

2026 MBUA pre-season refresher exam

This exam is based on NFHS rules. For True/False questions, some may be Yes/No so answer True for Yes and False for No. Other questions are multiple choice with only one correct answer.

Each question is worth two points. You need to score an 80 to pass. THERE IS NO CAPABILITY TO RESUME AN EXAM. YOU MUST FINISH BEFORE YOU CLOSE THE BROWSER PAGE/TAB.

For some of the questions there is a rule reference next to the Question number that will help you determine the answer. That should put you in the right place in the rule book to figure out the correct answer. If there is also CB, check the case book as well.

Q-01. Rule 8-4

When a runner dives over a fielder:

- a. The runner is out, and the ball is immediately dead.
- b. Unless interference occurs, the ball remains in play and the runner is out only if he was tagged.
- c. The runner is out, and the ball remains live unless interference occurs.
- d. The runner will be warned for committing a dangerous act.

Q-02 Rule 8-2

When a pitcher is in the wind-up position and wants to go to the set position, or is in the set position and wants to go to the wind-up position, the pitcher must first:

- a. Inform the plate umpire of intentions.
- b. Inform those in the offensive coaching boxes of intentions.
- c. Step clearly backward off the pitcher's plate first.
- d. A and B

Q-03 Rule 2-10 3-2

The team has used all its defensive charged conferences, and the coach does not want to change pitchers. The coach tells the catcher to call all the infielders to the mound for the purpose of relaying instructions to them through the catcher and his one-way communication device. The umpire discovers what is happening and charges a defensive conference to the team, thus forcing the pitcher to be removed. Is the umpire correct in his ruling?

Yes

No

Q-04 Rule 8-4

R1, no outs. B2 hits a ground ball to F4 who throws to F6 covering second base for the force out. R1 slides legally directly into the base and pops up on top of the base, contacting F6. No further throw is possible.

- a. This contact is legal. Ball remains in play.
- b. This contact is illegal. R1 is called out and B2 remains at first base.
- c. This contact is illegal. Both R1 and B2 are called out due to the Force-Play-Slide rule.
- d. This contact is illegal if a double play was possible.

Q-05 Rule 5-2

Runner R1 on 1st, Batter hits a pop-up ball in the fair area of 1st base. R1 interferes with the 1st baseman who subsequently catches the ball. Rule on the play.

- a) Batter and runner are out.
- b) Batter is out; runner is returned to 1st base.
- c) Runner is out; batter is awarded 1st base.

Q-06 Rule 2-22, 5-1, 5-1 CB

When Obstruction is called the ball is declared dead immediately if a play is being made on the obstructed runner. But if no play is being made on the obstructed runner the play will remain Live until all action has stopped and subsequently a delayed dead ball will occur.

True

False

Q-07 Rule 3-4

Team A's starting pitcher walks the first two batters in the 6th inning. The assistant pitching coach uses his first charged conference to speak to the pitcher. After the mound trip, Team B's coach substitutes in a pinch hitter. Team A's head coach comes out to make a second mound trip.

- a) Allow the trip and replacing the pitcher is not required.
- b) Allow the trip but the pitcher must be replaced.
- c) Warn the head coach he cannot make a second trip, and if he continues, he is ejected and the pitcher must be replaced after he completes pitching to the pinch hitter.

Q08. Rule 9-1

With the bases loaded and one out, B5 hits a line drive to the right-field fence. R3 and R2 both score, but R1 is thrown out at home. B5 safely arrives at third but missed first base. The defense properly appeals B5's missing first base.

- A. Two runs score.
- B. One run will count.
- C. No runs will be scored.

Q09. 1-3, CB

If loose equipment is on the field and interferes with play, the umpire may:

- a. Call outs.
- b. Return runners.
- c. Award bases.
- d. All of the above.

Q10. Rule 1-5

A foul fly is caught by the first baseman using an illegal glove. As the first baseman slips after the catch, the runner from third legally tags and scores. Upon discovery of the glove, the umpire will:

- a. Call the batter out and score the run.
- b. Nullify the catch and treat it as a foul ball unless the team on offense chooses to have the result of the play. the play.
- c. Call a "do-over" after ejecting the first baseman.
- d. Restrict the coach to the dugout as the coach stated everyone was properly equipped.

Q11. 3-1 CB

An illegal substitute is the runner on 2nd base. There are two outs; the batter B4 hits a home run. Before the next pitch the illegal substitute is identified. What is the best answer?

- a. No runs score, the illegal substitute is restricted to the bench, B5 leads off the next inning.
- b. No runs score, the illegal substitute is restricted to the bench, B4 leads off the next inning.

Q12. 2026 new rule

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

Q13. 2026 new rule

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

Q14. 2026 new rule

Nobody on, B2 strikes out. The defense throws the ball around the infield. F5 then runs over to the pitcher and hands him the ball and says "Keep it up" and pats him on the back.

- a. This is a meeting
- b. This is not a meeting

Q15. 10-1

The game has ended and both umpires are still on the field as well as the head coach and the player who was called out to end the game. The coach violently protests the judgment call and runs to confront the umpire.

- a. A report should be made, but the umpires do not have authority to eject since the game has ended.
- b. The umpires still have the authority to eject the player and the coach.
- c. The umpires have no responsibility or authority once the game has ended and they should run off the field.
- d. The umpires should throw any remaining baseballs at the coach.

Q16.

If two runners are on the same base at the same time in a non-force situation, and both are tagged:

- a. Both runners are out.
- b. Neither runner is out.
- c. The preceding runner is declared out.
- d. The following runner is declared out

Q17.

With runners on second and third and one out, the batter hits a deep fly ball to center field which is caught. The runner at third legally tags on the play and touches home. The runner at second leaves the base early and the throw beats the runner to the base but after the runner had scored.

- a. The run will count. This is a "timing" play.
- b. The run will not count. This is a force out for the third out.

Q18. Rule 3-1

A player has a small amount of blood on his pants at his knee.

- a. The pants must be cleaned or changed before the player participates again.
- b. Since the amount of blood is not excessive, the player may continue to play.
- c. If the blood is not fresh, the player may continue to participate.
- d. The player must be removed from the game and cannot return to the game.

Q19. Rule 3-4

A coach, restricted to the bench for the balance of the game, may:

- a. Not have a charged conference with his team at any time.
- b. Have a charged conference on the field of play, just as he could before he was restricted.
- c. Have a charged conference only when the other team has been granted one.
- d. May have a charged conference - offense or defense - in the dugout/bench area.

Q20 Rule 4-2

The state association has adopted the 10-run rule for all games played in the state. In the bottom of the fifth inning, the home team leads 9-0 and the fifth batter hits a grand slam home run.

- a. The game ends with the score 10-0, home team.
- b. The game continues, with the score 13-0.
- c. The game ends with the score 13-0, home team.
- d. The game must continue for one more inning.

Q21. Rule 4-4

Smith, the No. 5 batter, strains his knee sliding into second base on a double. He is not able to continue and the team does not have a substitute available.

- a. Smith is declared out.
- b. The on-deck batter will run for Smith.
- c. The most recent batter not on base is allowed to run for Smith.
- d. The game is forfeited to the opposing team.

Q22. Rule 5-1

With a runner advancing to third base, the second out is recorded at first base. The first baseman, wrongly thinking the play was the third out, tosses the ball to the base umpire who catches the ball and holds it.

- a. With the runner advancing, the ball stays live and in play.
- b. The ball is immediately dead.
- c. The runner is awarded third base.
- d. B and C.

Q23. Rule 5-1

B2 is adjusting his stance in the batter's box and the plate umpire gives the "Do Not Pitch" signal. The pitcher wheels and legally picks off R1 at first base.

- a. R1 is out.
- b. There is no play as the ball became dead when the umpire gave the "Do Not Pitch" signal.
- c. The ball remains live and in play when the "Do Not Pitch" signal is given.
- d. (a) and (c)

Q24. Rule 6-1

The pitching regulations begin when:

- a. The pitcher intentionally contacts the pitcher's plate.
- b. The pitcher intentionally contacts the pitcher's plate and the batter is in the batter's box.
- c. The catcher gives a "sign" to the pitcher.
- d. It is umpire judgment as to when the pitching regulations are in force.

Q25. Rule Courtesy Runner Rules

S1 (Substitute 1) pinch-hits for the catcher and singles. The head coach wants to insert a courtesy runner (CR1) for S1, who is going to enter the game as the new catcher. The umpire takes the following action:

- a. Allows CR1 to replace S1.
- b. Removes the catcher for CR1.
- c. Does not allow it because S1 is not the catcher of record.
- d. Does nothing because it was not indicated prior to the start of the game that courtesy runners were going to be used.

Q26. Speed-Up Rules - Courtesy runner rules

Baker was used as the courtesy runner for the catcher in the fifth inning. In the sixth inning, he is used as a courtesy runner for the pitcher.

- a. This is legal.
- b. This is not allowed.
- c. Baker would be an illegal substitute when he serves as the courtesy runner for the pitcher.
- d. B and C.

Q27. Rule 8-3

When two runners are between the same bases at the time of a throw that ends up going into dead ball territory:

- a. The lead runner is awarded two bases and the following runner is awarded one base.
- b. The lead runner is awarded three bases and the following runner is awarded two bases.
- c. Only the lead runner is awarded bases.
- d. Bases are awarded based on what the umpire judges they would have obtained had the throw not gone into dead ball territory.

Q28. Rule 8-2

If any situation arises that could lead to an appeal by the defense on the last play of the game, the appeal must be made:

- a. While all umpires are on the field.
- b. While an umpire is on the field.
- c. Before the infielders cross the foul lines.
- d. Before the official scorekeeper declares the game over.

Q29. Rule 8-2

Brown, advancing from first to third, fails to touch second base and is standing on third when the throw from the outfield goes into the dugout.

- a. Brown cannot legally return to his missed base and is subject to being declared out upon proper and successful appeal.
- b. The umpire is to immediately declare Brown out for missing second base.
- c. Because Brown missed second base, he cannot be awarded home from the errant throw to the dugout.
- d. If Brown attempts to return to second base, the defense cannot appeal his missing second until Brown has completed his opportunity to correct his mistake.

Q30. Rule 7-4

With a runner on third, the batter hits a high pop fly that drifts over foul territory. The third baseman is accidentally prevented from catching the ball by the head coach in the coach's box.

- a. Foul ball.
- b. The runner at third is out and a strike is added to the batter's count.
- c. The batter is out.
- d. The coach is restricted to the bench and the coaching box must remain unoccupied.

Q31. Rule 7-3

If a whole bat slips out of the batter's hands on their swing:

- a. It is always ignored.
- b. The batter is automatically out.
- c. If the bat interferes with a defensive player attempting a play, interference will be called.
- d. The defense may take the out or the result of the play.

Q32. Rule 7-3

A batter may leave the batter's box with no penalty when:

- a. The pitcher attempts a pickoff.
- b. Time is granted to either team.
- c. The catcher leaves the catcher's box to give defensive signals.
- d. All of the above.

Q33. Rule 2-9, 5-1

The third baseman has one foot in dead-ball territory completely, and the other foot on the dead-ball line when he catches a foul ball. Ruling?

- a) This is a catch and the ball stays in play unless the third baseman steps into dead-ball territory with both feet.
- b) Foul ball

Q34. 8-4

The catcher is attempting to throw out B2 on a grounded bunt that went just a few feet into fair ground. B2 is running in fair ground and is 30 feet from first base and outside the running lane. The catcher hesitates and does not throw to first.

- a) There is no interference even though B2 is running outside the running lane since there was no throw.
- b) B2 is called out for running outside the running lane which caused the catcher to not attempt a throw.

Q35. Rule 6-1, 6-2

With a runner on first base, the pitcher pivots to throw to first base and loses grip on the ball. As a result, the pitcher spikes the ball toward the ground which rolls between first and second base.

- a) This is a balk.
- b) Had the throw crossed the foul line, it would not be a balk.
- c) A and B

Q36. Courtesy Runner

Jones is listed as the pitcher/DH. Having pitched in the first five innings, Jones comes to bat in the sixth inning and hits a double. With Jones on second base, the coach wants to end the role of DH for Jones and informs the umpire. The coach is ending the use of a DH for the game, making Jones now only to be the pitcher. The coach now wants to have a courtesy runner run for Jones.

This is allowed.

This is not allowed.

Q37. Rule 9-1

There is one out with runners on third and first bases. The batter hits a double, easily scoring the runner from third base. The runner from first misses second on the way to third. The batter-runner touches first base and touches second but is tagged out in an attempt to return to second base. The defense now successfully appeals the runner from first missing second base. How many runs score?

- a) 1 run
- b) No runs

Q38. Rule 10-2

Several home team spectators are shouting unsporting comments directed to the visitors and the umpires. Game management cannot gain control of the spectators, and the umpires determine that conditions are unfit for the game to continue. Ruling?

- a) The umpires will declare the game a forfeit in favor of the visiting team.
- b) The game is suspended.

Q39. Rule 3-4

Between innings, team A's 3rd base coach walks from his coach's box across the field to the pitcher's mound and proceeds to visit with his incoming pitcher F1 while F1 is warming up with his warmup pitches. The conference ends before the warmups are over, the coach leaves the field and does not delay the start of the inning. The opposing coach asks the umpire if he will be charging a defensive conference for the visit. Ruling?

- a) A passing comment is excusable but a prolonged conversation such as this should have a defensive conference charged.
- b) No defensive conference shall be called because there was no delay in either the time of the warmup nor a delay in starting the inning.

Q40. Rule 3-1, CB

A team's one-way communication device becomes inoperable. The team wants the other team to turn its one-way communication device off. RULING?

- a) Both teams must stop using their communication device.
- b) The opposing team may continue to use their communication device.

Q41.

Team A's catcher is wearing a one-way electronic communication device on the wrist. In the sixth inning, the catcher notices it is not working. Team A's coach requests time and it is granted. He then goes to the catcher near home-plate to fix the device. Is this a defensive conference?

- a) Yes
- b) No

Q42

With no outs and R1 on first base, B2 hits a hard ground ball to F6 playing directly behind second base. F6 fields the ball, steps on second base and throws to first in an attempt to double up B2. R1 is running standing up in a straight line to second base and is hit by F6's throw. R1 is about halfway to second base and did not intentionally interfere with the throw.

- a) This is a violation of the force-play slide rule. R1 is out and B2 is out.
- b) This is not a violation of the force-play slide rule. R1 cannot be expected to slide at that point in the base path. The play stands.

Q43. Rule 8-4

R1 and two outs. B4 hits a high pop-up in foul territory between first base and the coach's box. As F3 runs to field the ball, he is interfered with by R1. Interference is called by the base umpire, then the ball is caught by F3.

- a) R1 is out. B4 leads off the next inning.
- b) B4 is out. B5 leads off the next inning.
- c) R1 is out B5 leads off the next inning.

Q44. Rule 8-4

With no runners on base, B1 attempts to bunt down the first-base line. As F2 comes up to field the ball, he gets tangled up with B1 in fair territory, just outside of the direct circle around home plate.

- a) This is nothing and the play should continue.
- b) This is interference. B1 is out.
- c) This is obstruction. B1 is awarded 1st base.

Q45. Rule 3-1

A relief pitcher enters the game. The relief pitcher gets ahead in the count 1-2. The batter is then replaced by a pinch hitter. The relief pitcher can now be substituted for.

TRUE

FALSE

Q46. Rule 8-3

R1, not stealing. A pitch deflects off the catcher and is rolling towards the dugout opening but the ball stops before going out of play. The catcher hustling to chase down the errant pitch, but as he attempts to pick up the ball, he kicks it into dead-ball territory.

- a) Award R1 second base.
- b) Award R1 third base.

Q47 Rule 3-1

All coaches must remain in the dugout or dead ball territory while the ball is live.

TRUE

FALSE

Q48.

If a runner is caught in a rundown between 3rd and home and is obstructed going back to 3rd, he is awarded 3rd base only.

TRUE

FALSE

Q49 Rule 3-1

If a team fails to declare a designated hitter when submitting their lineup card, the pitcher will automatically become the designated hitter.

TRUE

FALSE

50. Rule 3-1

The visitors score 8 runs in the top of the first inning. The head coach replaces his starting pitcher before facing a batter in the bottom of the first. Is this allowed?

A. No, the pitcher must face one batter.

B. Yes, the player may be replaced as pitcher and play another position but cannot pitch in this game.