

California Softball Officials Association 2011 Certification - Test "C"

True/False

Indicate whether the statement is true or false.

1. Time granted for an incapacitated player shall constitute a charged conference for the offense or defense.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. **If worn on the batting helmet, an eye shield must be clear and permit 100 percent allowable light transmission.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. The pitcher may legally remove herself from the pitcher's plate before or after the hands come together by stepping back from the plate with both feet.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. **Each team, when on defense, may be granted not more than three charged conferences without penalty during an seven inning game.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. Score the run if the runner advances to home when the third out is made by the batter-runner before touching first base.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. **An on-deck batter may use either the circle nearest her own dugout or the circle nearest the opponent's dugout.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. The ball becomes dead immediately when a batted ball, while on or over foul ground, first touches the catcher's glove or hand.
 - a. True
 - b. False
8. **With a runner on first base and less than two outs, F2 must catch the third strike in flight for the batter to be out.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
9. When an uncaught foul ball causes the ball to become dead, a runner need not touch the bases in reverse order.
 - a. True
 - b. False
10. **A team warning shall be issued for a player faking a tag without the ball.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
11. It is a delayed-dead ball situation when an illegal pitch occurs, but no pitch has been delivered to the batter.
 - a. True
 - b. False
12. **A delayed dead-ball situation occurs when the umpire interferes with the catcher who is attempting to throw a non-batted ball.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
13. The pitcher has her choice of balls at the start of each half-inning unless both balls do not get put into play in the first half of the first inning.
 - a. True
 - b. False
14. **When ever an illegal offensive substitute is discovered on base, she is called out and restricted to the dugout/bench.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
15. Use of treatments or devices that alter the bat specifications or enhance performance render the bat illegal.
 - a. True
 - b. False
16. **The pitcher's plate shall be a rectangular white slab that is 24 inches by 6 inches.**
 - a. True
 - b. False

17. The plate umpire shall make all decisions except those commonly reserved for the field umpire.
 - a. True
 - b. False
18. **During the pregame conference between umpires, coaches and team captains, no balls may be hit or thrown in live-ball territory.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
19. A team member ejected for unsporting conduct may occupy a coach's box.
 - a. True
 - b. False
20. **A slide is illegal if the runner's raised leg is higher than the fielder's knee when the fielder is in a standing position.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
21. Bases shall be securely attached to the ground or an anchor system.
 - a. True
 - b. False
22. **After both balls have been in play, the pitcher may request to use the ball not currently in play for her warmup pitches for that half inning.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
23. Jewelry that is judged to be "soft" by an umpire may be worn by a player.
 - a. True
 - b. False
24. **The batter is out when she throws her bat and interferes with a defensive player attempting a play.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
25. If space allows, the on-deck circles should be 30 feet from home plate.
 - a. True
 - b. False
26. **Unadorned devices, such as bobby pins, barrettes and hair clips may be worn to control a player's hair provided they do not exceed one inch.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
27. A coach who calls time, goes out to speak with F6 and then replaces F1, is charged with a defensive conference.
 - a. True
 - b. False
28. **After a dead ball situation, the ball becomes live when it is held by the pitcher within the 16-foot circle and the umpire signals "play ball."**
 - a. True
 - b. False
29. An illegal pitch call always results in the batter being awarded a ball and all runners awarded one base without the liability to be put out.
 - a. True
 - b. False
30. **A fielder shall be ejected for faking a tag without the ball.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
31. The ball becomes dead immediately when a batted ball touches any base runner.
 - a. True
 - b. False
32. **An improper batter is considered to be a t bat as soon as she enters the batter's box and one pitch has been thrown.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
33. A player not listed as an eligible substitute on the lineup card shall be prohibited from playing.
 - a. True
 - b. False
34. **The batter is out if, while in the batter's box with the bat in her hand, the bat accidentally hits the ball a second time.**
 - a. True
 - b. False

35. When a legal substitute replaces a courtesy runner, the player for whom she was running has left the game.
a. True
b. False
36. **The ball becomes dead when time is taken to make an award when a catcher illegally obstructs a runner.**
a. True
b. False
37. Umpires working the plate are required to wear a mask, throat protector and chest protector.
a. True
b. False
38. **If a courtesy runner fails to report, she is considered an unreported substitute.**
a. True
b. False
39. The plate umpire may rectify any situation in which an umpire's decision that was reversed has placed either team in jeopardy.
a. True
b. False
40. **A team warning is issued and the next offender restricted to the dugout for entering the contest unreported.**
a. True
b. False
41. Following batter's interference with the catcher, the penalty enforcement will be based on the number of outs.
a. True
b. False
42. **A courtesy runner may run for another courtesy runner.**
a. True
b. False
43. Following batter's interference with the catcher, each runner must return to the last base touched at the time of the interference.
a. True
b. False
44. **The bat grip must extend at least 10 inches, but not more than 15 inches, from the small end of the bat.**
a. True
b. False
45. Coaches performing duties in live ball territory must be attired in school colors, khaki, black, white or gray.
a. True
b. False
46. **Only the offense can be penalized for malicious contact.**
a. True
b. False
47. A runner is considered to be in the three-foot running lane when she has one foot touching inside the lane and one foot touching on the line.
a. True
b. False
48. **F1 and F6 may switch defensive positions any number of times in the same half-inning.**
a. True
b. False
49. A runner's path is always defined as a direct line between two bases and three feet on either side of that line.
a. True
b. False
50. **The pitcher is also known as fielding position number 2 or F2.**
a. True
b. False
51. The batter is awarded 1st base if a pitched ball strikes the ground and then contacts the batter, provided the ball isn't swung at or called a strike.
a. True
b. False
52. **If an injury occurs and no other substitutes are available, the courtesy runner may be used as a substitute.**
a. True
b. False
53. Metal cleats are permitted and must be round or rectangular.
a. True
b. False

54. **A team's lineup card must include each starting player's first initial, last name, jersey number, position and batting order.**
 a. True
 b. False
55. A foul tip is a batted ball that goes sharply and directly from the bat to the catcher's mitt or hand and is legally caught by any defensive player.
 a. True
 b. False
56. **An obstructed runner is always awarded one base beyond the base where the runner was obstructed.**
 a. True
 b. False
57. Awarded bases must be run legally.
 a. True
 b. False
58. **The batter shall be declared out when she hits an infield-fly, when the infield-fly rule is in effect, even if it is not called by the umpire.**
 a. True
 b. False
59. If only one ball is used in the top of the first inning, the pitcher in the bottom half of the first inning must use the second ball.
 a. True
 b. False
60. **A foul ball is called on the batter if R1 interferes with F3's unsuccessful attempt to field a fly foul ball.**
 a. True
 b. False
61. During a defensive charged conference, the offensive team may meet provided the non-charged conference concludes when the charged conference ends or doesn't delay the game.
 a. True
 b. False
62. **The umpire-in-chief has the final authority when determining if advancement is by hit or error.**
 a. True
 b. False
63. The scorebook of the home team shall be the official scorebook, unless the umpire-i-chief rules otherwise.
 a. True
 b. False
64. **In establishing the validity of a catch, the fielder must only hold the ball long enough to prove she has control.**
 a. True
 b. False
65. If F2 goes out to confer with F1, a defensive conference is charged.
 a. True
 b. False
66. **The home coach shall decide whether the grounds and other conditions are suitable for starting the game.**
 a. True
 b. False
67. A state association may determine game-ending procedures.
 a. True
 b. False
68. **Score the run if the runner advances to home before the third out is made by the batter-runner being tagged out at second base attempting a double.**
 a. True
 b. False
69. A batter must attempt to avoid being hit by the pitch in order to be awarded first base.
 a. True
 b. False
70. **A base runner establishes her own base path when she is not being played upon.**
 a. True
 b. False
71. "No pitch" shall be declared if a runner is called out for leaving the base too soon.
 a. True
 b. False

72. **A strike/ball is called on the batter and a team warning is issued to the offense/defense when the team intentionally removes a boundary line on the field of play.**
a. True
b. False
73. Illegal equipment must be made removed or made legal.
a. True
b. False
74. **A runner is out if she passes an obstructed preceding runner.**
a. True
b. False
75. If a base coach intentionally removes a coach's box boundary line, a strike is charges to the batter and a team warning is issued.
a. True
b. False
76. **The role of the DP is terminated for the rest of the game when the FLEX bats.**
a. True
b. False
77. The ball becomes dead immediately when a pitch touches a batter or her clothing.
a. True
b. False
78. **Prior to pitching, the pitcher must take a position with the shoulders in line with first and third bases with the ball in the glove or pitching hand and with the hands separated.**
a. True
b. False
79. The ball becomes dead immediately when a thrown ball is touched by a spectator.
a. True
b. False
80. **If a runner is obstructed while returning to a base that she missed or left too soon, she is protected.**
a. True
b. False
81. A player may change to a different fielding position at any time, except the pitcher, who may only be removed and return to pitch once per inning.
a. True
b. False
82. **A glove that is worn by a player that is entirely white ,gray or optic in color is illegal.**
a. True
b. False
83. A foul is called on the batter when, after hitting the ball, she intentionally hits the ball a second time in fair territory.
a. True
b. False
84. **Once a game has started, if it is discovered that the pitching distance is incorrect, the correction shall be made immediately.**
a. True
b. False
85. A batter-runner who reaches 1st base safely and then overruns or overslides the base may always return to that base without liability to be put out.
a. True
b. False
86. **The DP starts as one of the nine hitters in the batting order.**
a. True
b. False
87. The same courtesy runner may not be used for both the pitcher and catcher in the same game.
a. True
b. False

Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

88. All of the following will result in a team warning to the head coach for submitting an inaccurate lineup card, EXCEPT:
- Changing a player's position.
 - Adding a player.
 - Adding a substitute
 - Changing a player's number.
 - Changing a player's name.
89. All of the following are true regarding the ball rotation, EXCEPT:
- All of the above.
 - The ball in play should be returned to the 16-foot circle after every half-inning.
 - The pitcher may possess both balls and choose the one she wants to start that half-inning.
 - The unused ball must be put into play in the bottom of the first inning if it is not used in the top of the first inning.
 - A pitcher has the choice of balls at the start of each half-inning if both balls have been in play.
90. The umpire shall immediately remove a player from the game who exhibits the following signs or symptoms of a concussion:
- Dizziness.
 - Headache.
 - Loss of consciousness.
 - Confusion.
 - All of the above.
91. Umpire jurisdiction ends at the conclusion of the game when:
- The third out is declared in the final half-inning.
 - The umpires leave the visual confines of the facility.
 - The umpires are sure no final appeal will be made.
 - The umpires leave the field of play.
 - The umpires are in the parking lot or school building.
92. Any player who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall not return to play until cleared by:
- An appropriate health-care professional.
 - The head coach.
 - None of the above.
 - The athletic director.
 - A parent or guardian.
93. The softball field includes an elevated concrete step in front of each dugout. B1 hits a foul fly caught by F3 such that her right foot is on the ground completely in live-ball territory and her left foot is on the elevated cement step with half her foot on the step and the other half over live-ball territory but completely off the ground. What's your call(s)?
- Foul ball; the ball is dead; B1 remains at bat.
 - Foul ball; the ball is live and in play; B1 remains at bat.
 - None of the above.
 - B1 is out on a good catch by F3; the ball is dead.
 - B1 is out on a good catch by F3; the ball is live and in play.
94. All of the following are true regarding the FLEX player, EXCEPT:
- The FLEX may bat anywhere in one of the nine positions of the batting order.
 - The FLEX is listed in the 10th position in the lineup.
 - The FLEX may be replaced by a legal substitute at any time.
 - When the FLEX is substituted for, the team is down to nine players.
 - The FLEX may be substituted for by the DP playing defense

95. A team's lineup card must include all of the following, EXCEPT:
- First initial and last names.
 - First initial and last name of coach
 - Position being played.
 - Jersey numbers.
 - Batting order of starting players
96. **The jurisdiction of the umpire(s) begins....**
- Upon the arrival of one umpire to the facility/park/school.**
 - When the pregame conference begins**
 - Upon conclusion of the pregame conference**
 - Upon the arrival of one umpire within the confines of the field**
 - Upon the arrival of two umpires within the confines of the field**
97. Hard and unyielding items (guards, casts, braces, splints, etc.) must be padded with:
- A closed-cell, slow-recovery foam.
 - Athletic tape.
 - A gauze pad.
 - A rubberized material
 - One-inch thick padding.
98. **Provided it is under the control and supervision of the umpire, which of the following is legal for a pitcher to use on the pitching hand:**
- Tape.**
 - Powdered resin or any comparable drying agent.**
 - Rock resin**
 - Saliva.**
 - All of the above.**
99. The DP may be substituted for at any time by:
- A legal substitute
 - The FLEX playing offense.
 - A and B only
 - Anyone else in the batting order.
 - All of the above.
100. **Which of the following is true regarding knee and ankle braces that are unaltered from the manufacturer's original design/production?**
- All of the above.**
 - They must be covered with athletic tape.**
 - They do not require any additional padding/covering.**
 - They are permitted with a doctor's note**
 - They must be padded with 1/2-inch-hick foam**

**CSOA Southern Section 2011 Certification Test
Answer Section**

TRUE/FALSE

1.	ANS:	F	REF:	3-7-1; 3-7-2
2.	ANS:	T	REF:	1-6-7
3.	ANS:	T	REF:	6-1-1f
4.	ANS:	T	REF:	3-7-1
5.	ANS:	F	REF:	9-1-1 exception A
6.	ANS:	F	REF:	2-5-3
7.	ANS:	F	REF:	5-1-1d(2); 2-25-2
8.	ANS:	F	REF:	7-4-7
9.	ANS:	T	REF:	8-3-2 exception
10.	ANS:	T	REF:	3-6-2 penalty
11.	ANS:	F	REF:	5-1-1p; 6-1 penalty
12.	ANS:	T	REF:	5-1-2c
13.	ANS:	T	REF:	6-5-1
14.	ANS:	T	REF:	3-4-2 penalty
15.	ANS:	T	REF:	1-5-1c
16.	ANS:	T	REF:	1-2-3
17.	ANS:	T	REF:	10-2-1
18.	ANS:	T	REF:	2-14-2; 4-1-2a
19.	ANS:	F	REF:	3-5-2
20.	ANS:	T	REF:	2-52-2b
21.	ANS:	T	REF:	1-2-1
22.	ANS:	T	REF:	6-5-2
23.	ANS:	F	REF:	3-2-12
24.	ANS:	T	REF:	7-4-14
25.	ANS:	T	REF:	1-1-3d
26.	ANS:	F	REF:	3-2-12 exception
27.	ANS:	F	REF:	3-7-1
28.	ANS:	T	REF:	5-1-4
29.	ANS:	F	REF:	6-2-2 exception
30.	ANS:	F	REF:	3-6-2 penalty
31.	ANS:	F	REF:	5-1-1f; 8-8-4
32.	ANS:	T	REF:	7-1-1
33.	ANS:	F	REF:	3-3-1
34.	ANS:	F	REF:	7-4-13 exception
35.	ANS:	T	REF:	8-9-6
36.	ANS:	T	REF:	5-1-3
37.	ANS:	F	REF:	10-4-1
38.	ANS:	T	REF:	8-9-7 penalty
39.	ANS:	T	REF:	10-2-3m
40.	ANS:	T	REF:	3-6-7 penalty
41.	ANS:	F	REF:	7-4-4 penalty
42.	ANS:	F	REF:	8-9-6
43.	ANS:	T	REF:	7-4-4 penalty
44.	ANS:	T	REF:	1-5-2b
45.	ANS:	T	REF:	3-5-3
46.	ANS:	F	REF:	3-6-18
47.	ANS:	T	REF:	8-2-5
48.	ANS:	F	REF:	3-2-2 note
49.	ANS:	F	REF:	2-3-2
50.	ANS:	F	REF:	3-1-4; Figure 3-1
51.	ANS:	T	REF:	8-1-2b
52.	ANS:	T	REF:	8-9-4 exception
53.	ANS:	F	REF:	3-2-11
54.	ANS:	T	REF:	3-1-2
55.	ANS:	F	REF:	2-25-2
56.	ANS:	F	REF:	8-4-3B penalty C

57.	ANS:	T	REF:	8-3-11
58.	ANS:	T	REF:	8-2-9
59.	ANS:	T	REF:	6-5-1
60.	ANS:	T	REF:	8-6-10b penalty
61.	ANS:	T	REF:	3-7-3
62.	ANS:	F	REF:	9-2-2
63.	ANS:	T	REF:	9-2-2
64.	ANS:	F	REF:	2-9-2
65.	ANS:	F	REF:	3-7-1
66.	ANS:	T	REF:	4-1-1
67.	ANS:	T	REF:	4-2-3
68.	ANS:	T	REF:	9-1-1; 2-61; 2-49
69.	ANS:	T	REF:	8-1-2 penalty 1
70.	ANS:	T	REF:	2-3-2 note
71.	ANS:	T	REF:	6-2-4c
72.	ANS:	T	REF:	3-6-17 penalty
73.	ANS:	T	REF:	3-6-1 penalty
74.	ANS:	F	REF:	8-8-17
75.	ANS:	T	REF:	3-6-17 penalty
76.	ANS:	F	REF:	3-3-6d
77.	ANS:	T	REF:	5-1-1a; 8-1-2b
78.	ANS:	T	REF:	6-1-1a
79.	ANS:	T	REF:	5-1-1g(1)
80.	ANS:	T	REF:	8-4-3b penalty exception 2
81.	ANS:	T	REF:	3-1-6; 3-3-2 note
82.	ANS:	T	REF:	1-4-2
83.	ANS:	F	REF:	7-4-13
84.	ANS:	T	REF:	1-1-9
85.	ANS:	F	REF:	8-4-2b
86.	ANS:	T	REF:	3-3-6a
87.	ANS:	T	REF:	8-9-1

MULTIPLE CHOICE

88.	ANS:	A	REF:	3-1-3 penalty
89.	ANS:	C	REF:	6-5
90.	ANS:	E	REF:	10-2-3k; 3-3-9
91.	ANS:	D	REF:	10-1-2
92.	ANS:	A	REF:	3-3-9
93.	ANS:	A	REF:	5-1-1i note B
94.	ANS:	A	REF:	3-3-6
95.	ANS:	B	REF:	3-1-3
96.	ANS:	D	REF:	10-1-2
97.	ANS:	A	REF:	3-2-13
98.	ANS:	B	REF:	6-2-2
99.	ANS:	C	REF:	3-3-6d
100.	ANS:	C	REF:	3-2-13