

UMPIRE CLASSROOM: QUIZ 1-2025 NFHS RULE CHANGES

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1. A coach from Team A is ejected for violation of the rules and refuses to leave the vicinity of the playing area immediately. Answer- The game should be forfeited to the opposing team if the refusal to leave causes a delay in the resumption of play.
2. The coach has been ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct. Later in the game, the coach's pitcher complains of a sore arm. The coach returns from the parking lot. Answer- This is illegal. Coach can only return at umpire's request for injured player.
3. Which logo is required to be on a non-wood bat?



a.

4. Chase comes up to bat for the home team in the first inning. He has applied pine tar to the handle of his metal, BBCOR bat to improve grip. Is this legal? Answer- Yes, so long as it is not beyond the handle of the bat.
5. Greg comes up to bat with an illegal bat in the bottom of the first inning and steps into the batter's box. It is then detected by the umpire. This is the first use of an illegal bat detected by the umpire in this game. Answer- Greg shall be called out.
6. Greg comes up to bat with an illegal bat in the bottom of the first inning and steps into the batter's box. It is then detected by the umpire. This is the first use of an illegal bat detected by the umpire in this game. The head coach of the home team is Lisa. What happens to the head coach in this situation? Answer-Lisa is restricted to the dugout.
7. In the same game, James comes up to bat with an illegal bat in the bottom of the third inning and steps into the batter's box. It is then detected by the umpire. This is the second use of an illegal bat by the home team in this game. Answer-James shall be called out.
8. In the same game, James comes up to bat with an illegal bat in the bottom of the third inning and steps into the batter's box. It is then detected by the umpire. This is the second use of an illegal bat by the home team in this game. The head coach of the home team is Lisa. Her assistant head coach is Eric. What happens to the head coach in this situation? Answer- Lisa is ejected.
9. In the same game, Cameron comes up to bat with an illegal bat in the bottom of the fifth inning and steps into the batter's box. It is then detected by the umpire. This is the third use of an illegal bat by the home team in this game. Answer- Cameron shall be called out.
10. In the same game, Cameron comes up to bat with an illegal bat in the bottom of the fifth inning and steps into the batter's box. It is then detected by the umpire. This is the third use of an illegal bat by the home team in this game. The head coach of the home team is Lisa. Her assistant head coach is Eric. What happens to the head coach in this situation? Answer-Lisa has already been ejected. Eric is now ejected.

11. With his team trailing 4–3 in the top half of the seventh inning and two out, George comes up to bat. Before he steps into the box, the home team coach points out to the umpire that pine tar extends beyond the barrel of the bat and 19 inches from the knob of the bat. Answer- This is illegal. The bat should be replaced.
12. With his team trailing 4–3 in the top half of the seventh inning and two out, George comes up to bat. After entering the box, the home team coach points out to the umpire that pine tar extends beyond the barrel of the bat and 19 inches from the knob of the bat. Answer- This is illegal. Batter is out.
13. With his team trailing 4–3 in the top half of the seventh inning and two out, George comes up to bat. After hitting a home run, the home team coach points out to the umpire that pine tar extends beyond the barrel of the bat and 19 inches from the knob of the bat. Answer- This is illegal. The batter is out. No run scores. Any runners return to previous base at time of pitch.
14. Georgia and Arizona have been approved to test delayed dead ball balks in their NFHS Baseball games. This is the same rule as currently used in NCAA, and similar to the MLB rule. Do you think the NFHS rules should be changed to have balks as a delayed dead ball?
15. Do you think your state provides adequate training for umpires?

UMPIRE CLASSROOM: QUIZ 2- 2025 POINTS OF EMPHASIS (5)

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1. How many baseballs are required to start the game? Answer-3. However, have 4-6 baseballs in your ball bags.
2. Is a team allowed to rub up baseballs before they are used in game play? Answer- Yes
3. R1. After a foul ball, the pitcher receives a brand new baseball from the umpire. Before the ball is put in play, the pitcher reaches down, picks up dirt on the mound, and rubs it on the baseball. Answer- This is illegal. The umpire should replace the baseball and no other penalty is enforced.
4. According to the NFHS rules, what is the legal circumference of a baseball? Answer- The rules do not specify a specific size.
5. A right-handed pitcher engages the pitching plate with his pivot foot parallel to the pitcher's plate. His shoulders are squared to the plate, and his free foot is breaking the plane of the front edge of the pitcher's plate. Is this pitcher in the set, windup, or hybrid stance? Answer- Set
6. A right-handed pitcher with no runners on base engages the pitching plate with his pivot foot parallel to the pitcher's plate. His shoulders are squared to the plate, and his free foot is breaking the plane of the front edge of the pitcher's plate. He picks up and lowers his free foot twice in his delivery. Answer-This is an illegal pitch, and a ball will be added to the count.
7. A right-handed pitcher with a runner on third base engages the pitching plate with his pivot foot parallel to the pitcher's plate. His shoulders are squared to the plate, and his free foot is breaking the plane of

the front edge of the pitcher's plate. He picks up and lowers his free foot twice in his delivery. Answer- This is an illegal pitch and will be enforced as a balk.

8. Umpires shall use the location and angle of the pitcher's free foot when determining if the pitcher is in the stretch or windup. Answer- False. The pivot foot determines pitching stance.
9. The "Hybrid stance" is an alternative to the wind-up and set, and is considered the same as the wind-up. Answer- False.
10. Can a player be restricted to the dugout for unsportsmanlike behavior? Answer- No. Only as coach can be restricted to the dugout.
11. With the bases loaded, B4 hits a grand slam. His teammates come out of the dugout and celebrate with him around home plate but after he touches the plate. Answer- Legal.
12. With the bases loaded, B4 hits a grand slam. His teammates come out of the dugout and celebrate with him around home plate but after he touches the plate. One of the bench players brought out a crown to place on the batter's head after he crosses home. Answer- Illegal. Restrict head coach to dugout for player/team unsportsmanlike conduct.
13. With the bases loaded, B4 hits a grand slam. His teammates come out of the dugout and celebrate with him around home plate but after he touches the plate. One of the bench players brings out a bucket but doesn't do anything unsportsmanlike with it. Answer- This is illegal. The head coach is restricted to the dugout.
14. Which of the following uses of one-way electronic communication equipment are legal? Answer- Coach to Catcher.