

# Independent Softball Association



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play I.S.A.”



## Official 2004 Slow-pitch Umpires Rule Test

NAME:

(T)rue or (F)alse

- \_\_\_ 1. A Titanium bat is legal in I.S.A. play.
- \_\_\_ 2. Steel spikes are legal at all levels of I.S.A. play.
- \_\_\_ 3. Teams may begin play in I.S.A. tournaments with 9 players.
- \_\_\_ 4. A player ejected and later discovered playing in that same game will result in his/her team forfeiting that game.
- \_\_\_ 5. Teams that start 10,11 or 12 players may play down to 9 players.
- \_\_\_ 6. In all classes, the penalty for home runs above the legal number is a warning, followed by an ejection.
- \_\_\_ 7. The pitcher has 10 seconds to deliver the pitch, once the ball has been returned to him from the catcher.
- \_\_\_ 8. A base runner may advance on a pitched ball that the batter does not swing at, that hits home plate.
- \_\_\_ 9. The “Base Burglar” may be utilized as a regular substitute, however, that team will lose the “Base Burglar” for the remainder of the game.
- \_\_\_ 10. It is legal for a player to play without shoes.
- \_\_\_ 11. Only the “Designated Base Burglar” may steal bases.
- \_\_\_ 12. The ball is dead on a pitched ball three.
- \_\_\_ 13. In CO-ED play, both a male and a female “Base Burglar” may be used once per inning.
- \_\_\_ 14. The minimum height for a pitched ball to be a strike is four(4) feet from the point of release.
- \_\_\_ 15. A team starting a game with ten(10) players may add an eleventh(11) player at any time during the game.
- \_\_\_ 16. If two runners occupy the same base, the trail runner is always out.
- \_\_\_ 17. The “Base Burglar” may also be the “Extra Player”(EP) in the line-up.

- \_\_\_ 18. All overthrows into dead ball territory are two bases from the time of the throw.
- \_\_\_ 19. An illegal bat and an altered bat always have the same penalty.
- \_\_\_ 20. The ball is live, and runners may advance, on a pitched ball that hits the batter outside of the strikezone
- \_\_\_ 21. During an appeal, the ball remains alive, and base runners may advance.
- \_\_\_ 22. In Co-ed play, it is legal to play with more women than men
- \_\_\_ 23. It is legal for women to play on men's teams.
- \_\_\_ 24. A batter has 10 seconds to take his place in the batters-box, once the umpire says "Play Ball".
- \_\_\_ 25. It is a legal appeal, if the pitcher does not step off the pitching rubber before throwing to a base to appeal a runner's action.
- \_\_\_ 26. If a base runner has not returned to the base after a pitch, and the pitcher delivers a legal pitch to the plate, the umpire shall call "Dead Ball", and declare the base runner "out", if that team has previously been warned for this offense.
- \_\_\_ 27. A base runner may not advance on a pitched ball if the batter swings and misses.
- \_\_\_ 28. The pitcher must be removed from the pitchers position on the third charged conference between a bench representative and any defensive player.
- \_\_\_ 29. A base runner may leave the base when the pitcher releases the ball.
- \_\_\_ 30. A batter is out on his first foul ball with 2 strikes
- \_\_\_ 31. After a batted ball, when the ball is in the possession of the pitcher within the baselines, and all play ceases , the umpire shall call "Time", to make the ball dead.
- \_\_\_ 32. Including the "Wild Base Burglar", the starting line-up card may list up to 13 players.
- \_\_\_ 33. If obstruction occurs, a base runner may be awarded 1, 2 or 3 bases.
- \_\_\_ 34. A fly ball that is touched by a defensive player and goes over the fence in fair territory will be declared a four-base award and shall not be included in the total of over-the-fence home runs.
- \_\_\_ 35. A pitch not swung at by the batter, may be called a strike if the ball hits home plate.
- \_\_\_ 36. The ball is dead, and runners must return to their last base, when a batter hits the first foul ball after two strikes, which is legally caught in the air by a fielder.

- \_\_\_ 37. The penalty for pitches thrown with excessive speed is removing the pitcher from the game.
- \_\_\_ 38. The ball is dead on an intentional walk.
- \_\_\_ 39. The penalty for using an altered bat is the batter is declared out at the time the bat is discovered as being altered, and ejected from the game.
- \_\_\_ 40. A starter and his/her legal substitute may never be in the game at the same time.
- \_\_\_ 41. In CO-ED play, any male batter who receives a base on balls, whether intentional or not, will be awarded second base.
- \_\_\_ 42. The effect of a “Quick Pitch” is a dead ball and a ball awarded to the batter.
- \_\_\_ 43. The defensive team may have one attempted appeal per runner.
- \_\_\_ 44. A batter is declared out if he makes any intentional movement that interferes with the catcher’s attempt to make a play on a base runner attempting to steal.
- \_\_\_ 45. In CO-ED play, the defensive team must have at least six females on the field playing defense.
- \_\_\_ 46. If a pitched ball hits the ground four feet short of home plate, the runner must wait until the ball reaches home plate before attempting to steal the next base.
- \_\_\_ 47. Runners must immediately return to their base, or continue to the next base, after each pitched ball is returned to the pitcher.
- \_\_\_ 48. A legal substitute may be substituted for and re-enter once per game.
- \_\_\_ 49. If a batter swings at a pitched ball that has already hit home plate, or in front of home plate, the batter is out.
- \_\_\_ 50. “ISA” stands for International Softball Association.