

Alberta NUCP Umpire Exam

2004 Level 1

True False 1) Left fielder makes the catch, immediately bangs into the wall and drops the ball. This is a catch. Rule 2.00 (Catch)

Decision: False

True False 2) Third baseman catches the ball and drops it while in the act of making a throw. This is a catch. Rule 2.00 (Catch)

Decision: True

True False 3) Either umpire may call time. Rule 9.04(b)(2)

Decision: True.

True False 4) No runners. Batted ball is overthrown into dead ball territory. The umpire has correctly called this a dead ball. Rule 7.05(g)

Decision: True.

True False 5) No runners. Batted ball is overthrown into dead ball territory. The umpire rules one base from the time of the pitch and awards batter first base. Rule 7.05(g)

Decision: False. This is a two base award from time of pitch.

True False 6) No runners. A hard hit ball to the shortstop is overthrown at first base into dead ball territory. The first baseman retrieves the ball and returns to his position at first base with the ball. The umpire is now correct in calling this a live ball. Rule 5.11

Decision: False. The pitcher must have the ball and be on the rubber before the umpire-in-chief can call play.

True False 7) Runners on first and second with one out. The batter attempts to bunt and the ball is popped up high in the air to the pitcher. This is an infield fly. Rule 2.00 (Infield Fly)

Decision: False. An attempted bunt cannot be ruled an infield fly.

True False 8) No runners. Batted ball is overthrown into dead ball territory. The pitcher must have the ball in his possession, be on the rubber and the plate umpire calls "play" to create a live ball. Rule 5.11

Decision: True.

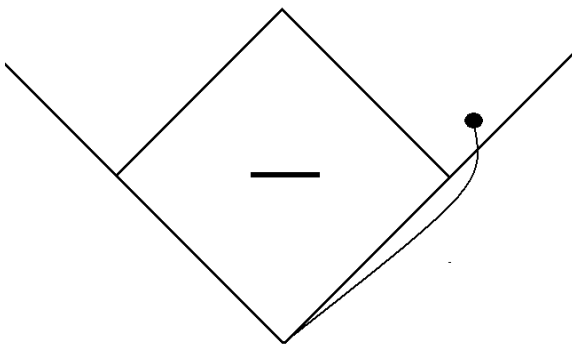
True False 9) On a foul tip the ball is dead. Rule 2.00 (Foul Tip)

Decision: False.

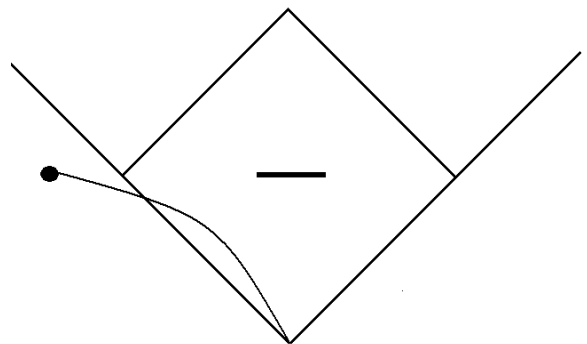
- True False 10) A line drive that the first baseman touches but does not catch, while the ball is over foul ground is a fair ball because his feet were still in fair territory. Rule 2.00 (Foul Ball)
- Decision:** False. This is a foul ball. In this situation, fair/foul decisions are made based on the relative position of the ball to the foul line when touched. The position of the fielder is irrelevant.
- True False 11) An outfielder is running toward the foul line when he touches a fly ball over fair territory but deflects the ball into foul territory where it falls to the ground. This is a foul ball. Rule 2.00 (Fair Ball)
- Decision:** False. In this situation, fair/foul decisions are made based on the relative position of the ball to the foul line when touched. The position of the fielder is irrelevant.
- True False 12) While on the rubber the pitcher throws to first base to pick off a runner but the ball gets away from the first baseman and rolls into dead ball area. The runner is awarded second base. Rule 7.05(h)
- Decision:** True.
- True False 13) The batter is hit by a pitch. The ball is Dead. Rule 5.09(a)
- Decision:** True. The ball is dead.
- True False 14) The pitcher is behind the rubber with the ball when he makes a quick throw to first base in an attempt to get the runner. The ball is thrown into dead ball area. The runner should be awarded third base. Rule 8.01(e), 7.05(g)
- Decision:** True. The pitcher is considered an infielder when they are not touching the rubber.
- True False 15) A pitch bounces in the dirt and then strikes the batter on the leg. The batter should be awarded first base because he was hit with the ball. Rule 6.08(b)
- Decision:** True.
- True False 16) A batter has one foot on the ground completely out of the batter's box when the pitch is on the way. To be called out the batter must make contact with the ball. Not just swing at and miss the pitch. Rule 6.06(a)
- Decision:** True.
- True False 17) When catcher's interference occurs a dead ball is called immediately. Rule 6.08(c)
- Decision:** False. The umpire must wait to see the results of any action. If the pitched ball is caught then the ball is dead.
- True False 18) It is an infield fly situation if there are runners at first and second base or the bases are loaded and there are less than two out. Rule 2.00 (Infield Fly)
- Decision:** True.

- True False 19) Mosquito Baseball and Little League Major League. Two are out with runner at first base. The catcher does not catch strike three. The batter may run to first base. Rule 6.09(b) (Canadian Content), 6.05(b) (Little League)
- Decision:** False. At this level of ball, the third strike does not have to be caught.
- True False 20) The batter is out if he bunts foul on a third strike. Rule 6.05(d)
- Decision:** True.
- True False 21) Runner on third is trapped between home and third base. In the rundown the base runner collides with player who does not have the ball. The ball is dead and the runner gets home. Rule 7.06(a), 2.00 (Obstruction)
- Decision:** True. The runner is entitled to the base to which he had started when the obstruction occurs.
- True False 22) The ball can be either alive or dead when the defense makes an appeal for a missed base. Rule 7.10 (last paragraph)
- Decision:** False. The ball must be alive.
- True False 23) The pitcher can take his signs while on the rubber or while straddling the rubber. Rule 8.01 (second paragraph)
- Decision:** False. The pitcher must be on the rubber.
- True False 24) Appeals on a half swing may be made on either a ball or strike and the plate umpire must refer to the base umpire for his judgement. Rule 9.02(c) (comments - second paragraph)
- Decision:** False. They can only be made on a called ball.

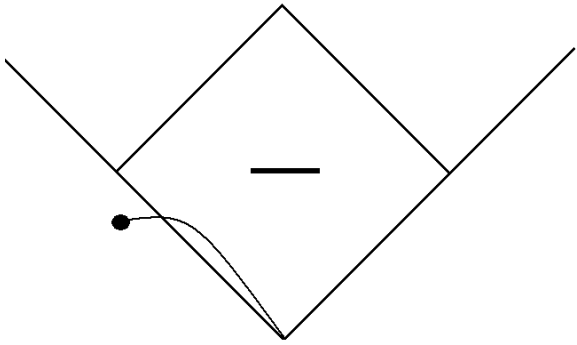
Questions 25 to 34. Based on the following diagrams, state whether it is a fair or foul ball. Rule 2.00 (Fair Ball, Foul Ball, Fair Territory, Foul Territory)



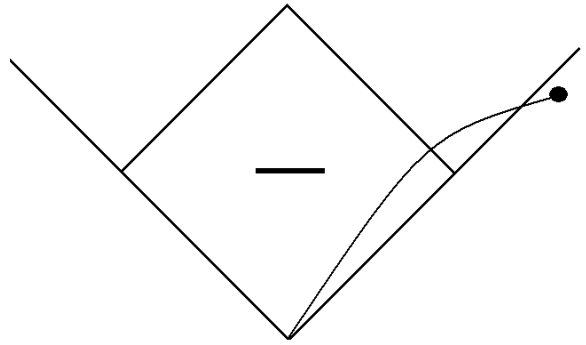
25) Fair / Foul
Decision: Foul



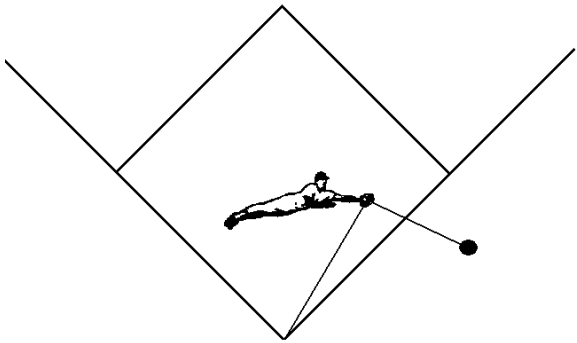
26) Fair / Foul
Decision: Foul



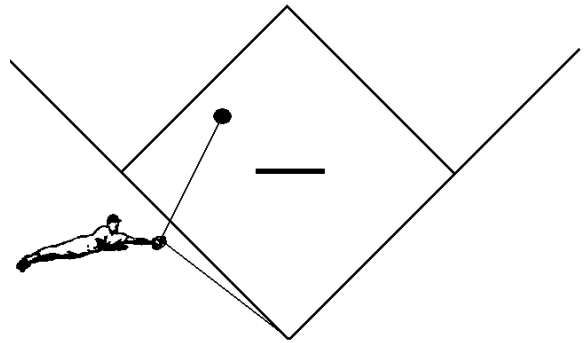
27) Fair / Foul
Decision: Foul



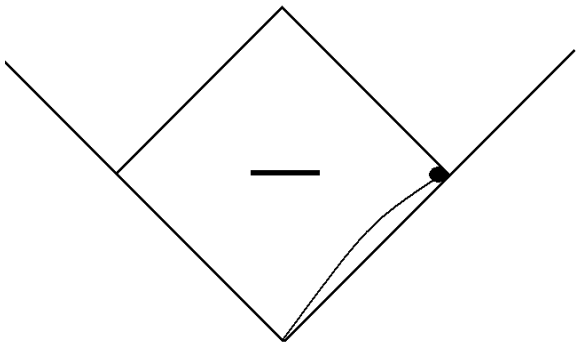
28) Fair / Foul
Decision: Fair



29) Fair / Foul
Decision: Fair

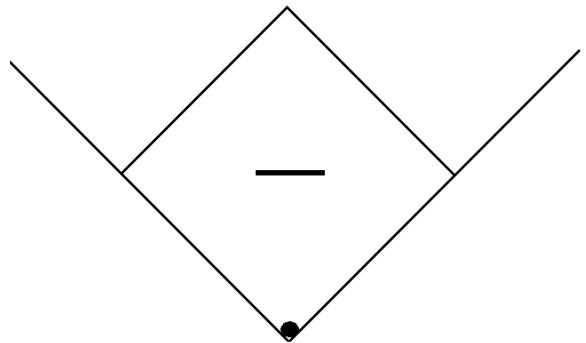


30) Fair / Foul
Decision: Foul



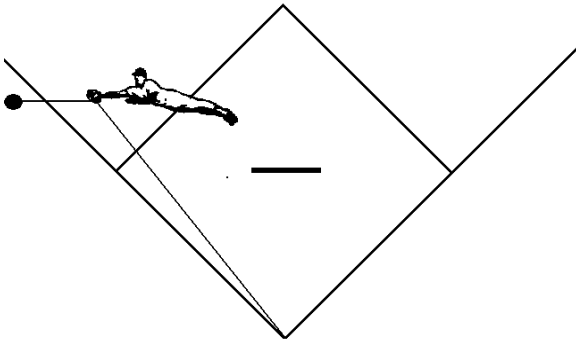
31) Fair / Foul

Note: The ball hit first base.
Decision: Fair

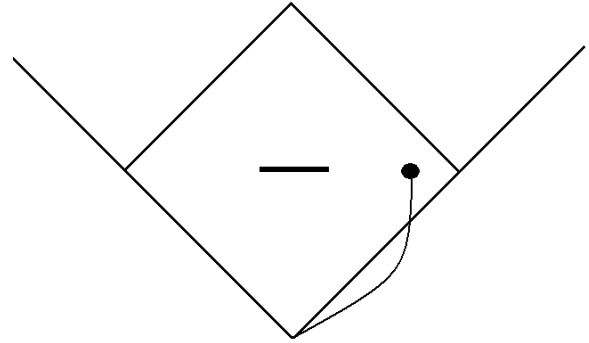


32) Fair / Foul

Note: The ball settles on home plate.
Decision: Fair

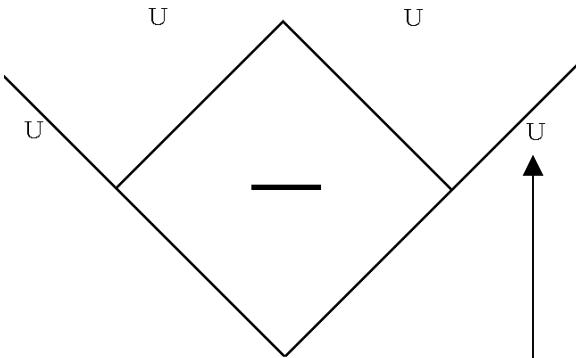


33) Fair / Foul
Decision: Fair

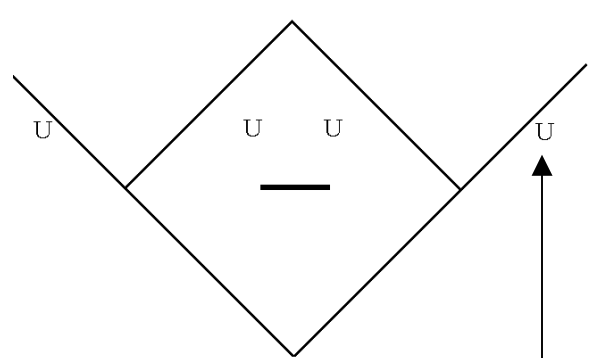


34) Fair / Foul
Decision: Fair

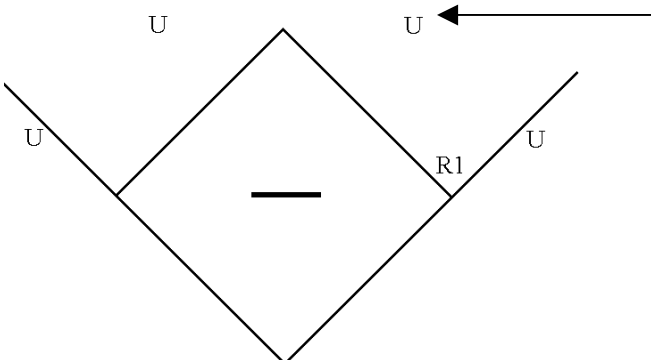
Questions 35 to 42. Based on the diagrams, indicate where the **base umpire** should be positioned. (circle one "U" in each diagram). Minor baseball does not allow leadoffs. Major baseball allows leadoffs.



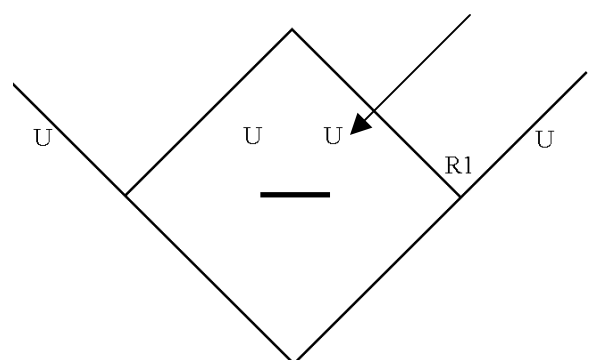
35) Minor – No Runners



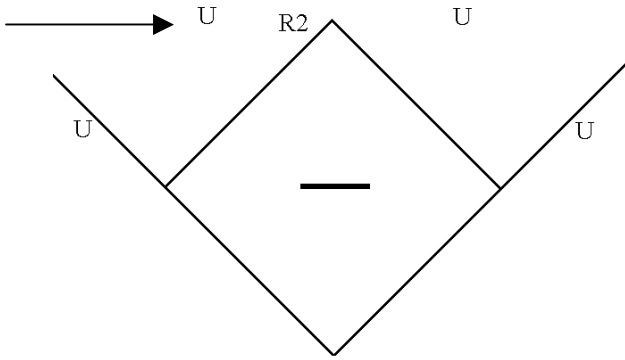
36) Major – No Runners



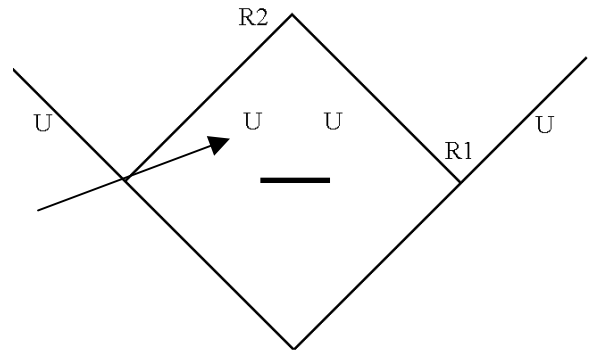
37) Minor – Runner on First



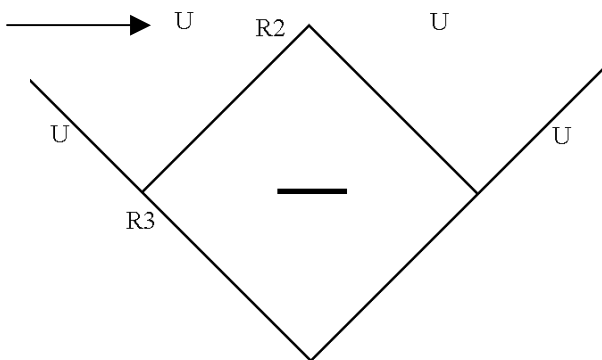
38) Major – Runner on First



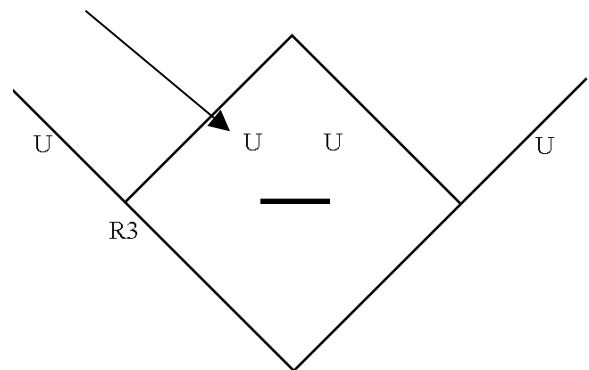
39) Minor – Runner on Second



40) Major – Runners on First and Second

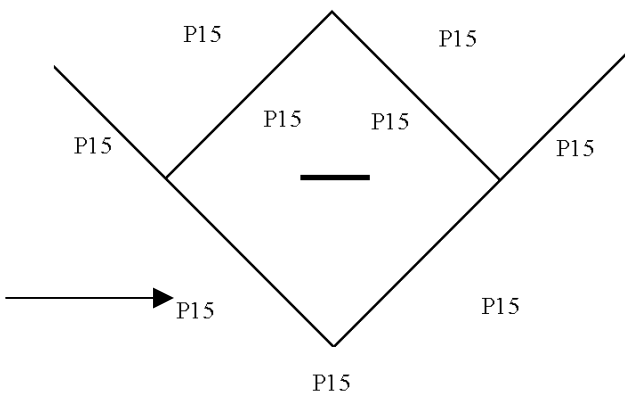


41) Minor – Runners on Second and Third

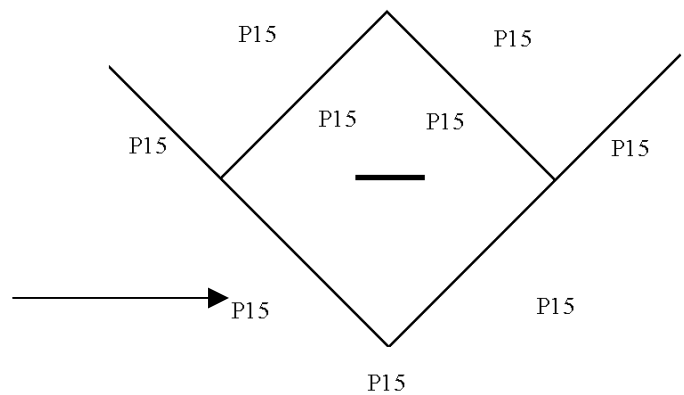


42) Major – Runner on Third

Questions 43 to 44. Based on the diagrams, indicate where the plate umpire should be positioned to be at P15. (circle one “P15” in each diagram). Minor baseball does not allow leadoffs. Major baseball allows leadoffs.



43) Minor Baseball



44) Major Baseball