

***Alberta NUCP Umpire Exam***  
***2010 Level III***  
***Answers***

- 1) True For an unannounced fielder to be considered officially in the game, play must commence. This is legal. You see this often when reserves warm-up pitchers. Rule 3.08(a)(3).
- 2) False When the ball is dead, a runner may not return to touch a missed base after he has touched the next base. This is an appeal play. The run counts unless the defensive team properly appeals at second base. Rule 7.10(b).
- 3) 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)
- 4) True Rule 7.06(a)
- 5) False Rule 8.01
- 6) False #3 is called out. #2 returns to 2nd. #4 is the next batter. Rule 6.07(a), 6.07(b), 6.07(c), 6.07(d)
- 7) False R3 is allowed to score. With two out, the run would not score. 6.05(n), 5.09(h)
- 8) True Rule 7.07, 6.08(c)
- 9) True Also, although never mentioned in the rule book, the catcher cannot appeal after he leaves his normal position. Rule 7.10 notes.
- 10) False In direct obstruction the runner is always awarded at least one base. 7.06(a)
- 11) True Rule 2.00 (Person) includes the player's clothing. Therefore this is a case of a hit batter. Rule 6.08(b)
- 12) True Rule 8.06(b), 8.06 Comments.
- 13) False Ball is dead. Batter is out and R1 returns to 1st base. Rule 6.05(h)
- 14) False Ball is dead. Batter is out. R1 and R3 are returned to their original bases. Rule 6.05(l)
- 15) False The ball is alive and in play. Rule 7.08(h)
- 16) True Rule 6.08(d), 5.09(f),
- 17) True Rule 6.10, Canadian Content Interpretations.
- 18) True Rule 6.07 (last sentence)
- 19) False The batter is out for the 2nd out. R1 is out for the batter's interference. Rule 7.09(e), 6.06(c)
- 20) True Rule 9.01(d), 6.05(Canadian Content), 2.00 (Interference (a)), Baseball Canada - 6.05(m), Little League - 6.05(l)
- 21) True Rule 3.03
- 22) False There is no such thing as a demand pitch. When a batter refuses to step into the batter's box the umpire should call time and then call a strike on the batter. (Changed in 2006) 6.02(c)
- 23) False The ball is dead as soon as the first baseman catches the ball. The rules only allow the ball to remain in play when there is an overthrow. Rule 8.05 (Penalty and first approved ruling) This is no different than if the pitcher delivered the ball to the batter and the

catcher caught it. As soon as the catcher catches the pitch the PU calls time and awards bases. In this question, the umpires should call time as soon as the first baseman catches the ball.

- 24) False A ball is called. 8.02(a)(1)
- 25) True Rule 3.16
- 26) True Rule 6.09(f)
- 27) True Rule 6.08(c)
- 28) True 2.00 (Infield Fly)
- 29) False R3 is out. However, the batter still gets first on the base on balls award. Rule 7.09(c), 6.08(a), 7.08(g), 2.00 (Base on Balls)
- 30) False The following runner must be tagged. Rule 7.03
- 31) False When a runner is stealing on catcher interference they are allowed to advance one base. The batter is awarded first base. Rule 7.04(d), 6.08(c)
- 32) True Rule 7.05(j).
- 33) True Rule 8.01(b)
- 34) True The dirt circle is 26' in diameter. Changed in 2006. Rule 6.09(b)
- 35) False The improper pitcher becomes the proper pitcher as soon as he makes his first pitch to the batter, or as soon as any runner is put out. The umpire must instruct the original pitcher to return prior to any pitch or any runner being put out. Example of an improper pitcher: A new pitcher enters the game and throws two pitches that bounce before reaching the plate. The angry manager comes out and brings in another pitcher before the batter has completed his time at bat. This second new pitcher is an improper pitcher because the first batter had not completed a time at bat. Rule 3.05(c).
- 36) False A runner must be in fair territory to be declared out. The ball is alive and in play. Rule 7.09(k)
- 37) True This is indirect obstruction. The obstruction had no bearing on the play. Rule 7.06(b)
- 38) True Also, second base bag shall be centered on second base. Rule 1.06, 1.04
- 39) False The batter's box is centered at the half way point of home plate (8 1/2 inches from the front edge). Rule 1.04
- 40) True Rule 2.00 (Fair Ball), 2.00 (Infield Fly)
- 41) True This is commonly referred to as "Catch and Carry". Rule 5.09(f), 2.00 (Catch)
- 42) True This is "backswing interference" and is not normally cause for calling a batter out. However, the batter is still out on strikes. Rule 6.06(c)
- 43) True Rule 4.17
- 44) False The ball remains alive and in play. R1 is out and R3 scores. Rule 5.09(b) Note.
- 45) True Rule 8.03
- 46) True Rule 8.05(k)
- 47) True Rule 3.07
- 48) True Rule 4.15(b)
- 49) True Rule 2.00(Catch), 7.04(c)
- 50) True Rule 8.01(a)