

Alberta NUCP Umpire Exam

2005 Level III

- 1) Top of the first inning the first batter of the game is at bat. The starting pitcher throws two wild pitches and his disgruntled manager goes to the mound to change pitchers. This is allowed.
- 2) One out and two strikes on the batter with a runner on third. The batter swings and misses. The ball passes the catcher and lodges in the umpire's mask. The batter is out on strikes, the ball is dead and R3 scores.
- 3) Runner on first base. The pitcher is on the mound with his pivot foot off the rubber. He reaches up and touches his pitching hand to his mouth. This is a balk.
- 4) The batter hits a sinking line drive to right center. Two outfielders converge. The ball is caught by the center fielder just before the two collide. They both fall to the ground and the center fielder's glove comes off his hand. With the ball still firmly in the glove, the right fielder picks the ball from the glove. This is a catch.
- 5) One out with a runner on second base. The batter bunts the ball in front of home plate. He drops the bat and the bat strikes the ball in fair territory. The catcher fields the ball and retires the batter at first base. The runner from second advances to third safely. As the umpire you correctly rule interference and declare the batter out and place the runner on third.
- 6) The first batter of the game swings and misses for strike three. The pitch gets away from the catcher and rolls toward the screen. The catcher fields the ball and fires to first trying to retire the advancing batter-runner. The ball strikes him in the back while he is running five or six feet in foul territory as he nears first base. This is legal and the runner is safe.
- 7) One out. The runner on first is running on the pitch. The batter hits a fly ball to right center. As R1 rounds second, he sees his coach yelling for him to return to first. He retouches second and is headed for first when he passes the batter-runner headed for second. The ball drops in and when the play finishes R1 is standing on first and the BR is standing second. R1 is out for running the bases in reverse order.
- 8) Runners on first and third with one out. The batter chops a high hopper towards shortstop. The shortstop charges in and fields the batted ball. He fires to second to start the double play, but his throw hits the umpire. All runners are safe and one run scores. The play stands.
- 9) Runners on first and third with nobody out. The batter smashes a sharp ground ball that accidentally strikes the runner on third base in fair territory while he is still in contact with the base. The third baseman is playing on the line behind the runner. R3 is out.
- 10) With one out and two strikes on the batter, a runner on 3rd attempts to steal home on a legal pitch. The runner is hit by the pitch in the strike zone. The umpire called strike three, the batter is out and the runner is sent back to 3rd.
- 11) Runners at second and third with one out. The batter hits a hard one hopper back towards the pitcher. As the pitcher stoops to field the ball, the ball strikes the rubber and rebounds into foul territory between home plate and first base without being touched by a fielder. Both runners score and BR ends up at second base by the time the ball is recovered. This is a legal play.
- 12) A wild throw to the plate hits the on-deck batter even though he tried to avoid the throw. This is spectator interference and the ball is dead.
- 13) The 3rd baseman applies pinetar to the ball and then gives the ball to the pitcher. The umpire notices this before the pitcher delivers the ball. The umpire should demand the ball and remove the pitcher and the 3rd baseman from the game.

- 14) At the end of the 7th inning a game is tied 2-2. The game is rained out after the 8th inning with the score still 2-2. This is a regulation game called off with the score tied. The game is declared a tie game and must be replayed in its entirety at a later date.
- 15) A game is called off because of light failure during the bottom of the 6th inning with the home team leading 3-2. This is a suspended game.
- 16) A line drive ricochets off the third baseman's glove and is caught in flight by the shortstop. The batter is out.
- 17) A pitched ball hits the sleeve of the batter's uniform, but does not hit the batter himself. The umpire should award the batter first base.
- 18) The umpire-in-chief is the sole judge as to the fitness of a baseball to be used during a regulation game.
- 19) With a runner on 2nd and 1 out, the pitcher from the rubber steps toward 2nd base and feints a throw. This is a balk and the runner goes to third.
- 20) Runner on first base. 1-1 count on the batter. The pitcher does not come to a complete stop before delivering the ball to the batter and a balk is called. The batter hits a single to right field and the runners end up on first and second. The umpire should enforce the balk.
- 21) Runner on first. R1 takes off for second base. The pitcher balks on his throw to first base which is caught. The umpires should let the rundown finish because the runner may be able to advance to third base in the event of an overthrow by the defense.
- 22) The umpire must change baseballs when requested to do so by the pitcher.
- 23) A player has been put into the game through substitution and it was not officially announced. This player singles. The opposing manager objects and claims that this player is out for an unannounced substitution.
- 24) The batter hits a ball into center but during his swing he was interfered with by the catcher. BR is thrown out going into 2nd. The play stands.
- 25) A manager has made a second trip to the mound with the same batter. At the conclusion of the "at bat", the umpire now realizes that was the second trip. He should eject the manager and have a new pitcher enter the game.
- 26) The manager of a team, which is using a DH, goes to the mound to change the pitcher. A new pitcher enters the game from the bullpen and the old pitcher goes to play SS. The new pitcher "must" bat in the DH spot and the old pitcher in the SS position in the line-up.
- 27) A manager who is ejected from the game may sit in the stands provided he changes to street clothes.
- 28) A defensive player who enters the game as an injury replacement is allowed 5 warm up throws.
- 29) The bases are loaded. 2 outs. The batter hits an inside the park homerun. R2 misses home and the batter misses 1st base. The defence appeals that R2 missed home and the 3rd out is called. The 1st baseman asks for the ball and appeals at 1st and gets an out call for the fourth out. No runs score. This is legal.
- 30) 1 out. Runners at 1st and 2nd. The 2nd baseman intentionally drops a fly ball. The ball is dead and the batter is out on the infield fly.
- 31) 3-man umpire crew. Bases loaded and 0 out. The infield is playing in. A batted ground ball goes past the SS and strikes U3 who is standing inside the diamond. The 2nd baseman would have had a play on the ball. The ball is dead. The batter is awarded 1st base and all runners advance.
- 32) Runners at 1st and 3rd. 1 out. R3 steals and the batter bunts the ball down the 1st baseline. BR, on his way to 1st, trips and accidentally falls on the ball. BR is out, R3 and R1 return.

- 33) Batter #3 bats and singles. Batter #1 now bats and strikes out. Batter #2 walks. While batter #4 bats, both batter #2 and #3 steal. Batter #4 singles. The defensive manager appeals. Play stands.
- 34) With the bases loaded, the 1st baseman catches a pop up in foul territory. He then starts to fall into his dugout but is held up and steps in. The ball is dead and all runners advance.
- 35) At a pre-game meeting, the tournament committee ground rule states that since the home run fence is 500 ft away and not totally to the ground, any hit ball going under the fence would be a ground rule triple. The umpires may allow this provision.
- 36) With a runner on 2nd and not advancing, the batter accidentally interferes with the catcher's throw back to the pitcher. The ball is dead and there is no interference charged to the batter.
- 37) With a runner on 2nd base, the batter swings and misses strike three. His back swing hits the catcher causing the ball to roll to the screen as the batter runs to 1st and R2 advances to 3rd. This is a dead ball, the batter is out and R2 returns.
- 38) With 1 out and runners at 1st and 2nd, the batter singles. R2 scores but R1 is thrown out at home. BR advances to 2nd but missed 1st. The defense appeals. 3 outs and 1 run scores.
- 39) The batter misses 1st on his way to 2nd on a ground rule double. After the umpire puts the ball in play, the pitcher legally steps off the rubber and throws wildly to 1st on the appeal. The runner scores on the play. The 1st baseman retrieves the ball from down the foul line and appeals. It is denied. The run counts.
- 40) With 1 out and a runner at 2nd the batter swings at strike 3 in the dirt. The ball deflects into the umpire's bag. BR is awarded 1st and R2 is awarded 3rd.
- 41) A team is playing with no substitutes left to enter the game and the DH is ejected. The game is forfeited.
- 42) With runners at 1st and 3rd and 1 out, the shortstop intentionally drops a fair fly ball. The ball is dead and the batter is out.
- 43) With 1 out and runners on 1st and 3rd, the batter flies to RF. R1 was running on the play. R3 tags up and scores before R1 is thrown out at 1st base before he can return to tag up. 3 out and 1 run scores.
- 44) With 2 out, bases loaded, bottom of the 9th with a tie score, the batter is hit by a pitch. He advances to 1st and R3 scores. R1, believing the game is over, runs across the field. The defense appeals. It is denied and the game is over.
- 45) With runners on 1st and 2nd, R2 is picked off and ends up in a run down between 2nd and 3rd. R1 advances to 2nd. The second baseman throws the ball. R2 is then obstructed by a fielder not in a position to field the ball. The ball then enters the dugout. Both runners score.
- 46) After bunting a ball, the batter drops his bat and starts for 1st. The ball rolls and hits the bat in fair territory. The batter is out.
- 47) The batter hits a single to RF. The right fielder, seeing the BR make a wide turn, throws to 1st in an attempt to get the retreating runner. The throw enters the dugout. The BR is awarded 3rd.
- 48) 1 out, runners at 2nd and 3rd. On a 1-1 pitch, R3 attempts to steal home. R2 remains at 2nd. The catcher interferes with the batter and the pitch is fouled off. Dead ball. R3 scores, R2 remains at 2nd and the batter is awarded 1st.
- 49) The umpire must declare the ball dead by calling time if he wishes to examine the ball.
- 50) An outfielder may catch an infield fly.