

## **GARRISON SOFTBALL RULES TEST**

So, how much do you really know about the game? Before we start yelling at umpires, let's make sure we are students of the game first. Then when we do question a call, the umpire knows that we have a legitimate question.

*True/False*

### Baserunning

- \_\_\_ 1. When a double first base is used, the white or colored base may be used when tagging up on a fly ball.
- \_\_\_ 2. When a double first base is used, the runner must return to the white portion of the base on a pick-off attempt.
- \_\_\_ 3. 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.
- \_\_\_ 4. If a runner is obstructed while returning to a base that she missed or left to soon, she is protected.
- \_\_\_ 5. It is interference when trying to reach a base, R1 pushes F6, who is attempting to tag her.

### Batting

- \_\_\_ 6. The batter shall not delay the game by stepping out of the batter's box when the pitcher is on the pitcher's plate.
- \_\_\_ 7. The batter is out when the ball hits the bat a second time while the ball is on or over fair territory.
- \_\_\_ 8. If there is a runner at first base and less than two outs, F2 must catch the third strike in flight for the batter to be out.
- \_\_\_ 9. After the first inning, the first batter in each inning shall be the player whose name follows that of the last batter to complete her turn at bat in the preceding inning.
- \_\_\_ 10. The batter shall be declared out when she enters the batter's box with an illegal bat, or is discovered having used an illegal bat and the infraction is detected before the next pitch.

### Bench and Field Conduct

- \_\_\_ 11. Wearing metal cleats is prohibited and shall result in the offender being ejected.
- \_\_\_ 12. A second offense for removal of a boundary line results in a ball/strike called on the batter, and the offender and the head coach being restricted to the dugout/bench area.
- \_\_\_ 13. Both the offense and defense can be penalized for malicious contact.
- \_\_\_ 14. B1 intentionally removes the front line of the batter's box. Next inning her teammate, B2, removes the inside line of the batter's box. B2 and her head coach are restricted to the dugout. B2's replacement come to bat with a strike added to the count.
- \_\_\_ 15. When a fielder tags a runner with malicious, excessive and unnecessary force, the ball is dead immediately and the fielder is ejected.

### Charged Conferences

- \_\_\_ 16. If F2 goes out to confer with F1, a defensive conference should be charged.
- \_\_\_ 17. Each team, when on defense, may be granted not more than three charged conferences without penalty during a seven-inning game.
- \_\_\_ 18. A coach who calls time, goes out to speak with F6 and then replaces F, is charged with a defensive conference.
- \_\_\_ 19. The offensive team charged conference rule is effective when the ball first becomes live at the start of each half-inning.
- \_\_\_ 20. 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.

### Courtesy Runners

- \_\_\_ 21. If a courtesy runner is injured, the replacement must either be a legal substitute or the pitcher/catcher for whom she is running.
- \_\_\_ 22. Players currently in the game are eligible to serve as courtesy runners.
- \_\_\_ 23. A player may not be a substitute for any player in the half-inning that she ran as a courtesy runner.
- \_\_\_ 24. The courtesy runner may run for the Designated Player (DP) only if the DP is batting for the pitcher or catcher.
- \_\_\_ 25. A courtesy runner may run for another courtesy runner.

### Dead Ball

- \_\_\_26.The ball becomes dead immediately when a batted ball, while on or over foul ground, first touches the catcher's glove or hand.
- \_\_\_27.The ball becomes dead immediately when a batted ball touches any baserunner.
- \_\_\_28.The ball becomes dead immediately when there is interference by a batter.
- \_\_\_29.After a dead-ball situation, the ball becomes live as soon as it is thrown back to the pitcher in the 16-foot circle.
- \_\_\_30.A pitched ball that contacts the batter in the strike zone is a dead-ball strike.

### Definitions

- \_\_\_31.R1 is forced out when F6 tags second base with her glove while she has the ball firmly grasped in her bare hand and the ball is touching the ground.
- \_\_\_32.Faking a tag is always considered obstruction.
- \_\_\_33.An attempted bunt is any movement of the bat toward the ball when the ball is over or near the plate.
- \_\_\_34.interference is an act, physical or verbal, by a member of the offensive team that illegally impedes, hinders or confuses any fielder.
- \_\_\_35.A thrown ball is considered trapped if it is on the ground and the glove/mitt or hand is over it, and the player does not have control.

### Field and Equipment

- \_\_\_36.The infield, outfield, and foul lines are in fair ground.
- \_\_\_37.The glove/mitt may be a maximum of three colors unless judged to be distracting by the umpire.
- \_\_\_38.Once a game has started, if it is discovered that the pitching distance is incorrect, the correction shall be made immediately.
- \_\_\_39.The bat handle must be round or oval.
- \_\_\_40.the glove/mitt worn by the catcher may be any size.

### Look-Back Rule

- \_\_\_41.A pitcher is considered to be in the 16-foot circle when only one foot is touching within the circle.
- \_\_\_42.While the pitcher has the ball within the 16-foot circle, once the runner stops at a base for any reason, she will be declared out if she leaves the base.
- \_\_\_43.While the pitcher has the ball within the 16-foot circle, a batter-runner who overruns first base toward right field, turns left and moves directly toward second base and stops, is committed to second base.
- \_\_\_44.The look-back rule is in effect when the batter-runner touches first base and the pitcher has possession of the live ball in the circle.
- \_\_\_45.With the look-back rule in effect, if two or more runners are off their bases, only one runner may be called out and the other returned to the last base touched.

### Pitching Regulations

- \_\_\_46.A pitcher may use a windup in which there is a reversal of the forward motion.
- \_\_\_47.An illegal pitch call always results in the batter being awarded a ball and all runners awarded one base without liability to be put out.
- \_\_\_48.If the ball slips from the pitcher's hand during the backswing or forward motion, it is a pitch and a ball is called on the batter unless the batter swings at the pitch.
- \_\_\_49.A pitcher may lick her fingers and make contact with the ball without restriction.
- \_\_\_50.A pitcher may throw to a base while a foot is in contact with the pitcher's plate after having taken the pitching position.

### Substituting

- \_\_\_51.A player not listed as an eligible substitute on the lineup card shall not be prohibited from playing.
- \_\_\_52.A bleeding player may be treated and remain in the game provided the medical treatment can be administered in a reasonable amount of time.
- \_\_\_53.Any starting player or substitute may be withdrawn from the game and re-entered once.
- \_\_\_54.A substitution may be reported by the substitute or the coach.
- \_\_\_55.A substitute may replace any player when the ball is dead or time has been called.

