

# *Alberta NUCP Umpire Exam*

## *2008 Level II*

### *Answers*

- 1) False. A ball should be called on the batter. Rule 8.02(a)(1).
- 2) False. In this case the hidden ball trick has backfired. A balk is charged for the pitcher standing on the rubber without the ball. R2 is not out, but instead awarded third base. Rule 8.05(i)
- 3) True. A thrown ball that hits an umpire is alive and in play. The run counts and runners remain at first and second. Rule 5.08
- 4) True. Since the ball was not touched over fair territory, it became a foul ball when it touched the umpire. Rule 2.00 (Foul, Fair), 6.05(d)
- 5) True. R3 is out even though he was touching the base when accidentally struck. The batter is awarded first base. R1 is forced to second. Rule 7.08(f), 5.09(f)
- 6) False. This is not a catch because he fell immediately following the catch which caused him to drop the ball. The batter is not out. Rule 2.00 (Catch)
- 7) False. This is a fair ball. As soon as the ball is touched by a defensive player over fair territory before it has passed first or third then it is a fair ball. Rule 2.00 (Fair Ball)
- 8) True Rule 2.00 (Fair Ball)
- 9) False. This is a live ball. Any runner on base may advance. Rule 2.00 (Foul Tip)
- 10) False. The infield fly rule is not in effect with runners on first and third bases only. Rule 2.00 (Infield Fly)
- 11) False. This is not considered umpire interference. Rule 2.00 (Interference - Umpire)
- 12) False. This is not umpire interference. Rule 2.00 (Interference - Umpire)
- 13) True. The ball is declared "dead" and the runner is returned to his previous base. Rule 5.09(b), 2.00 (Interference - Umpire)
- 14) True. Rule 6.05(d)
- 15) False. Baker, the batter who was in the batter's box when R1 attempted to steal second. The count of balls and strikes shall start over. Rule 6.01(b)
- 16) True. Rule 7.03
- 17) True. This is obstruction, the runner is awarded third base. Rule 7.06(a) and 2.00 (Obstruction)
- 18) False. Batter is out but R1 can remain on first since catching the line drive removed the force play at second base. Rule 2.00 (Force Play)
- 19) False. Unintentional interference is not considered, the runner is out. Rule 7.09(j)
- 20) True. The pitch was hit by the batter and as long as all runners including the batter runner advance at least one base the balk is ignored. Runners choosing to advance beyond the base that they would have been awarded do so at their own risk. Rules 8.05(AR), 5.09(c)
- 21) True. Rule 3.15
- 22) True. It is also a ground rule double. Rule 2.00 (Fair Ball), Rule 7.05(f)
- 23) False. The pitcher may only have one minute or eight preparatory pitches whichever is less. Rule 8.03
- 24) False. There must be at least one runner on base. Rule 8.05, 2.00 (Balk)
- 25) True. Rule 6.08(b), 2.00 (Person, Touch)
- 26) False. The pitcher can feint a throw to second or third provided he steps towards that base. Rule 8.05(c)

- 27) False. When the batter reaches first on a hit, an error, a base on balls, a hit batter, or otherwise, and all other runners advance at least one base, then the play proceeds without reference to the balk. Rule 8.05 Penalty
- 28) True. Rule 3.01(e)(3)
- 29) True. Rule 6.05(l)
- 30) False. They can only be made on a called ball. Rule 9.02(c) (comments - second paragraph)
- 31) True. Rule 3.06, Rule 2.00 (Bench)
- 32) True. Rule 7.05(g)
- 33) True. The ball is dead. Rule 5.09(a)
- 34) True. Rule 5.10(e)
- 35) True. Rule 6.09(f)
- 36) False. The ball must be alive. Rule 7.10 (last paragraph)
- 37) False. The pitcher must be on the rubber. Rule 8.01 (second paragraph)
- 38) True. Rule 4.09 - Last approved ruling.
- 39) False. Rule 2.00 (Foul Ball), 2.00 (Fair Ball)
- 40) True. Rule 2.00 (Catch)
- 41) True. The umpire should not put the ball into play until all runners had retouched their bases. Rule 5.09(e)
- 42) True. Rule 9.04(b)(2)
- 43) True. The pitcher is considered an infielder when he is not touching the rubber. Rule 8.01(e), 7.05(g)
- 44) True. Rule 6.06(a)
- 45) False. The umpire must wait to see the results of any action. If the pitched ball is caught then the ball is dead. Rule 6.08(c)
- 46) True. Rule 1.11 (Canadian Content)
- 47) True. Rule 5.09(c)
- 48) False. This is a balk. Once a pitcher starts his motion to deliver the ball, he is committed to deliver the pitch without interruption. Rule 8.05(a)
- 49) True. Rule 8.05(k)
- 50) False. An attempted bunt cannot be ruled an infield fly. Rule 2.00 (Infield Fly)