



## Baseball and Softball Officials – Answer questions 1-30. Use “A” for True and “B” for False

1. When the umpires observe lightning in the area, they will immediately remove all participants from the field of play into a covered area for 20 minutes.
2. The maximum amount of time the umpires may delay the game due to lightning/weather conditions without it being rescheduled is 30 minutes.
3. If a game is stopped due to weather conditions after one (1) hour and twenty minutes (20) of playing time, the game shall NOT be considered an official game.
4. If a game is stopped due to weather conditions in the bottom of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning and after one (1) hour and ten (10) minutes of playing time, the game shall be considered an official game.
5. During the bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning with the home team winning and one hour into the game, the umpires see a lightning strike and delay the game. After 15 minutes of waiting, they observe another lightning strike and continue to delay the game. Thirty five (35) minutes have now elapsed since the initial lightning strike and more is seen. This is an official game.
6. For all CYC regular season games, no new inning shall begin after one hour (1) and thirty (30) minutes of playing time and the game is over after two hours.
7. For time limits, the time the players take the field shall determine the starting time of the game.
8. During a 6:00 game, the home team is batting and winning in the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. The batter grounds out for the 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the inning at 7:38pm. The game is now over, and no new inning should begin.
9. Batters and runners do NOT need to wear a NOCSAE approved helmet with protective face guard while on the field of play (For grades 3-8, ignore high school for this question).
10. A manager or coach is allowed to sit outside the dugout and give signs to his/her catcher.
11. On deck batters shall warm up behind a fence or behind a base coach (if there is no fenced area to warm up).
12. For both baseball and softball, a pitcher may use a multi-colored glove, provided it is not white or gray.
13. For ALL CYC regular season and playoff games, the managers are required to have the official team roster and all CYC cards, including all coaches' CYC ID cards, present at the field.
14. If a player does not have his/her CYC ID card at the field, the player may participate in the game, but the game may be subject to forfeit.
15. If a player does not have his/her CYC ID card at the field, the manager may elect to not play the individual due to disciplinary reasons. If this occurs, the game is still subject to forfeit.
16. The approved mercy rules for ALL divisions (including Bantam) are the following . 20 runs/3 innings, 15 runs/4 innings, 10 runs/5 innings.
17. If a player is ejected for malicious contact, the umpires do not need to get the CYC ID card until after the game.
18. For all ejections, umpires are required to note the ejection on both game cards and both umpires must fill out official's report forms immediately after the game.
19. The manager may continue to sit on the bench even after he/she has been ejected from the game.
20. For all ejections, the umpires are required to get the CYC ID card or coaching concepts card immediately.
21. Interference is the act of a defensive player impeding the progress of an offensive player.

22. The infield fly shall be called when a fly ball on the edge of the outfield grass can be caught with ordinary effort by an infielder with runners at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> bases, or bases loaded with less than two outs.
23. When a fly ball is hit to the outfield, a runner may not leave his/her base until the act of the catch is complete.
24. Obstruction is the act of impeding a runner's progress by a defensive player.
25. With a runner a 1<sup>st</sup> base, the batter hits a sharp ground ball to the 1<sup>st</sup> baseman, who tags the base. The runner may still be put out by a force out and does not need to be tagged out.

### **For Questions 26-30 – Use the Bantam rules only**

26. An inning shall consist of 5 runs or 3 outs, whichever comes first.
27. In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade baseball/softball, runners may not lead off or steal bases.
28. The catcher needs to catch a 3<sup>rd</sup> strike for the batter to be out.
29. On a ground ball to the shortstop, the runner from 2<sup>nd</sup> base is advancing to 3<sup>rd</sup> base, and the ball is thrown into dead ball territory. The runner is awarded home by the umpires.
30. With a runner a 1<sup>st</sup> base, the batter gets a base hit. The ball is returned to the pitcher with the runner between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bases. The runner may advance home provided he/she does not hesitate or stop at 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

### **Baseball Umpires – Answer questions 31-50**

31. The pitcher turns and feigns a throw to 1<sup>st</sup> base. Umpires call dead ball immediately, rule a balk, and award all runners one (1) base from last legally occupied base at time of the balk.
32. The pitcher does not step off the rubber, steps to throw to 1<sup>st</sup> base, and then throws the ball into dead ball territory. This is not a balk and all runners are awarded two bases from the last legally occupied base.
33. While coming set, the pitcher lifts his front leg to start the pitching motion prior to coming to a complete, discernable stop with his hands. The umpires call a dead ball immediately, rule a balk, and award all runners one base.
34. The pitcher comes to a complete, discernable stop while coming set. He then breaks his hands and looks in for the sign from the catcher again. This is not a balk.
35. A ground ball is hit to the shortstop with a runner (R1) at 1<sup>st</sup> base that is stealing on the pitch. The shortstop flips the ball to 2<sup>nd</sup> base, where the runner is safe. The 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman throws the ball into the dugout. Umpires award home to R1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> base to batter-runner.
36. The pitcher steps off the pitching rubber and attempts to pick off the runner at 1<sup>st</sup> base, but he throws the ball into the stands. Umpires award runner 2<sup>nd</sup> base.
37. The runner at 1<sup>st</sup> base is leading off. The pitcher steps off the rubber and tries to pick off the runner who is returning to 1<sup>st</sup> base, but he throws the ball into the dugout. Umpires award runner 3<sup>rd</sup> base.
38. The declaration of an infield fly would be nullified if an outfielder attempts to catch the ball
39. With two outs, the infield fly is possible with the bases loaded
40. A catch is declared when the shortstop drops the ball while removing the ball from his glove during a double play attempt.
41. The ball is immediately dead on a foul tip.
42. A base runner that successfully steals a base during a foul tip must return to the original base occupied at the time of the pitch.

43. A strike will be charged to the batter when a pitch is struck at and missed, even if the ball hits the batter
44. For a given runner, a force play ends as soon as he touches the next base.
45. If a runner is declared out upon proper appeal for missing a base and that out is the 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the half inning, any runs scored by following runners would not count
46. A runner at 1<sup>st</sup> base tries to advance on a fly ball that is caught by the outfielder. He has already touched 2<sup>nd</sup> base and is on his way to 3<sup>rd</sup>. He does not need to retouch 2<sup>nd</sup> base on his way back to 1<sup>st</sup> base.
47. As a line drive, a batted ball passes inside 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base in flight before it curves to foul ground beyond the base. Umpire rules fair ball.
48. A bunt that starts in foul territory and then spins back into fair territory where it is touched by a fielder before passing 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> base. Umpire rules foul ball.
49. It would be obstruction if a fielder, without possession of the ball, denies access to the base the runner is attempting to gain access.
50. The shortstop is in the act of fielding the ball, when the runner makes contact with her. Umpires call interference and call the runner out immediately. Batter-runner is awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base.

### **Softball Umpires – Answer questions 51-70**

51. The runner at 2<sup>nd</sup> base leaves the base too soon, and the batter hits a triple. Umpires call a delayed dead ball, allow the batter to remain at 3<sup>rd</sup> base, and call the runner out for leaving too soon.
52. With runners at 1<sup>st</sup> base (R1) and 3<sup>rd</sup> base (R3), R1 tries to steal 2<sup>nd</sup> base while the catcher is returning the ball to the pitcher while she is in the circle. The runner stops between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, waits until R3 starts to run home and then goes back to 1<sup>st</sup> base all while the pitcher has the ball in the circle. This is legal and is not a violation of the look-back rule.
53. With a runner at 3<sup>rd</sup> base, the batter-runner draws a walk. She runs to 1<sup>st</sup> base, touches the base, and without hesitation tries to advance to 2<sup>nd</sup> base while the pitcher is holding the ball in the circle. She stops once in between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> bases and then returns to 1<sup>st</sup> base. Umpires call the runner out.
54. The pitcher must keep her pivot foot in contact with the pitching rubber or the ground during her pitching motion and before she releases the ball.
55. During the pitching motion, the pitcher may not leap off the rubber, replant her pivot foot prior or exceed one revolution during her backswing, prior to releasing the ball.
56. An infield fly is still possible in the outfield, as long as the fly ball can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort
57. If a batter were to crouch to make her strike zone smaller, the umpire will determine the strike zone by what would be batter's normal batting stance.
58. A batted ball is deflected off the pitcher's glove and is secured in flight immediately by the shortstop. This is a legal catch.
59. A batted ball that goes directly to the catcher's hands and is legally caught by the catcher is a foul tip.
60. A foul tip on strike three does not result in the batter being out.
61. A force play is a play in which a runner loses her right to the base she occupied and is forced to advance because the batter becomes a batter-runner.
62. Any runner who misses a base while advancing may return to touch it after a following runner has scored.
63. A ball shall be ruled fair when it touches any base and then travels into foul territory

64. The 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman is standing in foul territory but touches the fly ball while the ball is in flight in fair territory. This is a foul ball.
65. A batted ball that hits off the batter's foot while inside the batter's box is a foul ball.
66. The runner at 2<sup>nd</sup> base gets caught in a run-down between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bases. The 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman makes contact with the runner while she is trying to return to 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Umpires rule interference on 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman.
67. The ball is dead immediately upon offensive interference and is a delayed dead ball on obstruction.
68. The catcher tries to pick off the runner returning to 1<sup>st</sup> base on an attempted steal, but she throws the ball into dead ball territory. Umpires award runner 2<sup>nd</sup> base.
69. All base runners are awarded the base they are going to plus one additional base on a ball thrown into dead ball territory by the shortstop making the first play on the infield.
70. The runner at 1<sup>st</sup> base tries to steal 2<sup>nd</sup> base, but has to travel far outside the base path to avoid the 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman standing in the baseline. Runner is tagged out at 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Umpires rule interference.

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# South County CYC Officials Data Sheet

Soccer ( ) Volleyball ( ) Baseball ( ) Softball ( ) Basketball ( )

Official ( ) Scorekeeper/Timekeeper ( )

Previous South County Official Number \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parish (Parishioner of) \_\_\_\_\_

Need a W-9 ( ) If under 18, signed Code of Conduct with your Parish: Yes ( ) No ( )

Are you willing to travel to other Parishes? YES ( ) NO ( )

Grade you are in at the start of this Sport Season (circle one)

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 College Adult (21 years or older)

What College are you attending \_\_\_\_\_

(If 18yrs of age or older, fill out below)

MO. State Child Abuse filed at \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Protecting Gods Children filed at \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Code of Conduct files at \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Submit/Mail/Email this along with your test answer sheet, by: **March, 12, 2010**

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