

2010 SOFTBALL EXAM STUDY GUIDE

1. Effective this season, the pitching distance for varsity level games is 43' and sub varsity games will remain at 40'. FALSE (Rule 1-1-2b)
2. A "Community Coach" may not function in any capacity as the head coach. TRUE (GHSA Policy)
3. Defensive coaches are NOT allowed outside the confines of the dugout, regardless of the location of the dugout. TRUE (GHSA Policy)
4. The "Football QB" type wristbands are considered legal equipment this season. TRUE (GHSA Policy)
5. The host school Game Administration shall handle all unsporting acts that occur following the conclusion of the game. TRUE (GHSA Policy)
6. On-deck batters may stand in the on-deck circle of either team. FALSE (Rule 1-1-6)
7. All equipment shall be worn properly and as designed by the manufacturer. TRUE (Rule 1-8-5)
8. A dead-ball media area is allowed to exceed beyond the dugout area if it is properly lined. FALSE (GHSA Policy)
9. Prior to the time the umpires arrive, the host school has the responsibility of determining the playability of the field and weather conditions. TRUE (Rule 4-1-1 & GHSA Policy)
10. During the pre-game conference, players may continue to warm-up in the outfield area. (FALSE Rule 4-1-2a)
11. Any coach may represent his/her school during the pre-game conference and during disputes during the game. FALSE (GHSA Policy)
12. Following a dead-ball situation, the ball becomes live when the pitcher has the ball within the pitcher's circle. FLASE (Rule 5-1-4)
13. Any runner who intentionally removes her helmet during live-ball play, shall be called out immediately. FALSE (Rule 5-1-2e)
14. Each team must start the game with a minimum of nine (9) players. TRUE (Rule 3-1-1)
15. Line-up cards are only required to have the player's last name, number, and position. FALSE (Rule 3-1-3)
16. Unadorned devices, such as bobby pins, barrettes, and hair clips shall be no longer the 2". TRUE (Rule 3-2-12)
17. Hair ribbons are legal, but must match on all players. TRUE (GHSA Policy)
18. When on defense, each team may be granted up to two (2) charged timeouts per inning without penalty. FALSE (Rule 3-7-1)
19. Substitute players' names may be added to the line-up card following the pre-game conference. TRUE (Rule 3-3-1)

20. A player who has obvious symptoms of a concussion shall not be permitted to return to play without authorization from an appropriate health care professional. TRUE (Rule 3-3-9)
21. Prior to delivering the pitch, the pitcher must take a position with both feet in contact with the surface of the pitcher's plate. FALSE (Rule 6-1)
22. Prior to delivering the pitch, the pitcher must have the ball in the glove hand, with the hands separated, when taking a position on the pitcher's plate. FALSE (Rule 6-1a)
23. The pitcher shall not at any time apply a foreign substance directly to the ball. TRUE (Rule 2-2)
24. The pitcher is allowed no more than five (5) warm-up pitches, or one (1) minute between innings. TRUE (Rule 2-5)
25. Prior to the pitch, all defensive players (except the catcher) must be in fair territory. TRUE (Rule 2-9)
26. Only the head coach may make a verbal dead-ball appeal for a runner infraction. FALSE (Rule 2-1-3)
27. To establish a catch, the fielder must display control of the ball and a voluntary and intentional release of the ball. TRUE (Rule 2-9-2)
28. Faking a tag is legal and is not considered obstruction. FALSE (Rule 2-21)
29. 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 (Rule 2-36)
30. If a batting order infraction is discovered prior to the batter becoming a base runner, the batter may be replaced with the proper batter. TRUE (Rule 7-1)
31. A batter shall take her position in the batter's box within 10-seconds after the ball has been returned to the pitcher. TRUE (Rule 7-3-1)
32. Once the pitcher has brought her hands together, prior to the delivery the pitch, timeout shall not be granted to the offensive team. TRUE (Rule 7-3-1 Pen. 1)
33. During a batted ball, the batter's foot must be completely outside the line of the batter's box to be ruled out of the box. TRUE (Rule 7-8 Pen.)
34. The batter shall not be called out if the discarded bat unintentionally makes contact with a batted or bunted ball in fair territory. FALSE (Rule 7-13 Pen.)
35. Upon notification from the Game Manager, the umpire shall stop a game when imminent lightning danger is detected. TRUE (GHSA Policy)
36. In two-person mechanics, the field umpire has tag-up responsibility for both bases with runners at 1st and 2nd bases. FALSE (Manual)
37. In two-person mechanics, the plate umpire always has tag-up responsibility with a runner at 3rd base. TRUE (Manual)
38. In three-person mechanics, the base umpires assume a position in fair territory approximately 10 feet in the outfield. FALSE (Manual)
39. The jurisdiction of the umpires begins upon the arrival of both umpires within the confines of the field. FALSE (Rule 10-1-2)
40. At any time there is just cause, any umpire may forfeit a game. FALSE (Rule 10-2-2)

41. In two-person mechanics, with the bases empty, the plate umpire shall trail the batter-runner to 1st base. TRUE (Manual)
42. With two runners on base, and the look-back rule in effect, both runners shall be called out if the lead runner is guilty of the infraction. FALSE (Rule 8-7-3e Pen.)
43. An illegal pitch is ignored if committed while a runner is called out for leaving the base early. FALSE (CB 8-6-21)
44. A courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher must be used at the time either player initially reaches base. FALSE (Rule 8-9-1)
45. It is legal for a runner to run behind a fielder attempting to field a batted ball and out of the baseline to avoid interfering with the fielder. TRUE (Rule 8-8-1)
46. A runner(s) shall be awarded two bases when a pitched ball goes directly out of play. FALSE (Rule 8-4-3c)
47. A fly ball that hits the top of the fence and then is deflected over the fence by a fielder shall be ruled a home run. FALSE (CB 8-4-3)
48. A batter may be called out even though her batted ball was not initially ruled an infield fly. TRUE (Rule 8-2-9)
49. Following the first complete inning, the pitcher shall have her choice of what ball she wants to start each following inning with. TRUE (Rule 4-4)
50. In the event of weather conditions/darkness, an official game shall be declared if the trailing team has completed five (5) turns at bat. TRUE (Rule 4-2)
51. The umpires and the host school must wait (30) minutes after the designated game time to declare a forfeit for a team failing to show up. TRUE (GHSA Policy)
52. If a visiting team has been delayed, and has notified the host school, the game may be delayed indefinitely until the visiting school arrives. TRUE (GHSA Policy)
53. A batter-runner must have both feet clearly inside the 3-foot lane following an awarded base on balls. TRUE (Rule 8-2-5)
54. The look-back rule is in effect when the ball is live, the pitcher has possession of the ball within the pitcher's circle, and the batter-runner has reached 1st base. TRUE (Rule 8-7-1)
55. The courtesy runner can be any player who has been replaced in the line-up with a substitute. FALSE (Rule 8-9-3)