## NFHS Exam -Answer Key <br> 2021 NFHS Baseball Exam I

| Question | Answer Choice | Answer Text | Rule Reference |  |
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| 1. | C | Allowed to use the bat provided it does not cause the knob to become flush with the bat. | 1-3-2b1 |  |
| 2. | C | Shall be resolved by the umpire-in-chief. | 1-5-10 |  |
| 3. | C | Immediately. | 1-5-6 |  |
| 4. | B | The player being ejected. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1-5-4 } \\ & \text { PENALTY } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 5. | C | From the back edge of the base to the apex of home plate. | 1-2-1 |  |
| 6. | D | Both A \& C. | 1-3-1 |  |
| 7. | D | After the lineup cards have been exchanged, verified and then accepted by the umpire during the pregame conference. | 1-1-2 |  |
| 8. | D | If it does not have a mirror-like surface. | $\begin{aligned} & 1-5-1,1-5-2, \\ & 1-5-5 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 9. | B | No, the SEI/NOCSAE mark is also required to be on the baseball. So there are two marks on the baseball. | 1-3-1 |  |
| 10. | D | All of the above | 2-5-1 |  |
| 11. | C | He has secured possession in foul ground and then steps with both feet into his dugout. | 2-9-1 |  |
| 12. | D | Both B and C. | 2-16-2 |  |
| 13. | C | An illegal substitute. | 2-36-3b |  |
| 14. | D | None of the above. | 2-19 |  |
| 15. | B | Interference. | 2-21-1b |  |
| 16. | B | The head coach may request the umpire to award the batter first base on any ball-and-strike count. | 2-4-3 |  |
| 17. | A | It is considered to be offensive interference. | 2-21-1b |  |
| 18. | D | This is follow-through interference, B3 is declared out and R2 is returned to second base. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2-21-4, 7-3- } \\ & \text { 5c PENALTY } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 19. | D | $A$ and $B$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2-21-5,5-1- \\ & 1 \mathrm{n} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 20. | D | Is restricted to the bench/dugout. | 3-2-1 |  |
| 21. | D | May have a charged conference - offense or defense - in the dugout/bench area. | 3-4-4 |  |
| 22. | A | The pants must be cleaned or changed before the player participates again. | 3-1-6 |  |


| 23. | C | Remains out on the play. | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 3-3-1 \mathrm{~m} \\ & \text { PENALTY } \end{aligned}$ |  |
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| 24. | B | With the offense judged to be minor, the player shall be warned of his action and, if repeated, he shall be ejected. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3-3-1 } \\ & \text { PENALTY } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 25. | D | Both A and B . | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3-3-1a } \\ & \text { PENALTY } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 26. | A | Immediately eject the assistant coach. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3-3-1 } \\ & \text { PENALTY } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 27. | D | Both B and C. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3-3-1f(6) } \\ & \text { PENALTY } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 28. | C | Shall leave the vicinity of the playing area immediately and cannot have any further contact with the team unless requested by the umpire. | 3-3-2 |  |
| 29. | D | The umpire or either team. | 3-1-1 |  |
| 30. | C | Wilson is an unreported substitute. Upon discovery, the plate umpire will make the needed changes in the lineup. | 3-1-1 |  |
| 31. | A | Permissible. | 3-1-4 |  |
| 32. | A | He is ejected. | 3-3-1p |  |
| 33. | C | Jones may later return to play another position, but he may not pitch. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3-1-1 } \\ & \text { PENALTY } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 34. | D | Both B and C. | 3-1-2 |  |
| 35. | D | All of the above. | 3-1-4 |  |
| 36. | A | True | 3-1-4 |  |
| 37. | D | Both A and B . | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3-3-1f(6), 3-3- } \\ & \text { 1q, } \\ & \text { PENALTIES } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 38. | C | This is illegal. The catcher must wear a helmet mask combination that meets the NOCSAE standard. | $1-5-4,4-1-3 b$ <br> PENALTY |  |
| 39. | A | Eject the head coach because of the physical contact. No written warning is first needed. | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 3-3-1 q \\ \text { PENALTY } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |
| 40. | B | No, the warning may be verbal or written. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3-3-1 } \\ & \text { PENALTY } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 41. | C | One charged conference. | 3-4-1 |  |
| 42. | D | The runner at third is declared out, ball remains in play and runners may advance at their own risk. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3-2-2 } \\ & \text { PENALTY, } 8- \\ & 4-2 \mathrm{~s} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 43. | B | Yes, the warning may be verbal or written. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3-3-1 } \\ & \text { PENALTY } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 44. | C | The game is played but the umpire must send a report to the State Office. | 4-1-3b, 1-3-1 |  |
| 45. | C | The batter is declared out and his head coach is restricted to the bench. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 4-1-3b } \\ & \text { PENALTY } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 46. | A | This is permissible. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 4-4-1 NOTE } \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 47. | C | The most recent batter not on base is allowed to run for Smith. | ${ }_{1}^{4-4-1} \text { NOTE }$ |  |
| 48. | D | The umpire calls "Play" after all infielders, pitcher, catcher and batter are in position to start the game. | 4-1-5 |  |


| 49. | D | The game may not start until the visiting team has nine players present. | 4-1-3, 4-4-1f |  |
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| 50. | B | The home coach. | 4-1-1 |  |
| 51. | B | This is not legal. Two seven-inning games shall constitute a doubleheader. | 4-2-2b |  |
| 52. | D | All of the above. | 5-1-11 |  |
| 53. | B | The ball is lodged in a fielder's glove. | 5-1-11 |  |
| 54. | A | The ball remains live and in play. | 5-1-1 |  |
| 55. | C | It is a delayed dead ball. | 5-1-2d |  |
| 56. | B | The ball becomes dead immediately. | 5-1-11 |  |
| 57. | A | Immediately dead. | 5-1-1m |  |
| 58. | A | True. | 5-2-1d(1) |  |
| 59. | D | All of the above. | 5-1-3 |  |
| 60. | B | The ball becomes dead immediately. | 5-1-1h |  |
| 61. | C | It is a delayed dead ball. | 5-1-2e |  |
| 62. | B | The ball becomes dead immediately. | 5-1-1c |  |
| 63. | A | The ball remains live and in play. | 5-1-1j |  |
| 64. | D | All of the above. | 6-1-2 |  |
| 65. | B | Must eject the pitcher if the act was judged to be intentional. | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { 6-2-3 } \\ & \text { PENALTY } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 66. | A | Lift his pivot foot in a step backward off the pitcher's plate which must be in or partially within the 24 -inch length of the pitcher's plate. | 6-1-3 |  |
| 67. | C | Per the governing state association's pitching restriction policy, the pitcher gets to finish pitching to the batter until he gets on base or registers an out. | 6-1-6 |  |
| 68. | D | The batter may change batter's boxes but the pitcher must face the batter as either a left-hander or right-hander but not both. | 6-1-1 |  |
| 69. | A | The wind-up position. | 6-1-2 |  |
| 70. | C | throw or feint to a base the same as that of any infielder | 6-1-3 |  |
| 71. | C | This is a legal set position. | 6-1-3 |  |
| 72. | B | This is a legal wind-up position. | 6-1-2 |  |
| 73. | B | This is a balk. | 6-1-1 |  |
| 74. | B | The pitcher intentionally contacts the pitcher's plate. | 6-1-1 |  |
| 75. | B | Timed from the first throw. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 6-2-2c } \\ & \text { EXCEPTION } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 76. | D | Either B or C. | 6-1-2 |  |


| 77. | A | There is no penalty on either the batter or the pitcher. The umpire shall call "Time" and begin play anew. | 6-2-4d(1) |  |
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| 78. | C | If the ball crosses the foul line it shall be declared a ball. | 6-1-4 |  |
| 79. | D | The plate umpire may grant the request. The pitcher being replaced may not return to pitch for the balance of the game. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3-1-2, 6-2-2c } \\ & \text { EXCEPTION } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 80. | D | All of the above. | 7-3-2 |  |
| 81. | D | B2 is guilty of interference. Since the pitch was a third strike and B2's interference prevented a possible double play, both B2 and R1 are declared out. | $7-3-5$ <br> PENALTY |  |
| 82. | C | Since F2 had no possible play on R1, B2 is declared out and R1 is returned to first base. | $7-3-5$ PENALTY |  |
| 83. | B | Charge a strike to the batter. | 7-2-1b |  |
| 84. | B | False. | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 7-3-5 \mathrm{c} \\ & \text { PENALTY } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 85. | D | All of the above. | $\begin{aligned} & 7-1-2 \\ & \text { PENALTY } 3 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 86. | D | The batter is awarded first base for receiving ball four. | $7-3-4$ <br> PENALTY |  |
| 87. | B | The runner at third is out and a strike is added to the batter's count. | 7-4-1f |  |
| 88. | A | The batter is out and the runner is returned to second base. | $7-3-5$ <br> PENALTY |  |
| 89. | C | The batter is out. | 7-4-1f |  |
| 90. | B | B4 is guilty of interference. R3 is declared out and B4 continues to bat. | 7-3-5c PENALTY |  |
| 91. | A | The runner is declared out and the ball remains live and in play. | 3-2-2, 8-4-2s |  |
| 92. | A | True. | 8-2-61 |  |
| 93. | B | While an umpire is on the field. | 8-2-6j |  |
| 94. | D | Runner is allowed to overrun first base as long as he does not attempt or feints toward second base. | 8-2-7 |  |
| 95. | D | The lead runner is awarded third and the batter-runner is awarded second. | 8-3-3c3 |  |
| 96. | D | The ball is dead and the runner is out since the shortstop had a play on the ball. | 8-4-2k |  |
| 97. | D | All the above. | 8-2-8 |  |
| 98. | A | Two bases from their positions at the time of the pitch. | 8-3-5 |  |
| 99. | B | The batter strikes at a pitch that touches her |  |  |
| 100. | E | The batter-runner steps backward toward home plate to avoid being tagged out |  |  |

