

2005 DYBA Umpire Test

This is an open book test & you are permitted to work on it in groups
For any questions, you can email Harley at umpires@dyba.com , but I cannot answer substantive questions

Note - we will be working on parts of the test at the final clinic on Sunday, April 10. But, DO NOT come to that clinic not having put forward your own effort to complete this test. I will not be freely giving away the answers to the examination. We will use the group-session as a learning tool

EVERY UMPIRE MUST TURN IN HIS/HER OWN TEST.

Directions

Answer the following questions by circling the correct answer. This is an open book test and answers can be found in both the DYBA rule book or the NFHS Baseball and softball rule books. The DYBA rule book can be obtained on line from the DYBA web site <http://www.DYBA.com>. The NFHS rule books can be obtained during any of the clinics and meetings scheduled for umpires for the 2005 season; they will also be available in the DYBA equipment shed.

By signing below, I certify that the answers in this test reflect my work using the open book resources of the DYBA rule book and the NFHS baseball and/or softball rule books. While I may have consulted with others during the completion of this exam, I contributed my own knowledge and preparation in the completion of this test and did not merely "copy" someone else's answers.

Umpire's Name (please print) _____

Umpire's Signature _____

Date _____ Phone Number _____

Email address _____

Questions 1-25 are general DYBA rules; ALL UMPIRES MUST ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

1	True	False	The DYBA General Rules supercede specific instances of the NFHS rules and should be followed preferentially
2	True	False	Any rules listed for specific Baseball Leagues should be followed in preference of General Baseball rules found in the NFHS rules book
3	True	False	The code of conduct states that coaches should not argue with the umpires or opposing coaches or make negative or taunting comments, directed toward the opposing team or the umpires.
4	True	False	As an umpire I always have to warn a coach or player before I take disciplinary action.
5	True	False	It is the umpire's job to make sure the bases are put back in the box before leaving the playing field
6	True	False	Before the game, the home team will supply two new game balls.
7	True	False	The visiting team is responsible for replacement balls acceptable to the umpire, as needed after the initial two balls are not available
8	True	False	As an umpire I can override the General rules in the DYBA rule book in the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship where I deem appropriate.
9	True	False	There is unlimited substitution in fielding positions, unless a coach is freely substituting to delay a game or abuse this privilege
10	True	False	I can question a coach between innings if I feel they are not rotating players equally so that all players are getting fair playing time.
11	True	False	Late players can join the game at anytime and should play the remainder of the game because missed innings count as sat out innings.
12	True	False	On really cold days, players can wear a personal jacket outside their Uniform
13	True	False	A pitcher may not wear white sleeves that are visible below his or her uniform sleeves, nor wear a sweatband on either arm, because it makes it harder for the batter to see the ball when it is pitched.
14	True	False	If another game follows on the same field, the first game will be completed when the team batting finishes their inning.
15	True	False	A team can play defense or offense with seven (7) players during the first inning; after that they must have 8 players or the game is forfeited
16	True	False	If the legal minimum number of players starts the game, and one player is forced to leave during the game, play is stopped and the game is a forfeit.
17	True	False	If in my opinion, or the coach's opinion, a player is injured which prevents him/her from safely participating, they will be removed from the game
18	True	False	The closest base coach determines placement of base runners after stopping play for an injured player.
19	True	False	A courtesy runner of the coaches choice may be used as a base runner if the original base runner has incurred an injury and is unable to continue.
20	True	False	It does not count as a trip to the mound if the manager/coach visits the mound to tend to an injured pitcher
21	True	False	A regulation game can be declared after 2.5 innings if the home team is ahead and the game is scheduled for 5 innings.
22	True	False	A regulation game can be declared after 3.5 innings if the home team is ahead and the game is scheduled for 6 innings.
23	True	False	A regulation game can be declared after 4.5 innings if the home team is ahead and the game is scheduled for 7 innings.
24	True	False	An inning is considered to have started immediately following the final out of the previous inning.
25	True	False	A suspended game shall be continued from the beginning of the inning from which it was stopped.

Questions 26-35 are general DYBA ground rules; ALL UMPIRES MUST ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

26	True	False	A ball that rebounds off an object out of play back into the playing field is considered in play as long as no spectator has touched it.
27	True	False	Two bases are awarded when the ball is thrown out of play.
28	True	False	A ball stuck in the wire mesh fence can be voluntary removed in order to make a play on the batter and/or runner
29	True	False	Runners advance one base from the position they were at the time of the pitch on a dead ball.
30	True	False	The distance between home plate and second base in a pony game is 80 feet but the umpire is not responsible to measure this distance.
31	True	False	If a ball hits the screen on the backstop and bounces back in play the ball is in play. The diamond is considered a "closed ball park."
32	True	False	At either Jewett field, a batted ball hit over the fence in fair territory on a bounce will be a ground rule double
33	True	False	At Jewett 1, a batted ball that goes into the playground bushes in right field near the playground will be declared a ground rule double
34	True	False	At any Clavey field, a home run will be declared if a batted ball strikes a light standard in fair territory on the fly.
35	True	False	At Woodland, a batted ball going onto the asphalt in fair territory is considered in play and runners may advance

Questions 36-41 are rules dealing with an umpire's authority & responsibilities:

ALL UMPIRES MUST ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

36	True	False	Umpires are expected to wear a proper umpire shirt as a regular part of the job requirement.
37	True	False	The Umpire-in-Chief can state the start time of a game by announcing the time out loud when the game is to begin.
38	True	False	The Umpire-in-Chief is responsible for starting a game at the scheduled time. If a team is not ready to play within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time, the game will be forfeited.
39	True	False	Each umpire has the authority to rule on any point not specifically covered in the rules governing play.
40	True	False	Rule interpretation questions may be discussed with the umpire between innings provided both managers agree to talk to the umpire. In the event that both managers do not agree, the matter shall not be discussed with the umpire. Regardless of the discussion, the original call shall stand.
41	True	False	Managers and umpires shall meet periodically during the game to review and clear up any confusion regarding applicable ground rules, lineups, start time, etc.

Questions 42-52 address equipment & safety concerns:

ALL UMPIRES MUST ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

42	True	False	No equipment, clothing, or jewelry will be worn by players, managers, or coaches, which, in the opinion of the Umpire-in-Chief, constitutes a safety hazard.
43	True	False	Although metal spikes are permitted, molded rubber spikes are strongly encouraged
44	True	False	If a player accidentally throws a bat, the umpire will warn the player and his or her team. Any other bat-throwing incident by a player on that team will cause that player to be out.
45	True	False	At any base, the runner MUST take necessary action to avoid colliding with the defensive player if the defensive player has the ball ready to make a play or is about to receive the ball. If there is any significant contact, the runner is automatically out.
46	True	False	If the defensive player does not have the ball and is not about to receive it, he/she can block the base or be near enough to impede the runner
47	True	False	A game in progress will be stopped if, in the opinion of the Umpire-in-Chief or both managers, the weather causes field conditions to constitute a safety hazard. The game will be suspended or terminated as appropriate.
48	True	False	In the event of audible thunder, visible lightning, or a lightning prediction system alarm indication of a continuously flashing strobe light and/or a long blast from its horn, all play must stop and all players and coaches must immediately seek shelter in cars or nearby buildings. The game will be suspended or terminated as appropriate.
49	True	False	No one is permitted on a field for practice or to start a new game if the lightning prediction system has a continuously flashing strobe light and/or is emitting a long blast from its horn. All players and coaches must remain sheltered in cars or nearby buildings as long as the alarm condition continues. Play may only begin when the alarm condition has passed, as indicated by three short blasts of the horn and no visible strobe light.
50	True	False	Only Little League approved wood and aluminum bats are allowed. Wood bats must say "Little League Approved." No bat may have a barrel diameter greater than 2¼" (2¾" for Pony League). Any team using an illegal bat is subject to forfeiture of the game.
51	True	False	Before the game begins, the managers have sole authority as to whether or not the playing field's condition is reasonably safe to begin the game
52	True	False	After a game begins, the umpires are the only individuals who can determine if the playing field remains safe enough to continue playing the game.

Questions 53-68 are specifically aimed at Mustang (3/4 baseball) league rules:

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UMPIRES MUST ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

53	True	False	Games last for six (6) innings unless the time limit has been exceeded. The time limit for a weekday game is two-hours with no inning starting after 8:00 P.M. The time limit for a weekend Mustang game is 2½ hours. Time limits may be modified for tournament games.
54	True	False	The fifteen (15) run slaughter rule is in effect after 4 innings, or 3½ if the home team is ahead.
55	True	False	A drafted player can play all defensive positions except pitcher.
56	True	False	One pitch thrown in an inning counts as an entire inning.
57	True	False	During a full game, a team must use at least four pitchers. No more than two pitchers can pitch two consecutive innings.
58	True	False	Curve balls are allowed. Pitchers knowingly throwing a curve ball will be limited to ten such pitches per game

59	True	False	The Mustang strike zone will be from the batter's shoulders to his knees. One ball to the inside of home plate and two balls to the outside of home plate will be considered part of the strike zone.
60	True	False	A batter can run to first base on a dropped third strike provided there are less than 2 outs in the inning and first base is unoccupied
61	True	False	Once the pitcher has stepped on the pitching rubber with the ball in his possession, a runner who leaves the base before the pitched ball reaches or passes the catcher will be called out, and the pitch will be considered a dead ball.
62	True	False	The only way to advance to 2nd base is by contact, by a walk or by a hit from the batter.
63	True	False	Stealing of 3 rd base is allowed, but on any overthrows at 3 rd base, the runner cannot advance to home ("wall")
64	True	False	In Mustang a runner at third base can score on an overthrow at 1 st , 2 nd , or Home.
65	True	False	In Mustang the only balk that will be called is for plays on runners at first base.
66	True	False	Once a batter, with the bases loaded, receives four (4) balls (normally a walk) the ball shall be placed on a tee, and that batter shall try to put the ball in play. Any swing not resulting in the ball being put into play (a miss, foul ball, or bat hitting the tee and ball going foul) shall result in a strike being called on the batter. The batter gets 3 total strikes for the at-bat. Catcher must stay in stance. Pitcher stays on the rubber.
67	True	False	In Mustang once a team has scored 10 runs during their at-bat in an inning, their official at-bat is completed. In the event the 10th run is scored prior to the play being completed, any runs scored prior to the completion of the play (11th, 12th, or 13th) runs don't count in that inning but are added to the next innings score.
68	True	False	A courtesy runner must replace the next inning's catcher on base if there are one (1) or two (2) outs.

Questions 69-78 are specifically aimed at Bronco (5/6 baseball) league rules:

ALL 7TH & 8TH GRADE UMPIRES WHO WANT TO UMPIRE BRONCO LEAGUE GAMES MUST ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

69	True	False	In Bronco all regular season games last for six (6) innings unless the time limit has been exceeded. The time limit for a weekday game is two-hours with no inning starting after 8:00 P.M. The time limit for a weekend game is 2½ hours. Time limits may be modified for tournament games.
70	True	False	In Bronco a ten (10) run slaughter rule is in effect after 4 innings, or 3½ innings if the home team is ahead.
71	True	False	In Bronco if there are less than nine players on a team a manager may determine which defensive position is left vacant including a catcher.
72	True	False	In Bronco a drafted player (Mustang call-up) may not pitch, catch, or play first base.
73	True	False	A Bronco player may pitch a maximum number of 4 innings per game.
74	True	False	In Bronco, pitching eligibility rules may be changed for tournament games.
75	True	False	Curve balls are allowed. A pitcher knowingly throwing a curve will be limited to ten curve ball pitches per game.
76	True	False	The Bronco strike zone will be from the batter's shoulders to his knees and will encompass an area one-ball width inside and outside of home plate.
77	True	False	Stealing is permitted once the ball has left the pitcher's hand. After one warning per team, any runner leaving a base early shall be called out and the ball declared dead. Coaches and players are warned not to yell out that a runner has left the base early. This is a call that is solely at the discretion of the umpire.
78	True	False	A Bronco courtesy runner must replace the next inning's catcher on base if there are one (1) or two (2) outs.

Questions 79-84 are specifically aimed at Pony (7/8 baseball) league rules:

ALL HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES WHO WANT TO UMPIRE PONY LEAGUE GAMES MUST ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

79	True	False	All regular Pony season games last for seven (7) innings unless the time limit has been exceeded. The time limit for a weekday game is two-hours. The time limit for a weekend game is 2½ hours. Time limits may be modified for tournament games.
80	True	False	The Pony ten (10) run slaughter rule is in effect after 6 innings, or 5½ if the home team is ahead.
81	True	False	A Bronco drafted player may not pitch or catch in Pony game.
82	True	False	A Pony player may pitch a maximum number of 3 innings per game.
83	True	False	The Pony strike zone will be from the batter's uniform letters to his knees. The pitch must cross a portion of the plate to be considered a strike (no leeway either side of home plate).
84	True	False	A Pony courtesy runner must replace the next inning's catcher on base even if there is only one (1) out.

Questions 85-94 are general DYBA Softball questions;

ALL UMPIRES WHO WANT TO UMPIRE SOFTBALL MUST ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

85	True	False	In DYBA, softball bats must be marked by the manufacturer "Official Softball" or be issued by DYBA, and must have approved tape on the handle.
86	True	False	A runner may advance after a fair or foul fly is caught (with less than two outs) if the runner tags the base after the ball is first touched.
87	True	False	The DYBA Softball pitching rules allow slingshot and single-rotation windmill
88	True	False	The pitcher must keep two feet in contact with the rubber from the start of the windup and may take one step forward or one step backward prior to the release of the ball.
89	True	False	The pitcher shall not jump or hop forward (Crow Hop) as part of the release.
90	True	False	The DYBA softball strike zone is that space over any part of home plate between the batter's armpits and the top of the batter's knees when the batter assumes a natural batting stance. Any pitch that fails to meet this rule is automatically a ball unless offered at by the batter.
91	True	False	If an illegal pitch is hit into play, the ball is live and in-play
92	True	False	Any pitch at which the batter has not offered, and which strikes any part of home plate on its first impact, shall be declared a ball
93	True	False	There shall be two bases placed at 1st base both in fair territory one for the runner and one for the fielder.
94	True	False	The batter-runner can use either of the two first bases as long as she can do so in a safe manner to avoid collision with the defensive player at first base

Questions 95-107 are specifically aimed at Junior (3/4 softball) league rules;

ALL UMPIRES WHO WANT TO UMPIRE SOFTBALL MUST ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

95	True	False	The defensive team may field as many as 10 players. There is no minimum number of players necessary for the defensive team
96	True	False	In junior league softball, there shall be no more than seven infielders at any time, including the pitcher and catcher.
97	True	False	Junior softball league games are 5 innings or 2 hours, whichever occurs first. No inning shall start after 2 hours from the first pitch.
98	True	False	The 10 run rule will prevail after 4 innings of play, or 3½ innings if the home team is ahead, or at any similar point in subsequent innings.
99	True	False	The "Infield Fly Rule" applies, just as it does in Bronco and Pony league baseball.
100	True	False	A batter is not automatically awarded first base if she is hit by a pitched ball; instead, it shall constitute a ball
101	True	False	After ball four, the batter will receive up to 3 pitches from one of the team coaches. If the batter fails to hit the pitches, batter is out and the ball is dead. Each foul ball entitles the batter to another swing.
102	True	False	When the coach is used, the pitcher shall play a defensive position behind/side of the pitching rubber and on a line parallel with first and third bases.
103	True	False	A side will be out after three outs or after having scored 7 runs in an inning. The "seven run rule" will apply in all but the last inning.
104	True	False	Junior softball runners may leave their bases once the pitched ball leaves the pitchers hand
105	True	False	You can only steal 3rd base in Junior Softball
106	True	False	In junior league softball, all defensive coaches must remain in foul territory and instruct the players from the area of the team dugout or an area approximately five feet from that space
107	True	False	A pitcher may not pitch more than two innings in one game and both innings have to be consecutive

Questions 108-117 are specifically aimed at Intermediate (5/6 softball) league rules;

ALL 7TH & 8TH GRADE UMPIRES WHO WANT TO UMPIRE INTERMEDIATE SOFTBALL LEAGUE GAMES MUST ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

108	True	False	Unlike the junior league, the intermediate league and green league have 9 defensive players per team
109	True	False	In Intermediate softball, games are 6 innings or 1 hour and 45 minutes, whichever occurs first. No inning shall start after 1 hour and 45 minutes from the first pitch.
110	True	False	The 10 run slaughter rule will apply after 5 innings of play, or 4½ innings if the home team is ahead, or at any similar point in subsequent innings.
111	True	False	In intermediate softball, a side will be out after three outs or after having scored 7 runs in an inning. The "seven run rule" applies in all but the last inning.

112	True	False	In the junior and intermediate softball leagues, an eleven-inch ball shall be used
113	True	False	The Intermediate softball strike zone will be from the batter's shoulders to knees. One ball-width to the inside of home plate and one ball-width to the outside of home plate will be considered part of the strike zone.
114	True	False	Bunting is permitted in intermediate(5th & 6th grade) and Green (7th &8th grade) league softball but not at the junior level..
115	True	False	In intermediate softball, stealing of third base shall be permitted once the ball has been released by the pitcher.
116	True	False	Runners may advance on a dropped third strike in intermediate league softball provided there are less than 2 outs.
117	True	False	An intermediate league softball pitcher shall be removed from that position after hitting 3 batters and may not return as a pitcher during the same game.

Questions 118-124 are specifically aimed at Green (7/8 softball) league rules;

ALL HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES WHO WANT TO UMPIRE GREEN SOFTBALL LEAGUE GAMES MUST ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

118	True	False	Green league softball games are seven (7) innings or two (2) hours, whichever occurs first.
119	True	False	In the green softball league, the 15 run slaughter rule will apply after the trailing team has completed its 5th inning
120	True	False	A side will be retired after three outs or after having scored ten (10) runs in an inning
121	True	False	A twelve-inch ball shall be used in green league softball.
122	True	False	Stealing of second and third bases is permitted, one base at a time. Any runner who attempts to steal two bases at a time or steal home must return to the last base that she was entitled to, and is in jeopardy of being tagged out until she returns.
123	True	False	Runners shall not leave their bases prior to the release of the ball by the pitcher. A runner who leads off a base prior to the release of the ball by the pitcher shall be called out and the ball declared dead.
124	True	False	Pickoff attempts by the catcher shall be permitted. All runners are free to attempt to advance one base following a pickoff attempt.

All answers to the remaining questions can be found in the NFHS Baseball & Softball rule books

Questions 125-174 are general/miscellaneous DYBA questions;

ALL UMPIRES MUST ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

125	True	False	All 2005 DYBA rules are based on the national Federation of state high school association rulebooks
126	True	False	We're using the Illinois high school rules as the basic premises for the girls softball rules
127	True	False	The field umpire shall make all decisions on the bases except those reserved for the umpire-in-chief
128	True	False	The batter is out on a third strike when the third strike is caught provided a runner occupies first base and there are less than two outs
129	True	False	A pitched ball becomes dead immediately if it touches the batter or his clothing, unless the batter offers at the ball
130	True	False	The strike zone is that space over home plate, the top of which is halfway between the batter's shoulders and the waistline and the bottom being the knees, when he assumes his natural batting stance
131	True	False	A legal slide can be either feet-first or head-first
132	True	False	If a batter crouches or leans forward to make his shoulder line lower in the strike zone, the umpire shall determine the strike zone based on what would be his normal batting stance
133	True	False	If a batted ball hits third base on the foul territory side of the bag it is a foul ball
134	True	False	If a batted ball lands in foul territory before first base and then reenters the fair territory of the playing field before first base it is considered a fair ball
135	True	False	If a batter attempts to bunt the ball and it goes foul it is treated the same as any other foul ball even if he has two strikes on him.
136	True	False	The foul lines on the field are considered out of bounds
137	True	False	The lines of the batter's box are considered part of the batter's box
138	True	False	A batter-runner is a player who has participated at a time at bat until he/she is put out or until playing action ends
139	True	False	A foul tip and a foul ball are the same thing
140	True	False	A runner must tag up on a foul tip.
141	True	False	Offensive interference can be physical or verbal
142	True	False	A fake tag is an act by a defensive player with the ball that simulates a tag. A fake tag is considered obstruction and the runner is entitled to a 1 base award.
143	True	False	"Play" is the order given by the umpire when it is time for the game to begin, or to be resumed after having been suspended when he called "time".
144	True	False	"Time" is the official command of the coach to suspend play and the ball becomes a dead.

145	True	False	After a game begins, the umpire(s) are (the) sole judges as to whether conditions are fit for play.
146	True	False	The game ends when the team behind in score has completed its turn at bat in the last scheduled inning.
147	True	False	If a pitched ball hits the batter's shirt, regardless of whether he attempted to move out of the way, the batter is awarded first base
148	True	False	If a runner interferes with a defensive fielder attempting to catch a foul fly ball the batter is out and another runner is out if the interference prevented a possible double play.
149	True	False	If a batted ball hits an umpire before any fielder touches the ball the batter-runner will be awarded first base and credited with a single.
150	True	False	If the first baseman purposely drops a fair line drive and successfully initiates a double play there is still a penalty for purposely dropping the ball which includes the batter being called out and the runner returning to his base.
151	True	False	If an outfielder throws his fielding glove at an outfield hit and successfully stops the ball from continuing past him, thus holding the batter-runner at 2nd base, the batter-runner will be awarded third base because using your glove in a detached manner is a three base penalty.
152	True	False	A runner on 2nd base could be called out after deliberately taking off his helmet to adjust his hat while in live ball territory after his team had already been warned of this safety issue.
153	True	False	It is ok to pitch both right handed and left handed in a game so long as you don't pitch both right and left handed to the same batter in the same at bat.
154	True	False	An umpire will use the position of the pitchers feet in order to determine if the pitcher is pitching from the set or the wind-up position.
155	True	False	Although it is not very sportsman-like, a can pitcher throw a "quick-return" pitch now and then in order to catch a batter off-balance
156	True	False	In the set position, the pitcher must always have the ball in his pitching hand either at his side or behind his back.
157	True	False	With runners on base, if the pitcher accidentally drops the ball while on the mound, but is able to quickly pick it up before any runner notices, there is no infraction
158	True	False	If the umpire judges the pitcher to intentionally throw a ball close to a batter, the pitcher can be ejected from the game; if there is doubt the umpire can first issue a warning to the pitcher
159	True	False	A pitcher who is ready to deliver a pitch and fails to step directly toward a base with the pivot foot in an attempt to complete a put out has committed a balk.
160	True	False	If a batter permits a pitch to hit him in the strike zone he is not awarded first base and remains at bat unless that was his third strike.
161	True	False	A batter is out when a third strike is not caught provided a runner occupies 2nd base and there are less than 2 outs.
162	True	False	A runner on first base who makes it to third base before an uncaught foul has occurred must return to first base by touching second on the way back.
163	True	False	A live ball appeal may be made by a coach or any defensive player with the ball in his possession by tagging the runner or touching the base that was missed or left too early.
164	True	False	A dead ball appeal may be made by a coach or any defensive player with or without the ball by verbally stating that the runner missed the base or left the base too soon.
165	True	False	More than one appeal is not allowed in reference to runners missing a base.
166	True	False	It is a two base award if a thrown ball becomes lodged/stuck under a fence
167	True	False	For balls and strikes, fair or foul balls, and safe or out calls, the umpire's judgment decision is absolutely final
168	True	False	If an umpire has reasonable doubt about some decision being in conflict with the rules he can discuss this with the other umpire before making a final decision.
169	True	False	In softball, the crow hop is the replant of the pivot foot prior to delivering the pitch
170	True	False	In softball, the crow and leap (where both feet leave the ground prior to the pitch) are illegal pitches.
171	True	False	There are three field umpire positions recommended that field umpires position themselves into when acting as a field umpire in a two man umpire crew.
172	True	False	With runners on 1st and third the field umpire should be positioned between 1st and 2nd base inside the baseline and not obstructing any players view of the batter.
173	True	False	A player being drafted up must wear his regular team's uniform.
174	True	False	A pitcher does not necessarily have to pitch consecutive innings in a game. A pitcher who is removed from the pitching position may return to that position later in the same game.