

**Maine High School
Softball Coaches Quiz
2019**

- 1) The penalty for an illegal pitch is a ball on the batter. Baserunners are not awarded a base.
- 2) Prior to the start of the game at the pregame conference, any coach can attend, but the head coach must attend and shall be responsible for verifying which of the following?
 - That the lineup card is correct.
 - That all players are legally equipped.
 - That players and equipment are in compliance with all NFHS rules.
 - All of the above.
- 3) At the pregame meeting, the head coach must list all team members, including all substitutes on the lineup card to avoid penalty.
- 4) Any player, starter or substitute, may be withdrawn from the game and re-entered once, provided such player occupies the same batting position in the lineup.
- 5) Each team, when on defense, may be granted not more than three charged conferences without penalty during a seven-inning game and one conference per inning while on offense.
- 6) A substitution may be reported by the substitute or the coach.
- 7) It is legal to substitute S1 for the starting pitcher F1 in the third inning, and then re-enter the original pitcher in the fifth inning in the same position in the batting order.
- 8) A player who has been substituted for, is eligible to serve as courtesy runner.
- 9) The same courtesy runner may run for the pitcher and the catcher.
- 10) When a coach physically assists a runner during playing action, the assisted runner is out and the ball remains alive. Any additional outs on the play stand.
- 11) The look-back rule will be in effect when the ball is live, the batter-runner has touched first base or has been declared out, and the pitcher has possession of the ball within the pitcher's circle.
- 12) 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 the catcher. The ball is live on a foul tip and runners may legally advance.
- 13) A dead ball appeal, on a runner who has missed a base or left early on a caught fly ball, cannot be made by a coach.
- 14) Obstruction is called on F2 when she is about to receive the ball while blocking home plate and comes in contact with the runner sliding into home.

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- 15) For a bat to be legal for high school it must have either the 2000 certification mark or 2004
- 16) In the starting lineup, the DP is listed as one of the nine hitters in the batting order
- 17) It is legal for the DP and the FLEX to both play offense at the same time.
- 18) It is legal for the DP and the FLEX to both play defense at the same time.
- 19) A team may request to intentionally walk a batter. No pitches need to be thrown. The request to intentionally walk the batter may be made by the coach, pitcher, or catcher.
- 20) All equipment shall be inspected by the umpire(s), and is to be placed outside the dugout/bench area prior to the start of the game.
- 21) A double first base is required for all high school softball games in Maine. If a double first base is not available, the game will not be played until one becomes available.
- 22) If a high school game in Maine is suspended and is replayed, that replayed game will be played from the point of interruption.
- 23) In Maine, if a high school game remains tied after 12 innings, starting at the top of the 13th inning the tiebreaker procedure will be used and the offensive team will begin its turn at bat with the player scheduled to bat ninth being placed on second base.
- 24) In Maine, if two teams play an official regular season game (more than five innings), but the game is terminated with the score tied, it will have to be replayed.
- 25) The run ahead rule in Maine is 12 runs and can occur anytime after 4 and a half or 5 innings, assuming the teams did not mutually agree to waive the rule prior to the start of the game.

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- 1) True. 6-1-1 Penalty
- 2) All of the above. 3-5-1
- 3) True. 3-5-3
- 4) True. 3-3-5
- 5) True. 3-7-1
- 6) True. 3-3-2
- 7) True. 3-5-3
- 8) False. 8-9-3. A player who has been in the game in any capacity, may not be used as courtesy runner.
- 9) False. A courtesy runner may only run for the pitcher or the catcher, not both. 8-9-1
- 10) True. 8-6-5
- 11) True. 8-7-1
- 12) True. 2-25-2
- 13) False. A coach may make a dead ball appeal. 2-1-3-b-1
- 14) True. 2-36
- 15) True. 1-5-1d
- 16) True. 3-3-6a
- 17) False. To be on offense, the flex must enter for the DP. 3-3-6g
- 18) True. 3-6e
- 19) True. 2-65-2, 8-1-1c, 8-4-3a, 9-6-2
- 20) False - 3-2-15 removed from the rules book

Questions below are referenced in the MPA Bulletin.

- 21) True.
- 22) False. It will be played from the beginning.
- 23) True.
- 24) False. It will be recorded as a tie in the Heal Point Standings
- 25) True.

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