



# USA SOFTBALL UMPIRE EXAM

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The abbreviations used in the questions follow the following: B (N) = Batter; R1 = runner closest to home; R2 is the succeeding runner; R3 is the runner on first base when the bases are full; S (N) = substitutes; CR (N) = courtesy runner(s); PC (N) = physically challenged player; and F (N) = fielder by number. F1 is pitcher; F2 is catcher; F3 is first baseman; F4 is second baseman; F5 is third baseman; F6 is shortstop; F7 is left fielder; F8 is center fielder; and F9 is right fielder. If F10 is used it would be the extra fielder in the slow pitch game.

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## GENERAL QUESTIONS

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- 1) With no outs and R1 on 3B, B2 hits a fly ball to left field. While the ball is in flight, the coach pushes R1 back toward 3B. F7 then makes the catch. The umpire should rule:
  - a. B2 is out on the catch and R1 is out for being physically assisted by the coach. The ball remains live.
  - b. B2 is out on the catch and the ball is dead when the coach assisted R1. R1 must return to 3B.
  - c. The ball is dead, R1 is out for the coach assisting them and B2 is awarded 1B.
  - d. The ball is dead and B2 is out with R1 awarded home.
  
- 2) B1 gets a base hit deep into the outfield, as they are running the bases, they miss 1B, touch 2B and are halfway to 3B when F6 throws the ball into the dugout attempting to make a play on B1 at 3B. B1 seeing the ball thrown into the dugout, returns to 1B retouching 2B along the way. B1 is awarded:
  - a. 2B.
  - b. 1B.
  - c. Home.
  - d. None of the above.
  
- 3) A team starts a game using the Shorthanded Player Rule. Two players show up at the top of the 2nd inning. Which of the following is true:
  - a. Neither player may enter the game.
  - b. One player may enter the game.
  - c. Both players may only be used as substitutes for those players who are already playing in the line-up.
  - d. One player must be entered in the vacant spot or both become ineligible for the remainder of the game.
  
- 4) With two outs and R1 on 3B, B4 hits a slow ground ball to F3. R1 is running on the hit and crosses home plate as F3 fields the ball and moves toward B4 for an attempted tag out. However, B4 stops and then steps back toward home to avoid the tag by F3. What is the correct ruling on this play?
  - a. R1's run counts as they scored before B4 was tagged out.
  - b. R1's run counts as B4 cannot be called for interference.
  - c. R1's run counts since B4 is called out for interference.
  
  - d. R1's run does not count since B4 was called out for the third out of the inning before reaching 1B.
  
- 5) With no outs and R1 on 2B, B2 gets a base hit but the Plate Umpire signals Delayed Dead Ball indicating catcher's obstruction. R1 misses 3B on their way to being thrown out at the plate. The offensive team's coach protests that because R1 never touched 3B they did not legally advance one base, so the offense should have the option to enforce the catcher's obstruction instead of taking the result of the play. What is the proper ruling?
  - a. R1 is returned to 2B and B2 stays at 1B on the catcher's obstruction.
  - b. R1 is returned to 3B and B2 stays at 1B on the catcher's obstruction.
  - c. R1 is out at the plate and the catcher's obstruction is canceled.
  - d. Interference should have been ruled on the catcher and B2 should be placed on 1B and R1 on 3B.
  
- 6) B1 hits a ball up the middle and the ball strikes the pitcher's plate rebounding back toward home plate and makes contact with B1's discarded bat that is laying stationary in fair territory. The ball then rolls untouched into foul territory where it is touched by F2. What is the proper ruling?
  - a. B1 is out for hitting the ball a second time.
  - b. The ball is foul when it is touched by F2 in foul territory.
  - c. The ball is fair because it hit the pitcher's plate before going into foul territory.
  - d. B1 is out because the bat and ball made contact a second time in fair territory.
  
- 7) When conducting bat inspections prior to a game which component of a bat is NOT inspected?
  - a. Taper.
  - b. Grip.
  - c. End Cap.
  - d. Barrel.
  - e. All these are inspected.

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- 8) Which of the following is legal and would not result in an illegal player violation?
- A starting player who starts as F6 in the 5th batting position, leaves the game and re- enters as F1 in the 5th batting position.
  - A starting player leaves the game and re-enters and their substitute is in the game at the same time.
  - A starting player in the 3rd batting position, leaves the game, and re-enters in the 4th batting position.
  - The DP is substituted for by the FLEX, and the DP re-enters the game in another batting position other than the one originally occupied.
- 9) R1 touches home plate prior to the following activities. Which of these would cause R1's run not to be scored if they result in the third out of the inning?
- The batter-runner fails to reach 1B safely.
  - R2 starting at 1B is put out prior to reaching 2B.
  - R2 starting at 1B is properly appealed for missing 2B on their way to 3B.
  - An incorrect batter that completed their turn at bat is properly appealed prior to a pitch to the next batter.
  - All of the above.
- 10) (FP and SP with Stealing) With no outs and R1 on 1B, B3 is batting, but B2 is the proper batter. B3 takes two pitches which are both wild and R1 has now advanced to 3B. The offensive team realizes that B2 is the correct batter and replace B3. The Plate Umpire should:
- Not allow the change because the defensive team must appeal batting out of order.
  - Allow the replacement and leave R1 at 3B.
  - Allow the replacement and move R1 back to 1B.
  - Allow the replacement and move R1 back to 2B.
- 11) With one out, R1 at 2B and R2 at 1B, B4 hits an infield fly to F4 and the umpire signals and pronounces, "Infield fly, the batter is out." R2 collides with F4 prior to the catch being completed and the ball hits the ground. The correct ruling is:
- The ball is dead and B4 is declared out, R1 and R2 are returned to their original bases.
  - Since an infield fly was declared, B4 is out and the ball remains live to provide the defense the opportunity to get additional outs.
  - The ball is dead and B4 remains out on the infield fly, R2 is declared out for interference, and the inning is over.
  - The ball is dead and R2 is declared out for interference. B4 is awarded 1B and R1 is returned on 2B.
- 12) With no outs, R1 on 3B, R2 on 2B, and R3 on 1B. B4 is scheduled to bat, but B5 comes up to bat instead. B5 grounds into a double play, R2 out at 3B and R3 out at 2B, however B5 is safe at 1B and R1 scores on the play. Before the next pitch, the defensive coach appeals B5 batting out of order. What is the proper ruling?
- All outs that occurred before the appeal are nullified and B4 is out for missing their turn at bat, B5 is declared out for batting out of order, and R1, R2, and R3 must return to their original bases. There are now two outs and B6 is the proper batter.
  - All runners called out prior to the appeal remain out. B4 is out for missing their turn at bat. There are now three outs, R1's run scores since it occurred prior to the appeal. B5 will lead off the next inning.
  - All runners called out on the play remain out. B4 is declared out for missing their turn at bat. There are now three outs, R1's run does not count. B6 will lead off the next inning.
  - All runners called out on the play remain out. B4 is declared out for missing their turn at bat. There are now three outs, R1's run does not count, as they would have been returned to 3B if there were less than three outs. B5 will lead off the next inning.
- 13) With one out, R1 at 3B and R2 at 2B, B4 hits a fly ball that is caught by F7. R1 tags and advances to home when F7 first touches the fly ball. R2 leaves 2B before the ball is touched by F7 and advances safely to 3B. F4 appeals that R2 left early and the base umpire calls R2 out for the third out of the inning. R1's run does not count.
- True.
  - False.
- 14) With one out, R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B, B4 hits a ground ball single into right field. F9 fields the ball, throws to F2 as R1 rounds 3B, and is advancing to home. R2 rounds 2B and stops to observe the throw and B4 advances to and rounds 1B. R1 misses home plate, and is pushed back to touch the plate by the on-deck batter. R2 attempts to advance to 3B and B4 is advancing toward 2B when this happens. The correct ruling should be:
- Dead ball, R1 is out, and their run nullified for being physically assisted back to home plate. R2 is returned to 2B and B4 is returned to 1B.
  - R1 is out for being physically assisted, their run counts and the ball remains live.
  - R1 is out for being physically assisted, their run is nullified and the ball remains live.
  - Dead ball, R1 is out for being physically assisted back to home plate but their run counts. R2 is returned to 2B and B4 is returned to 1B.
  - None of the above.

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- 15) B1 is batting and has a 3 ball 2 strike count. F1 pitches to B1 who starts to swing, but then tries to check their swing. The pitch hits B1's fingers, the plate umpire asks the base umpire if B1 swung at the pitch and the base umpire indicates that they did with a strike signal. What is the proper ruling on this play?
- Umpire rules that the hands are considered a part of the bat, so the pitch is a foul ball.
  - B1 was not positioned in the strike zone when they were hit, so they are awarded 1B (HBP in FP and ball 4 in SP).
  - Since it was ruled a swing on the pitch, the ball is dead it is strike 3 and B1 is called out.
  - Whether B1 swung or not, they were hit by the pitch and are awarded 1B (HBP in FP and ball 4 in SP).
- 16) When a batter-runner is contacted by a thrown ball from the plate area after reaching the three-foot lane, whether it is considered interference with the fielder taking the throw at 1B and therefore a violation of the three-foot lane rule is based upon:
- The location of the batter-runner's feet when they are contacted with the throw.
  - The location where the thrown ball contacts the batter-runner.
  - Both a. and b. are considered in this ruling.
  - None of the above.
- 17) In the bottom of the 3rd inning, B4 is the proper batter, but B5 bats instead. B5 reaches 3B safely. As soon as all play is completed, the offensive coach looks at B5 and realizes they batted out of order and informs the plate umpire. The umpire should:
- Ignore this information from the offensive coach as only the defense can appeal batting out of order.
  - Leave B5 on base.
  - Wait for either the next pitch or an appeal by the defensive team.
  - All of the above are correct.
- 18) An ejected player is prohibited from playing but can remain in the dugout and act as a base coach.
- True.
  - False.
- 19) With two outs, R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B, B5 hits a sharp ground ball to F6. F6 fields the ball with their glove. As R1 is passing F6, F6 tags R1 on the shoulder with their bare hand and the ball in the glove. The umpire should rule the following:
- R1 is out on the tag.
  - R1 is not out on the tag.
  - R1 is out for interference.
  - R1 is not out as F6 obstructed the progress of R1 while advancing to 3B.
- 20) With no outs and no runners on base B1 hits a fly ball to the fence between F7 & F8. Both fielders arrive at the same time and the ball bounces off F7's glove, hits the fence and is then caught by F8 before it hits the ground. What is the correct ruling?
- Legal catch since it hit F7's glove before hitting the fence; the batter is out.
  - It is not a legal catch as the ball touched the fence after hitting F7's glove.
  - Ground rule double as it touched the fence before being caught by F8.
  - Legal catch as the ball never touched the ground; the batter is out.
- 21) When a runner on 1B is tagging up on a fly ball, that runner can only use the white portion of the double base.
- True.
  - False.
- 22) With no outs, R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B, B3 gets a base hit that goes to the fence in left-center field. R1 scores and R2 is rounding 3B when the throw toward home plate goes offline and hits offensive equipment outside of the dugout. The umpire should rule the following:
- Rule a dead ball, a blocked ball, award R2 home and the batter-runner 1B.
  - Rule a dead ball, a blocked ball and call the batter-runner out.
  - Rule a dead ball, a blocked ball and if the blocked ball prevented the defense from making an out, the runner being played on is out.
  - Rule a dead ball, a blocked ball and if the blocked ball did not prevent the defense from making an out, the runners are returned to the last base touched at the time of the blocked ball.
  - Based on umpire judgement c. or d. could be correct.

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- 23) If a runner interferes with a fielder and prevents the fielder from catching a routine fly ball, fair or foul, with ordinary effort, the batter is also called out.
- True.
  - False.
- 24) Prior to the pitch, the batter must:
- Have both feet completely within the lines of the batter's box and neither foot can be on the lines prior to the pitch.
  - Have both feet completely within the lines of the batter's box and as long as part of their foot is on the line prior to the pitch they are in the box even if part of the foot is on the ground past the line.
  - Have both feet completely within the lines of the batter's box and as long as their foot is on the line but no part of the foot is outside the lines on the ground prior to the pitch they are in the box.
  - All of the above.
  - None of the above.
- 25) The double base at 1B is only mandatory in Junior Olympic ballgames and is not required for Adult play.
- True.
  - False.
- 26) Which of the following would result in the runner being called out?
- The runner at 1B is positioned behind 1B only in contact with the contrasting color portion in order to get a better start on a fly ball.
  - The runner is positioned behind and not in contact with a base to get a running start on any fly ball.
  - The runner is legally tagged with the ball while not in contact with a dislodged base.
  - All of the above
- 27) With no outs, R1 is on 1B and B2 is at bat with a 3 ball 1 strike count. The next pitch is called a strike, B2 thinking it is strike three walks away from the plate and into their dugout as R1 steals 2B. What is the correct ruling on the play?
- B2 is called out for entering the dugout.
  - B2 is called out and R1 is brought back to 1B.
  - B2 is brought back to the plate and R1 is brought back to 1B.
  - B2 is brought back to the plate and R1 remains on 2B.
- 28) With one out, R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B, B4 hits a line drive up the middle that first hits the pitcher's plate and then goes directly up into the air. The ball is high enough that F4 can catch the ball with ordinary effort. What is the proper ruling?
- The Plate umpire should call "Infield Fly" and rule B4 out.
  - The Plate umpire should call batter "Out" on the caught fly ball and it is not an infield fly since it hit the Pitchers Plate.
  - The umpires should rule dead ball and bring the batter back to bat over with the same count, as they were not sure what to call.
  - The ball remains live, allowing play to continue since hitting the pitcher's plate is the same as hitting the ground, there is no catch.
- 29) With one out, R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B, B4 hits a fly ball into the gap in right center field where F8 makes an amazing diving catch. F8 gets to their feet and throws toward 1B to attempt to retire R2 but the throw goes out of play. At the time of the throw, R1 is heading back to 2B to tag up and R2 is standing on 2B retreating toward 1B. When the ball goes out of play, R1 is standing on 2B and R2 is close to 1B on their way to tag up at 1B. What is the proper ruling?
- After calling "Dead Ball" the umpire will award R1 Home Plate and R2 3B.
  - After calling "Dead Ball" the umpire will award R1 3B and R2 2B since they were returning to tag up when the ball was thrown.
  - After calling "Dead Ball" the umpire will award both runners Home Plate as at the time of the throw both runners were at or past 2B.
  - After calling "Dead Ball" the umpires get together and decide that since both runners had not tagged up at the time of the catch they will be called out.
- 30) With no outs and bases loaded, B4 hits a line drive that F3 catches near the ground. R3 thinking the ball was not caught continues to advance toward 2B. F3 tags 1B to retire R3 then throws the ball to F4 at 2B in an attempt to retire R2 who is returning to tag up at 2B. The throw hits R3 who has just turned around to head back toward 1B and deflects toward F1 allowing R2 time to return to 2B. What is the proper ruling?
- Dead ball; anytime a runner is hit with a thrown ball it is interference, in this case by a retired runner, the runner closest to home, R1, is declared out.
  - The ball remains live; in the umpires judgement R3 did not commit an act of interference; there is no violation.
  - Dead ball; this is interference by a retired runner, the runner being played on, R2, is declared out.
  - None of the above.

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- 31) With one out and R1 on 1B, B3 hits the ball resulting in a short hit with a lot of back spin. B3 drops their bat in fair territory and runs toward 1B. The bat and ball make contact for the second time in fair territory with the ball coming to rest in fair territory. The umpire:
- Judges that the bat was stationary, and the ball rolled into the bat with no intent to interfere; live ball that will become fair once touched in fair territory.
  - Judges that the bat was intentionally dropped to interfere and prevent the ball from rolling foul; dead ball, B3 is out, all runners must return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.
  - Judges that the bat was rolling toward the ball when the second contact was made; dead ball, B3 is out, all runners must return to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.
  - Based on umpire judgment only, a., b. or c. could be true.
- 32) With no outs, R1 at 2B, B2 hits a single. R1 misses 3B on the way to the plate. As the ball is thrown to the plate, R1 is obstructed returning to 3B and tagged out prior to reaching 3B. The umpire rules a dead ball and awards R1 3B on the obstruction call, R1 returns and is standing on 3B. The defense now appeals that R1 missed 3B and is no longer protected between home and 3B and should be called out on the appeal. What is the proper ruling?
- R1 is ruled out; missing a base is an exception where an obstructed runner can be called out between the two bases they were obstructed.
  - The appeal is not honored, R1 had retouched 3B prior to the appeal.
  - R1 is ruled out since they missed 3B prior to being obstructed.
  - The appeal is not honored, R1 was obstructed so by rule they are allowed to miss bases.
- 33) With one out and R1 on 1B, B3 hits a ball in the gap. As R1 rounds 3B they trip over a defensive face mask that F5 has removed and discarded. R1 is thrown out on a close play at home plate. What is the proper ruling?
- There is no violation, R1 remains out on the play.
  - Signal delayed dead ball and verbalized obstruction when R1 trips over the mask.
  - Once R1 was tagged out, call "Dead Ball" and award R1 the base they would have reached had there been no obstruction.
  - Both b. and c. are correct.
  - None of the above.
- 34) Jones, the pitcher, listed seventh in the batting order, is replaced by a substitute as they await their second at bat, the sub bats and is retired, for the third out of the inning. At the beginning of the next half inning Jones returns to pitching without being reported. After the first pitch is hit to Jones who retires B1 at 1B, the offensive coach comes out and wants to protest the game, indicating that Jones is an illegal substitute. What is the correct ruling on the play?
- This is an illegal substitution and Jones is disqualified and replaced with a legal substitute.
  - This is a legal re-entry and Jones is now officially in the game, no option is given to the coach.
  - This is a legal re-entry but an unreported substitute, Jones is officially in the game and the offensive coach is given the option of taking the result of the play or have the last batter return to bat assuming the ball and strike count prior to the last pitch.
  - This is legal and there are no options given to the coach.
- 35) With no outs and R1 on 1B, B2 hit's a hard shot to right center field. F8 throws their glove and contacts the ball. R1 rounds 3B heading home when F8 throws the ball to F2 who tags R1 out at home plate, then throws to F6 to keep B2 on 2B. The correct ruling is:
- The umpire calls dead ball and puts R1 back on 3B.
  - R1 is out at home and B2 remains at 2B.
  - Umpire should signal delayed dead ball when the ball is contacted, then a dead ball when R1 is put out. R1 is awarded home and B2 is awarded 3B.
  - R1 remains out at home, B2 is awarded 3B.
- 36) With one out, R1 on 2B, R2 on 1B, B4 has a 1 ball 1 strike count and hits a long fly ball down the 1B line. R1 watches, thinking the ball will be caught, and R2 passes R1 while the ball is in the air. The ball falls into foul territory just short of the fence. What is the proper ruling?
- R2 is out for passing R1 and B4 returns to bat with two outs and a 1 ball 2 strike count.
  - R2 is out as soon as they pass R1. Since the ball ends up an uncaught foul ball and runners cannot advance R1 is returned to 2B and R2 is returned to 1B, B4 now has a 1 ball 2 strike count.
  - R2 is out for passing R1, since this act was designed to confuse the defense, the runner closest to home, R1 is declared out for the third out of the inning B4 will be the first batter in the next inning.
  - None of the above.

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## FAST PITCH QUESTIONS

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- 37) Which of the following is NOT an illegal pitch in Fast Pitch?
- The pitch is delivered with the pitching hand outside the elbow.
  - The pitcher deliberately rolls the pitch to the plate to prevent the batter from swinging at the pitch.
  - The pitcher releases a quick pitch while the batter is off balance in the batter's box.
  - After separating the hands, the pitcher throws to 3B to pick off R1 who is anticipating a squeeze play.
- 38) The Designated Player (DP) is listed properly in the fourth spot in the line-up and the FLEX is properly listed in the tenth spot in the line-up. In the third inning, it is reported to the Plate Umpire that the DP will now play defense for the FLEX position. Which of the following is a true statement?
- This is not legal, and the umpire should not allow it to occur.
  - This is a legal change, and the FLEX has left the game.
  - This is a legal change, but it can only be made one time per game.
  - This is not a legal change because the DP is not allowed to play offense and defense at the same time.
- 39) When the pitcher takes more than 20 seconds to release the pitch after receiving the ball, the umpire should rule:
- Illegal pitch.
  - Ball on the batter.
  - Award the batter 1B.
  - None of the above.
- 40) With two outs and no runners on base, B3 is at the plate with a 2 ball 2 strike count. F1 pitches and the ball touches the ground in front of home plate. B3 swings at the pitch and F2 catches the ball on the first bounce. B3 runs toward 1B and F2 holds the ball while all the defensive fielders run off the field toward the dugout. B3 continues to run the bases and crosses the plate. What is the proper ruling?
- B3 is allowed to reach 1B safely but cannot advance any farther.
  - B3's run would count as this is considered a dropped third strike.
  - B3 would be out because F2 caught the ball cleanly after the first bounce.
  - B3 must stop at the base achieved before the last defensive infielder leaves the field.
- 41) Which of the following is not a characteristic of a bunt?
- Ball is tapped.
  - Batter's hands must be separated.
  - Ball must remain in the infield.
  - Must be an intentional attempt.
- 42) With R1 on 1B and no outs, F1 is called for committing an illegal pitch that B2 hits to F4 who retires R1 at 2B. The umpire should:
- (Adult FP) Give the offensive coach the option of taking the result of the play or enforcing the penalty of a ball on the batter and awarding R1 2B.
  - (JO FP) Give the offensive coach the option of taking the result of the play or enforcing the penalty of a ball on the batter.
  - Since B2 hit the illegal pitch, it is nullified and all play stands.
  - Both a. and b. are correct.
  - None of the above.
- 43) The pitcher, while standing on the pitcher's plate, tosses the ball back and forth from hand to glove, stops with both hands together for one second and then pitches to the batter. The umpire should rule:
- Dead ball, illegal pitch.
  - Allow play to continue this is a legal pitch.
  - Dead ball warn pitcher. If action is repeated, disqualify the pitcher.
  - Delayed dead ball, illegal pitch.

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## MECHANIC QUESTIONS

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- 44) In a two-umpire system with the Base Umpire not chasing a fly ball, the following play occurs: With one out and R1 on 2B, B3 hits a fly ball to F8 who catches the ball. R1 tags up and advances toward 3B. Which of the following is correct umpire coverage:
- The Base Umpire should pick up the ball as they buttonhook inside the diamond; take the tag-up at 2B, while the Plate Umpire takes the catch by F8 and the play at 3B.
  - The Base Umpire should pick up the ball as they buttonhook inside the diamond; take the tag-up at 2B and the play at 3B, while the Plate Umpire takes the catch by F8.
  - The Base Umpire should pick up the ball as they buttonhook inside the diamond; take the catch by F8 and the tag-up at 2B, while the Plate Umpire takes the play at 3B.
  - The Base Umpire should stay outside the diamond for a better look at the tag-up, while the Plate Umpire takes the catch by F8 and the play at 3B.
- 45) With a runner on 3B, B2 hits a short fly ball to left field that looks like a base hit. To obtain the best position for a close play at the plate, the Plate Umpire should:
- Take a position 10 – 12 feet beyond Home Plate on the 3B line extended and adjust to see the play as the throw arrives.
  - Take a position directly in front of Home Plate and adjust as needed to allow the ball to take them to the play.
  - Take a position 10 – 12 feet beyond Home Plate on the 1B line extended and adjust to see the play as needed.
  - Take a position in foul ground, 90 degrees to the path of the runner just outside the deepest corner of the right handed batter's box.
- 46) The starting position for the Base Umpire in a Two-Umpire System with no runners on base in SP and FP is:
- In SP off the Second Baseman, on the 1B side of the second baseman and in FP is on the foul line, 18-21 feet behind 1B walking the line.
  - On the foul line, 18-21 feet behind 1B walking the line.
  - Off the second baseman on the 1B side of the Second Baseman.
  - Off the Second Baseman on the 2B side of the Second Baseman. Answer b. Umpire Manual Chapter 6
- 47) In a Three-Umpire System with R1 at 2B and R2 at 1B and less than 2 outs, a fly ball is hit in the PU's coverage area in right field toward the 1B line. What are the tag-up responsibilities for the base umpires?
- U1 has R1 and R2.
  - U3 has R1 at 2B, U1 has R2 at 1B.
  - U3 has R1 and R2.
  - None of the above are correct.
- 48) Signaling and verbalizing obstruction is only required when the umpire is going to award the obstructed runner a base.
- True.
  - False.
- 49) Which of the following about the holding zone is true?
- In the two-umpire system the holding zone is about halfway between home and 3B.
  - The holding zone is an area in foul ground.
  - The plate umpire should be deep enough (far enough away from the foul line) in the holding zone to have an unobstructed view of all four elements and read the play.
  - In the three-umpire system when there is no fly ball coverage, there is no holding zone.
  - All the above are true.
- 50) In the two-umpire system, R1 is on 2B with no outs and B2 hits a deep fly ball that is dropped by F8. R1 advances to 3B where there is a close tag play. What are the proper umpire mechanics for this play?
- Base umpire has the tag-up at 2B and the plate umpire has the tag play at 3B.
  - Plate umpire has the tag-up at 2B and the tag play at 3B.
  - Base umpire has the tag-up at 2B and the tag play at 3B.
  - Plate umpire has tag-up at 2B and base umpire has tag play at 3B.

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## ALTERNATIVE SLOW PITCH QUESTIONS

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- 51) After a warning in the first inning, the same pitcher again delivers a pitch with excessive speed. The umpire should:
- Eject the pitcher.
  - Give the pitcher another warning and on the next violation, eject the pitcher.
  - Disqualify the pitcher from the game.
  - Remove the pitcher from the pitching position for the remainder of the game.
- 52) When the pitcher makes a pitching motion while in contact with pitcher's plate prior to the stop, the umpire should rule:
- "Dead ball" should be called, ruled an illegal pitch and a warning issued to the pitcher.
  - An "illegal pitch" is called.
  - Allow play to continue, this is legal.
  - "Dead ball" should be called, and a warning is issued to the pitcher.
- 53) When a leadoff hitter hits an over-the-fence home run in excess of their limit, the half inning is over in:
- Men's Class D
  - Class D Coed
  - Class E/Rec
  - None of the above.
- 54) With two outs, B3 hits a triple. B6 is used as a courtesy runner and placed on 3B. The defense requests to intentionally walk B4 and B5. Which of the following is NOT a true statement concerning this situation?
- B3 is declared out after the walk is issued to B5.
  - A substitute can be entered for B3, to replace B6 on base in the line-up prior to B5 entering the batter's box.
  - The umpire should not allow both intentional walks at the same time.
  - A different courtesy runner may replace B6 after the intentional walk was issued to B4.
- 55) In a Coed game, the offensive team is batting 12 players (2 EP's). With R1 on 3B, R2 on 1B and one out, B4 hits into a double play with R2 forced out at 2B and B4 put out at 1B. Before the defense has left the field, the offensive coach informs the umpire that there was only one female in the infield with three males. What is the proper ruling?
- Bring B4 back to bat and put R1 back on 3B and R2 back on 1B.
  - Give the offensive coach the choice of taking the play or putting B4 at 1B, R2 at 2B, and advancing R1 home to score.
  - Give the offensive coach the choice of taking the play or putting B4 at 1B, R2 at 2B, and returning R1 to 3B.
  - As the third out was recorded, all play stands. Umpires should warn the defense to make defensive changes before the start of the next inning.
- 56) A team starts with a line-up of 10 players and no substitutes. In the second inning R1 is at 3B with B2 batting. R1 suddenly realizes they must leave the game. The team has no available substitutes, but the coach inserts a courtesy runner for R1. At the start of the third inning, the player who left the game and has not returned is due to bat. The coach informs the plate umpire that they will be playing short-handed and takes an out in that batting position. In the 4th inning, the original player returns, and the coach now wants to reenter them back in the game. What is the proper ruling?
- As the team had no available substitutes, a courtesy runner should not have been allowed for R1, and the original player cannot return to the line-up.
  - A courtesy runner is allowed for R1, and the original player can return to the line-up in their original spot in the batting order.
  - A courtesy runner is allowed for R1, and the original player can return to the line-up, but they must move to the last position in the batting order.
  - A courtesy runner is allowed for R1, but the original player cannot return to the line-up, unless they left the game under the blood rule.
- 57) In a slow pitch game with stealing, R1 on 1B and no outs, B2 is batting with a 3 ball 1 strike count. The next pitch lands behind home plate for ball four and the ball is missed by F2 rolling to the backstop. R1 rounds 2B and advances toward 3B drawing a throw from F2. B2 advances to 2B on the throw to 3B as R1 slides in safely at 3B. The defensive coach protests that this is slow pitch softball, and the ball should have been "dead" on ball four. What is the proper ruling?
- This is not a dead ball in a slow pitch game with stealing; R1 is safe at 3B and since there was a play on another runner B2 is allowed to advance to 2B.
  - A dead ball should have been called and R1 should be returned to 2B and B4 returned to 1B.
  - R1 has the right to steal a base and would remain at 3B, but B4 may not advance past first base and should be returned to 1B.
  - A dead ball should have been called and R1 should be declared out for interference by drawing a throw to 3B. B4 should be returned to 1B.

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NOTE: Each answer should be marked solid, i.e. ● DO NOT CIRCLE.

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

- 1  A  B  C  D  E
- 2  A  B  C  D  E
- 3  A  B  C  D  E
- 4  A  B  C  D  E
- 5  A  B  C  D  E
- 6  A  B  C  D  E
- 7  A  B  C  D  E
- 8  A  B  C  D  E
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- 33  A  B  C  D  E
- 34  A  B  C  D  E
- 35  A  B  C  D  E
- 36  A  B  C  D  E

## FAST PITCH QUESTIONS

- 37  A  B  C  D  E
- 38  A  B  C  D  E
- 39  A  B  C  D  E
- 40  A  B  C  D  E
- 41  A  B  C  D  E
- 42  A  B  C  D  E

- 43  A  B  C  D  E

## MECHANIC QUESTIONS

- 44  A  B  C  D  E
- 45  A  B  C  D  E
- 46  A  B  C  D  E
- 47  A  B  C  D  E
- 48  A  B  C  D  E
- 49  A  B  C  D  E
- 50  A  B  C  D  E

## ALTERNATIVE SLOW PITCH QUESTIONS

- 51  A  B  C  D  E
- 52  A  B  C  D  E
- 53  A  B  C  D  E
- 54  A  B  C  D  E
- 55  A  B  C  D  E
- 56  A  B  C  D  E
- 57  A  B  C  D  E

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