

2007 Superclinic Practice Exam - Answers

** Note: These questions reflect some of the rule changes implemented by MLB in 2006 and incorporated by Baseball Canada in 2007. You are expected to know the rules for the 2007 season, however, the national exam will not have any questions dealing with these changes.

Baseball Canada rule change explanations: <http://members.shaw.ca/cabua/exams.html>

MLB Rule Book

http://www.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official_info/official_rules/foreword.jsp

- 1) False. He must pitch to the first batter or his substitute until such batter is put out or reaches base. Rule 3.05(a)
- 2) False. The pitch must enter the strike zone "In Flight" to be called a strike. Rule 2.00 (A Ball)
- 3) 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).
- 4) True. No action may take place with less than 9 players on the field. The inning starts over. Rule 1.01 and 4.17
- 5) ** True. Changed in 2006. Rule 6.05(a).
- 6) 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
- 7) False. If you are unsuccessful at convincing the manager that the ball boy is authorized to be there, you may forfeit the game to the other team. Rule 4.15(c).
- 8) False. When a sudden emergency occurs, the new pitcher shall be given as many pitches as the umpire deems necessary. Rule 8.03
- 9) True. The ball remains alive until the play is completed. Rule 5.02
- 10) 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)
- 11) 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)
- 12) True. This runner is out. The catcher may leave his position behind the plate anytime except when an intentional walk is being given. Rule 4.03(a), 8.05(l)
- 13) False. In this play, no violation has occurred. The umpire should disregard the contact and let the play proceed. Rule 7.09(j)
- 14) False. This contest will be resumed at the exact spot at which it was stopped. This is a suspended game because of light failure. Rule 4.12(a)(3), 4.12(b)
- 15) ** True. Rule 6.02(c). (Changed in 2006)
- 16) ** True. Provided the catcher remains on his feet. Rule 7.04(c), 5.10(f)
- 17) True. Rule 6.06(b)

- 18) False. 2.00 Bunt, 6.05(d)
- 19) True 3.05(c)
- 20) 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.
- 21) True. Rule 6.07
- 22) False. Only the offensive team has an option and then only if any runners including the batter runner have not advanced at least one base. Rule 6.08(c)
- 23) True. Only the advances made by the actions of an improper batter are nullified. Rule 6.07
- 24) True. Rule 7.04(d), 6.08(c)
- 25) True. Runner and batter-runner are out and all other runners return to their original bases. The ball is dead. Rule 7.09(f)
- 26) ** True. This is a regulation game that is called off with the score tied. Rule 4.10(c)(3), 4.12(b)
- 27) False. The ball is alive and in play. Rule 7.08(h)
- 28) True. Rule 6.03
- 29) False. Rule 6.05(l) (Approved Ruling)
- 30) True. Rule 6.08(b), 2.00 (Person, Touch)
- 31) True. Rule 4.03(c)
- 32) False. The pitcher must be on the rubber with the ball. Rule 8.01
- 33) False. The pitcher can feint a throw to second or third provided he steps towards that base. Rule 8.05(c)
- 34) False. A runner is only protect when touching a base if an infield fly has been declared. Rule 7.08(f)
- 35) False. A player who maliciously runs into another player is to be declared out (unless he/she has already scored prior to committing the infraction) and is to be automatically ejected (whether or not declared safe). Rule 6.05(Canadian Content)
- 36) True. Rule 6.07 (last sentence)
- 37) True. Rule Canadian Content.
- 38) True. Rule 4.13(c)
- 39) True. Rule 6.05(f), 5.09(a)
- 40) True. Rule 9.02(c)
- 41) True. Rule 9.04(b)(3), 9.04(a)(6)
- 42) False. A balk is indicated, and since the first baseman caught the ball, (not a wild throw as indicated under "penalty approved ruling"), time is called and the runner is awarded second base. Rule 8.05, Baseball Canada Rule Interpretation (Oct. 26, 2001)

- 43) True. Rule 6.05(b), 2.00(Foul Tip)
- 44) False. This is not a regulation game. Rule 4.10(c), 4.12(a)(6)
- 45) True. Rule 6.07
- 46) False. The ball is alive and in play. Runners advance at their own risk. Rule 2.00 (Catch)
- 47) True. If the catcher's throw hits the batter while he is still in the batter's box (no intentional interference by batter), then there is no interference and the ball is alive. Rule 6.06(c), PBUC Umpire Manual 4.12
- 48) True. Rule 6.09(h), 7.05(a), 2.00(Fly Ball), 2.00(In Flight)
- 49) True. The player must be well removed from the bench or bullpen. Rule 4.07
- 50) False. The batter is out on strikes whether the ball was caught or not because there was a runner on first base. With the batter already out on strikes you must call the runner out. Rule 7.09(e)
- 51) True. The obstructed runner is awarded at least one base because there was a play being made on him. R2 is awarded the base he would have reached, in this case 3rd base. Rule 7.06(a)
- 52) False. The pitcher can enter the lineup in the same position as the ejected DH. Rule 6.10, 4.17, 1.01
- 53) False. The batter was avoiding a fielder trying to field a batted ball. Rule 6.05(k)
- 54) True. Rule 3.10(b)
- 55) True. Rule 7.05(g)
- 56) True. Rule 5.10(e)
- 57) False. Once a defensive player touches a ball, the ball remains alive and in play, even if it then hits a runner. Rule 5.09(f)
- 58) True. Rule 3.16
- 59) True. Rule 5.09(b)
- 60) True. Rule 5.09(f)
- 61) True. The umpire should not put the ball into play until all runners had retouched their bases. Rule 5.09(e)
- 62) True. Rule 5.08
- 63) True. Incident Reports must also be submitted whenever anything should happen that is out of the ordinary and should be reported. Example: A team member swearing at you after the game has been completed.
- 64) ** True. 2006 Experimental Rule. Rule 6.02(d)
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- 66) ** True. 2006 Experimental Rule. Rule 6.02(d)(1)
- 67) ** True. 2006 Experimental Rule. Rule 6.02(d)(1)(v)
- 68) ** True. 2006 Experimental Rule. Rule 6.02(d)(1)(iv)

- 69) ** True. As soon as the batter enters the batter's box they are considered as having attempted to use an altered bat. Rule 6.06(d)
- 70) ** True. Rule 7.05(j).
- 71) ** True. Rule 7.05(j).
- 72) ** True. Rule 8.01(b)
- 73) ** True. Rule 8.04
- 74) ** True. Changed in 2006. Rule 1.15(a)
- 75) ** True. Rule added in 2006. Rule 1.15(c)
- 76) ** True. Changed in 2006. Rule 6.09(b)
- 77) True. Rule 1.04
- 78) False. This is a live ball as long as the ball did not lodge inside the chest protector. Rule 5.09(g)
- 79) False. R3 was in foul territory. R3 must be in fair territory to be called out. The ball is alive and in play. Rule 5.09(f), Page 96 of Jaksa and Roder

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