**LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL RULES QUIZ**

How well do you know Little League baseball rules?

Answer True or False to each of the following statements:

1. The ball is dead on a foul tip.
2. A batted ball that hits the plate is a foul ball.
3. The base coach can’t leave the coach’s box during play or he/she will be guilty of interference.
4. A batter-runner cannot overrun first base on a base-on-balls.
5. A fly ball that is deflected over the fence in fair territory is a ground rule double.
6. A base runner cannot be guilty of interference on a ground ball if he/she doesn’t touch the fielder.
7. A batter who bats of order is out.
8. The pitcher always gets eight warm-up pitches between innings.
9. If a pitch hits a batter’s hands it’s considered a foul ball, since the hands are considered part of the bat.
10. When the catcher blocks the plate without the ball, it should be called interference.
11. On close plays into home, the base runner must slide or he/she will be called out.
12. A batter hitting the ball twice is OK, if it’s not intentional.
13. In order to be called out on a foul ball, the batted ball must go higher than the batter’s head.
14. If a fielder holds a fly ball for two seconds it’s a legal catch, even if he/she drops it thereafter.
15. A runner who runs more the three feet away from a direct line between bases is out of the baseline and should be called out.
16. In order to satisfy the mandatory playing rule, players must play six consecutive defensive outs.
17. If a batter is batting out of turn, the scorekeeper should let the umpire know.
18. When it’s getting dark, the league president or safety officer can order the game halted.
19. On a double play ball, it’s mandatory for the runner going into second to slide or get out of the way.
20. The batter is out if tagged when he/she turns to the left after crossing first base.
21. It can’t be an Infield Fly if the infielder is standing on the outfield grass.
22. In order for a runner to be called out for interference, it must be intentional.
23. The home plate umpire can over-rule another umpire if he/she has more experience or a better look at the play.
24. When the batter backs out of the box when a pitch is delivered, it’s an automatic strike.
25. The batter is out when he/she hits the ball when he/she is touching home plate.
26. A base coach cannot touch a runner. If he/she does, the runner is out.
27 A runner cannot be called out if hit by a batted ball while standing on a base.
28 In order to make a proper appeal play, the pitcher must first take the ball back to the mound.
29 A batter cannot change from the left-handed to the right-handed batter’s box after two strikes.
30 If the pitch hits the ground before the batter hits it, the ball is dead.
31 The batter is not out for interference with the catcher if he/she stays in the batter’s box.
32 All appeals must be made verbally.
33 Tagging the runner running from first on a ground ball is a tag play, not a force out.
34 Judgment calls can be appealed if the manager feels that the umpire missed the call.
35 When a relief pitcher replaces an injured pitcher, he/she gets as many warm-up pitches as he/she wants.
36 Contact must occur for interference or obstruction to be called.
37 If a fielder runs into an umpire while chasing a fly ball, this is interference and the batter should be called out.
38 The batter-runner is always out if he runs outside the running lane after a bunted ball.
39 Any Little League player who slides headfirst at any time is out.
40 If the batter breaks his wrists when swinging, it's a strike.
41 Tie goes to the runner.
42 Runners may not run the bases in reverse order.
43 A runner may not steal on a foul tip.
44 It is a force out when a runner is called out for not tagging up on a fly ball.
45 An appeal on a runner who missed a base cannot be a force out.
46 Runners may not advance when an infield fly is called.
47 The batter does not get first base if hit by a pitch after it bounces.
48 You must tag the base with your foot on a force out or appeal.
49 If a player's feet are in fair territory when the ball is touched, it is a fair ball.
50 On an overthrow out of play, each runner gets the base he/she is going to plus one additional base.
51 The ball is dead anytime the ball hits an umpire.
52 Runners must stay on their bases until the pitcher releases the ball.

Answer: Every one of these statements is false. For more information, see http://llumpires.com/rules/myths.html