

2004 Superclinic Practice Exam - Answers

- 1) True. With two outs, the batter is declared out for his interference. With less than two out, the runner would be declared out. Rule 6.06(c) and 7.08(g).
- 2) False. The umpire shall allow eight warm-up pitches. Rule 8.03
- 3) True. When no intent is evident, a ball that strikes a helmet remains in play. Rule 6.05(h)
- 4) True. This is completely legal. The out "stands" and the runner advances at his own risk. Rule 2.00 (Catch) and 7.04(c).
- 5) False. The pitch must enter the strike zone "In Flight" to be called a strike. Rule 2.00 (A Ball)
- 6) False. The batter is not out since the third strike was not legally caught before touching the ground. He may attempt to reach first base. Rule 6.05(b).
- 7) True. The ball is dead and no balk shall be called. The batter may not step out after the pitcher starts his motion. Start over from scratch. Rule 6.02(b) and 4.06(a)(3).
- 8) True. The batter is out for having his foot on the ground entirely out of the batter's box when he contacted the ball. Fair or foul, it does not matter. Rule 6.06(a)
- 9) True. The ball is alive and in play. Rule 7.09(m).
- 10) True. The ball is alive and in play since it has passed an infielder. It does not matter if another fielder has a play on the ball. Runners advance at their own risk. Rule 6.08(d) and 5.09(f).
- 11) True. Rule 2.00(Fair Ball / Foul Ball).
- 12) False. The batter is not out. This is a foul ball. To be a legal catch the ball must first touch the hand or glove. Rule 6.05(b) and 2.00 (Foul Tip).
- 13) False. The umpire may order the lights turned on whenever he deems further play hazardous. However, he should try to have them turned on at the beginning of an inning. Rule 4.14
- 14) True. Except the pitcher and catcher, any fielder may station himself anywhere in fair territory. Rule 4.03(c).
- 15) False. Once the game pitcher takes a different defensive position, the designator hitter rule is terminated for that game. The DH may not bat. The original pitcher must now bat in that spot. Rule 6.10(b).
- 16) True. Rule 3.03
- 17) False. The ball is dead and the batter is out. He cannot intentionally deflect either a foul or fair ball. Rule 6.05(i).
- 18) False. This is not considered a catch. All runners are awarded four bases. Score two runs. Rule 7.05(a), 2.00 (Catch, In Flight)
- 19) False. The ball is considered in flight and so the batter is out on the fly ball caught. Rule 2.00 (In Flight)
- 20) False. The pitcher brought in to start the ninth inning must pitch to at least one batter. This latter change would not be legal. Rule 3.05(b)
- 21) False. The runner is awarded third base. Since the pitcher was not on the rubber the award is two bases. Rule 7.05(g), 7.05(h)
- 22) True. Since the pitcher had not delivered the ball at the time of the interference the umpire shall call "time" and the batter and pitcher start over. No penalty. Rule 6.08(a)
- 23) False. The batter is awarded first base, however, the runner is declared out for being hit by a fair ball. Rule 6.08(d), 7.08(f)

- 24) True. This is considered a hit batsman since he did not swing at the pitch. He is awarded first. Rule 6.08(b)
- 25) False. The umpire must decide one of three things: 1) Has the catcher obstructed with the batter-runner, 2) Has the batter-runner interfered with the catcher, or 3) Is this coincidental contact. In this case when the catcher is in the act of fielding a batted ball and a serious collision occurs from behind, the batter is out for interference. Rule 7.09(l)
- 26) Pro: False. There is no final score. This is a suspended game since the visitors took the lead in an unfinished inning. The game must be finished at a later date. Rule 4.12(a)(5) Little League: True. This is a completed game with the home team winning 3-0. The score reverts back to the last completed inning in cases where the home team has scored enough runs to take the lead. Rule 4.11(d)
- 27) True. This is simply ball 4 since it crossed the foul line. If it had not crossed the foul line, it would be "no pitch" with no runners on base. Rule 8.01(d)
- 28) True. This is a legal switch. no one is declared out. Rule 6.07(a)
- 29) False. A deflected ball that hits the foul pole above the fence is a home run. This is a grand slam with four runs scoring. Rule 6.09(h)
- 30) True. The batter had better take off. This is a fair ball, since the ball was first touched in fair territory. Rule 2.00 (fair/foul)
- 31) True. This should be ruled interference whether it is intentional or not. The batter is out and all runners return. Rule 6.05(h)
- 32) True. This game must be picked at the top of the tenth inning. Rule 4.12(a)(3), 4.12(b)
- 33) True. The runner returns to first. Since the catcher's throw did not retire the runner, the ball becomes dead and the runner must return. 5.09(b), 2.00 (Interference(c))
- 34) True. This is balk since the pitcher threw to an unoccupied base and no play occurred. Rule 8.05(d)
- 35) True. The batter is out provided the fielder does not drop the ball attempting to get it from the trapped position while securing possession with his hand. Rule 2.00 (Catch)
- 36) False. The plate umpire has the jurisdiction to set this ground rule. 3.13, 9.04(a)(9)
- 37) True. Provided he made an effort to prevent from being hit. 5.09(a), 2.00 (Ball), 2.00 (Touch), 6.08(b)
- 38) True. 9.04c
- 39) False. The half-swing can only be appealed on a ball. 9.02c
- 40) True. 9.04b2
- 41) True 3.03 notes
- 42) True 8.02(d)
- 43) False. The umpire should call a ball except if the pitcher delivers the pitch and all runners including the batter-runner advance at least one base. Rule 8.02(a)(1)
- 44) False Rule 3.15
- 45) False The run is allowed to score. With two out, the run would not score. 6.05(n), 5.09(h)
- 46) False 7.06(b)
- 47) False The following runner must be tagged. 7.03
- 48) True 6.09(b)
- 49) False. The pitcher is only removed in professional baseball. In all amateur baseball the pitcher may move to another position. 8.06(b) Canadian Content.

- 50) False. The ball is alive and in play. Rule 5.10(f), 7.04(c)
- 51) Pro - True, Little League - False. Little League specifies all fielders. Also, although never mentioned in the rule book, the catcher cannot appeal after he leaves his normal position. 7.10 notes.
- 52) False The pitcher has 20 seconds. This starts over every time batter leaves the box. Rule 8.04
- 53) False. Note: In Little League, it cannot be white. In Pro, it can be white as long as the entire team is of uniform colour. 1.11(a)
- 54) False. The ball is not dead if there is no play being made on the obstructed runner. 7.06(b)
- 55) False. 6.10
- 56) True. Rule 1.04 diagram.
- 57) True. Home team wins the game 4-3. Rule 4.10(c)
- 58) False. This is a suspended game under Official Rule 4.12(a.3).
- 59) True. Rule 7.10 (Casebook Comments)
- 60) False. The ball is alive and in play. Rule 7.08(h)
- 61) True. This is NOT interference. Rule 5.08, 3.15
- 62) False. Rule 6.05(l) (Approved Ruling)
- 63) True. Rule 4.08
- 64) False. Rule 2.00 (Foul Tip)
- 65) True. Rule 6.08(b), 2.00 (Person, Touch)
- 66) False. Any umpire can inspect and throw out a baseball. Rule 3.01(c), 5.10(e)
- 67) True. He must be well removed from his bench or bullpen. He may not sit in the press box. Rule 4.07
- 68) False. The visit is concluded when the manager leaves the 18' circle. Rule 8.06
- 69) True. Rule 6.07 (last sentence)
- 70) False. It must be completed prior to the start of the first game of a of a single or double header. Rule 4.12(c)
- 71) False. The runner had already scored prior to the interference. 2.00 (Interference(a))
- 72) True. Rule 5.08
- 73) False. The batter is out on strikes and the runner is out because of the batter's interference. Rule 7.09(f), 7.09(a) and Penalty.
- 74) False. Chinstraps are required for PeeWee and lower. Rule 1.16 (Canadian Content)
- 75) True. Rule 5.09(a), 6.08(b)
- 76) True. Rule 5.09(d)
- 77) False. The ball must be alive. Rule 7.10 (last paragraph)
- 78) True. Rule 6.09(f)
- 79) True. Rule 6.08(c)
- 80) False. The batter is out and the the ball is dead. However, all runners advance one base when the fielder falls into a dugout. Rule 5.10(f), 7.04(c), 2.00(catch)