory a few feet in front of home plate. B1 beats the throw from F2 to first base and makes contact with **only the white portion of the base**. In both situations, F3 catches the throw from F2 while standing on the white portion of the base.

a) B1 is out when the ball is caught by F3.
b) B1 is out if the defense appeals before B1 returns to the bag.
c) B1 is safe.

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a) B1 is out when the ball is caught by F3.
b) B1 is out if the defense appeals before B1 returns to the bag.
c) B1 is safe.



73. B1 hits a ground ball to F6, who makes an errant throw to first base. F3 catches the throw while stretching into foul territory with his foot in contact with the colored portion of the base. The throw is caught before B1 initially touches **the white portion of the base**. B1 overruns the base and returns to it following the play.
- a) B1 is out when the ball is caught by F3.
 - b) B1 should initially be called out, but would be ruled safe if the offense appeals that the fielder touched the wrong base.
 - c) B1 is out for interference.
 - d) B1 is initially ruled safe. B1 can be called out if the defense completes a legal appeal before B1 returns to the white portion of the base.
 - e) B1 is safe.
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 - e) B1 is safe.
75. B1 swings and misses for strike three, and the ball is not caught by F2 and kicks away **into fair territory**. F2 recovers and throws to F3, who catches the ball while in contact with the colored portion of first base. The throw is caught before B1 touches the white portion of the base.
- a) B1 is out.
 - b) B1 is safe.
 - c) B1 is safe, unless the defense legally appeals that B1 did not touch the correct base before B1 returns back to first base.
76. B1 swings and misses for strike three, and the ball is not caught by F2 and kicks away **into foul territory near the first-base dugout**. F2 recovers and throws to F3, who catches the ball while in contact with the colored portion of first base. The throw is caught before B1 touches the white portion of the base.
- a) B1 is out.
 - b) B1 is safe.
 - c) B1 is safe, unless the defense legally appeals that B1 did not touch the correct base before B1 returns back to first base.

77. B1 swings and misses for strike three, and the ball is not caught by F2 and kicks away **into foul territory near the third-base dugout**. F2 recovers and throws to F3, who catches the ball while in contact with the colored portion of first base. The throw is caught before B1 touches the white portion of the base.
- a) B1 is out.
 - b) B1 is safe.
 - c) B1 is safe, unless the defense legally appeals that B1 did not touch the correct base before B1 returns back to first base.
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 - b) B1 is safe.
 - c) B1 is safe, unless the defense legally appeals that B1 did not touch the correct base before B1 returns back to first base.
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- a) B1 is out.
 - b) B1 is safe.
 - c) B1 is safe, unless the defense legally appeals that B1 did not touch the correct base before B1 returns back to first base.
80. B1 swings and misses for strike three, and the ball is not caught by F2 and kicks away **into foul territory near the third-base dugout**. F2 recovers and throws to F3, who catches the ball while in contact with the white portion of first base. The throw is caught before B1 touches the colored portion of the base.
- a) B1 is out.
 - b) B1 is safe.
 - c) B1 is safe, unless the defense legally appeals that B1 did not touch the correct base before B1 returns back to first base.
81. B1 singles to left field, touches the colored portion of first base and makes a hard turn, drawing a throw. B1 goes back into first base standing and is only in contact with the colored portion of the base when he is tagged by F3.
- a) B1 is out.
 - b) B1 is safe.
82. B1 hits an infield single. B1 runs through first base, does not attempt for second, and returns back to the bag. Before touching the white base, he stands on the colored base while taking off his shin guard. He is then tagged by F3.
- a) B1 is out.
 - b) B1 is safe.

Player to Player Meetings

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/mAWkaweau3o>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/Vzt43d4KtVyJSZKD9>

Relevant Rules: 8-2-6, 8-4-2j

83. In the third inning, the defensive team's head coach requests time to go to the mound and talk to his pitcher. Two batters later, F2 requests time to go to the mound and talk to the same pitcher.
- a) This is legal. Only one conference has been used.
 - b) This is legal. The defense has used two conferences.
 - c) This is not legal, and the defense must now replace the pitcher.
84. At the start of a new half-inning, the pitcher completes his five warm-up throws and the catcher and infield come to the mound to briefly encourage the pitcher. The opposing coach wants this charged as the team's defensive meeting for the half-inning.
- a) This is a meeting.
 - b) This is not a meeting.
85. F1 strikes out B4. F2 throws the ball to F5, who throws to F4, who throws to F6, who throws it back to F5. F5 then hands the ball to the pitcher, says "Keep it up," and pats him on the back.
- a) This is a meeting.
 - b) This is not a meeting.
86. The defense had a defensive player meeting earlier in the half-inning. A substitute pitcher has replaced the previous pitcher and has completed his warm-up throws. The catcher takes the ball out to the pitcher and discusses signals.
- a) This is a meeting.
 - b) This is not a meeting.
87. In the fifth inning, F1 allows three straight hits to begin the inning. F6 asks for time to go to the mound and give his teammate a pep talk. After the meeting, the first pitch to the next hitter crosses up F2, who asks for time to chat with the pitcher about their signals.
- a) Time should be granted.
 - b) Time should not be granted, as this would be the second player-to-player meeting during the same inning.
88. In a half-inning, **R3, leading off from third base in foul territory, is hit by a line drive**. The infield gathers together as the hurt individual is being assisted.
- a) This is a meeting.
 - b) This is not a meeting.
89. In a half-inning, **F2 is hit by a foul ball**. The infield gathers together as the hurt catcher is being assisted.
- a) This is a meeting.
 - b) This is not a meeting.
90. In a half-inning, **a charged offensive conference with the team's runners and batter is granted**. The infield gathers together as the offensive team confers.
- a) This is a meeting.
 - b) This is not a meeting.

91. In a half-inning, **the plate umpire is hit by a foul ball and is momentarily stunned**. The infield gathers together as the umpire walks it off.
- a) This is a meeting.
 - b) This is not a meeting.

Batter Becoming a Runner

Video Review: <https://youtu.be/qOzkE3xhlmY>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/wUqQqqEqme5Wx9bQQ9>

Relevant Rules: 8.1.1

92. 2 out. F2 drops the third strike. B1 starts toward the 3rd base dugout and F2 does not throw to first. B1, after walking beyond the dirt circle around home and in a direction towards his dugout, sees that the defense has left the infield and sprints to first, having deked the defense. What's the call?
- a) This is legal.
 - b) This is illegal. The runner is out for "failure to attempt to reach first base" because he left the dirt circle in the direction away from 1st.
 - c) This is illegal. The runner is out for "failure to attempt to reach first base" because the infielders have left the diamond.
93. R2 is on second base. After B2 takes his position in batter's box, F2 clearly reaches out over home plate after F1 has made a movement that has committed him to pitch. The batter does not swing.
- a) This is catcher's obstruction. B2 is awarded first. R2 remains at second.
 - b) This is catcher's obstruction. B2 is awarded first. R2 is awarded third.
 - c) This is nothing.
94. R2 is on second base. After B2 takes his position in batter's box, F2 clearly reaches out over home plate to receive the pitch and throw out R2 who is attempting to steal third. The batter does not swing.
- a) This is catcher's obstruction. B2 is awarded first. R2 remains at second.
 - b) This is catcher's obstruction. B2 is awarded first. R2 is awarded third.
 - c) This is nothing.
95. R3 is on third base and R2 on second base, with one out. F2 obstructs B4 who hits a ground ball to F4. R2 was attempting to steal third, even though third was occupied. B4 is thrown out at first on the play.
- a) Catcher's obstruction is enforced. B4 is awarded first. R2 is awarded third, which forces R3 to score.
 - b) Catcher's obstruction is enforced. B4 is awarded first. R2 is returned to second because they can not force R3 to advance since R3 was not stealing.

Obstruction (Awards)

Video Review: https://youtu.be/v_3wnvoPFms

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/feaCATKKzjwccdn28>

Relevant Rules: 8.3.2, 8.3.3

96. While B1 is moving toward second base on a hit to right-center field, F6, who does not have the ball in his possession, fakes a tag on B1 as they are coming into second base. The umpire judges that if the fake tag had not occurred, B1 still would not have reached third base safely.
- a) This is legal.
 - b) This is obstruction. B1 is awarded second.
 - c) This is obstruction. B1 is awarded third.

Replacing the Pitcher

Video Review: <https://youtu.be/gLAZ0Z7tO7U>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/yQQbQGHETonpK5D76>

Relevant Rules: 3.1.2, 6.2.2

97. F1 is replaced by S1. The catcher or coach of the defensive team indicates to the umpire-in-chief that his team wishes to grant an intentional base on balls. Following the intentional base on balls, S1 is replaced by S2.
- a) This is legal.
 - b) This is illegal.
98. In the top of the 2nd inning, F1 is late getting to the mound. F3 while waiting to give the ball to F1, toes the rubber with the ball AND delivers a warm-up pitch. Is this a substitution?
- a) Yes, F3 is now the pitcher and must face one batter.
 - b) No. F1 is still the pitcher of record.
99. The starting pitcher (Jones) for the visiting team sprains his ankle in the top of the first inning and cannot pitch in the bottom of the first. Later in the fourth inning, the visiting team's coach wants to bring Jones back into the game to pitch.
- a) This is legal.
 - b) This is illegal, but Jones can return to play any other defensive position.
 - c) This is illegal. Jones cannot return to the game.

Obstruction (Definition)

Video Review: <https://youtu.be/b6VndrqTLXo>

Full Quiz: <https://forms.gle/zvNrdWMt2TBzdVD27>

Relevant Rules: 8.1.1, 8.3.2

100. R1. 1 out. B2 hits a single to right field. R1 is obstructed rounding second but is still able to reach third. The umpire yells and signals "obstruction" and allows play to continue. The umpires believe R1 would have only made it to third had the obstruction not occurred. After the playing action ends,...
- a) "Time" is called. No awards are made.
 - b) "Time" is called. R1 is awarded home. B1 is awarded 2nd.
 - c) The ball remains live and no other action is taken.
101. B1 hits a single to center field. The ball is fielded cleanly by F8, and quickly thrown to F6 covering second base. B1, while casually rounding first base, makes contact with F3 and loses his balance. He does not fall and safely returns to first base. This contact does not prevent B1 from reaching second.
- a) This is obstruction, B1 is awarded second.
 - b) This is obstruction, B1 remains at first.
 - c) This is nothing.
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- a) This is obstruction, B1 is awarded second.
 - b) This is obstruction, B1 remains at first.
 - c) This is nothing.