

Alberta NUCP Umpire Exam

2010 Level III

- 1) The offensive team's first baseman makes the third out of the inning. He hurt himself as he swung and missed strike three. As the trainer is checking him out in the dugout, a reserve player assumes his position at first to warm up the infielders. The original first baseman is deemed okay to continue and goes back to first prior to play commencing. This is legal.
- 2) The batter hits a home run. As he rounds third base, his coach informs him that he failed to touch second base. The BR stops, retouches third base and retouches second and then proceeds back to third and then home. This is legal.
- 3) R1 with one out. The center fielder makes what appears to be a spectacular over the head catch as he crashes into the center field wall. Upon contact with the fence, the ball pops out and goes over the wall. This is a ground rule double.
- 4) R1. The batter smashes a base hit into right field. R1 rounds second base and stumbles. He jumps up and returns to second base. The BR is headed for second when he is obstructed by the first baseman. The right fielder is making a play on the obstructed runner at second. The umpire calls the obstruction. The ball is dead. R1 is awarded third and BR is awarded second.
- 5) It is legal for the pitcher to take the sign from the catcher while he is straddling the rubber.
- 6) Batter #2 singles and steals 2nd while improper batter #4 is batting in place of proper batter #3. #4 singles and drives home #2. An appeal is made immediately. #4 is called out, #2 returns to 2nd and #5 is the next proper batter.
- 7) R3 with one out and 0-2 count. R3 attempts to steal home on a legal pitch and is hit by the pitch in the strike zone. The umpire called strike three, the batter is out and R3 is sent back to 3rd.
- 8) R2 and R3. The batter squares to bunt in an attempted squeeze play. The catcher seeing this jumps in front of home plate to catch the pitch, not giving the batter any opportunity to bunt the ball. R2 held at 2nd. The umpire shall: Shall call a balk on the pitcher scoring R3 and advancing R2 to 3rd and award the batter 1st base on the interference.
- 9) In Pro baseball the defensive team is considered to have left the field when all infielders and the pitcher are in foul territory, and the catcher has left his normal position. In Little League it is when all fielders have left the field.
- 10) When a runner is caught in a rundown between third and home and is obstructed while trying to get back to 3rd base, he should be awarded 3rd base.
- 11) A pitched ball hits the sleeve of the batter's uniform, but does not hit the batter himself. The umpire should award the batter 1st base.
- 12) In a Senior game, two innings have been completed with the home team behind by seven runs. The hitter is at bat with a 2-0 count. The pitching coach goes to the mound. (L.L. assume this is the 2nd visit) The following two pitches are fouled to deep left field. The manager then decides to visit the pitcher and heads for the mound. The plate umpire intercepts and advises the manager

that he may not go to the mound while the same batter is at bat. A discussion follows and the manager ends up at the mound. The umpire should eject the manager, allow the pitcher to finish the "at bat" and then remove the pitcher from the pitching position. The new pitcher will be entitled to as many warm-up pitches as the umpire deems necessary.

- 13) R1 is stealing 2nd when the batter tops the ball in front of home plate. In running to 1st the BR tosses the bat and un-intentionally hits the ball while it is rolling. R1 is already at 2nd when the bat hits the ball the second time. The batter is out and R1 can remain at 2nd base. The ball is dead.
- 14) R1 and R3. The second baseman intentionally lets a line drive drop from his glove and then completes a double-play. The ball is dead , the batter is out, R1 returns to 1st base and R3 scores.
- 15) When a runner passes a preceding runner, he is immediately called out and the ball is dead.
- 16) R1. The base umpire is working in the infield. The batter hits a line drive that strikes the base umpire on the fly. The ball rebounds off him and directly to the shortstop and is caught before it touches the ground. The batter is not out because of umpire's interference.
- 17) With respect to the DH. When a team is on offense, the pitcher can only hit (substitute) for the DH, however, when a team is on defense the pitcher can replace any defensive player in the lineup.
- 18) When the proper batter is on base, he is passed over, and the following batter becomes the proper batter.
- 19) R1 and one out with a 0-2 count. R1 is stealing second base on the pitch. The batter swings and misses. The batter then interferes with the catcher trying to retire R1 stealing 2nd base. The umpire rules that the batter is out on strike three. The ball is dead and R1 is returned to first base.
- 20) R2 attempts to score on a base hit to right field. The throw is about 15 feet in foul territory down 3rd base line extended. R2 steps on home plate and then maliciously collides with the catcher. R2 is ejected and the run scores.
- 21) A defensive player who enters the game as an injury replacement is allowed 5 warm up throws.
- 22) The batter argues a called strike and refuses to enter the batter's box. The umpire shall order the pitcher to pitch (demand pitch), and shall call "Strike" on each such pitch. The batter may take his proper position after any such pitch.
- 23) R1 is stealing. The pitcher balks on his throw to 1st. The first baseman catches the ball and relays it to the shortstop who tags R1 as he overslides 2nd base. The play stands and R1 is out.
- 24) A balk shall be called when a pitcher licks his fingers while standing on the rubber.
- 25) The ball is always dead when spectator interference occurs.
- 26) A fair bounding ball that hits the screen on the foul pole is a dead ball and all runners are awarded two bases.
- 27) R3 with nobody out. The batter swings as the catcher touches the bat. Despite the interference, the batter manages to hit a fly ball to right field. The ball is caught and R3 tags and scores. As

the umpire, you properly return R3 to third and place the batter on first base. The manager says he would rather allow the run to score. You reverse your previous decision and score R3 and call the batter out.

- 28) An outfielder may catch an infield fly.
- 29) One out. R3 gets a late jump when he attempts to steal home. The right-handed batter receives ball 4 and quickly starts towards first base but interferes with the catcher trying to tag R3. R3 is out and the batter returns to bat.
- 30) When two runners occupy the same base, the umpire should immediately declare the following runner out. They do not have to be tagged with the ball.
- 31) R2 with nobody out. R2 gets a big jump on the pitcher and is approaching 3rd base just as the ball reaches the plate. The batter swings and is interfered with by the catcher. The batter hits a routine ground ball to the shortstop who throws him out at 1st base. R2 continues and scores on a close play at the plate. The umpire correctly awards the batter 1st base on the catcher interference and allows the run to score.
- 32) R2. The pitched ball hits in front of the plate. The catcher has trouble blocking the pitch and the ball rolls about six feet away. The catcher lunges at the ball and scoops it up with his mask and throws to 3rd base. R2 advances and is safe on a close play going into 3rd. The catcher is charged with detach equipment on a pitched ball and R2 stays at 3rd base. The ball is live.
- 33) No runners. Pitcher is using the set position. After getting his signs, the pitcher brings his hands together and delivers the ball without coming to a complete stop. This is legal.
- 34) Two out. Catcher drops the 3rd strike. The batter heading back to the 3rd base dugout is called out as soon as he leaves the dirt area surrounding the home plate area.
- 35) The manager makes an improper pitcher substitution and he is permitted to pitch. After one pitch the umpire realizes the mistake and correctly orders the proper pitcher to take their place on the mound.
- 36) R3 with two out and a 3-2 count on the batter. Third baseman is playing at normal depth. The batter whacks a hard hit ball that hits third base and bounces back and hits R3 in foul territory. The ball is dead and R3 is out.
- 37) R1 and R2 with nobody out. The batter smashes a base hit into left field. As the left fielder fires the ball into home plate, R2 rounds third base and stops, R1 rounds 2nd base and stops and the BR rounds 1st base and heads for second. However, on the batter-runner's way to second base he is obstructed by the first baseman. The umpire signals the obstruction and lets the play continue. The catcher then receives the ball from the left fielder and now seeing two runners standing on second base fires the ball to the second baseman who tags both runners. The BR is called out.
- 38) Senior baseball. The infield shall be a 90-foot square. The first and third base bags shall be entirely within the infield.
- 39) Senior baseball. The batter's box is a 4'x6' rectangle. It is located 6 inches from home plate and is centered at the point of home plate.

- 40) R1 and R2 with one out. A high pop fly is hit to the third baseman who has backed up to the edge of the outfield grass and is waiting for the ball to come down. The umpire declares "INFIELD FLY IF FAIR". Just as the fielder is about to catch the ball a gust of wind catches the ball and it falls untouched. The ball then bounces wildly back towards home plate and rolls into foul territory between home and third base. This is a fair ball and the batter is out on the infield fly.
- 41) R1. The batter hits a pop-up near third base dugout. The third baseman charges toward the dugout and makes the catch near the edge of the dugout. His momentum carries him into the dugout. This is a catch and the ball is alive and in play.
- 42) R1 with nobody out and a 3-2 count on the batter. R1 is attempting to steal second base on the pitch. The batter strikes at the pitch and misses, swinging so hard he carries the bat all the way around and unintentionally hits the catcher on the backswing causing the catcher to drop the ball. The ball is dead, the batter is out and R1 returns to first base.
- 43) A game shall be forfeited to the opposing team when a team refuses to place nine players on the field.
- 44) R1 and R3. R1 is stealing. The catcher is bumped by the umpire as he throws to 2nd base. The throw is in time and R1 is called out. On the catcher's throw to 2nd R3 advances and scores. Dead ball, umpire interference, the play on R1 stands and R3 is returned to 3rd base.
- 45) It has been a long game and the pitcher is not happy with the plate umpire. After a close pitch that is called a ball by the plate umpire the pitcher loudly demonstrates his disgust. The pitcher is ejected from the game. The new pitcher is allowed as many pitches as the umpire-in-chief deems necessary.
- 46) R1. The pitcher has toed the rubber and is waiting for the catcher to get set behind the plate. The pitcher, while waiting, is bouncing the ball off the pitching rubber and then catching it. This is a balk.
- 47) The UIC must notify the score keeper of each substitution.
- 48) R1 with nobody out. The home team is ahead by one run in the bottom of the sixth inning of a seven inning game and the sun is starting to set. The pitcher throws to first base 10 times in a row. Then the manager comes out to talk to the pitcher. The pitcher then throws to first base another 10 times. During a couple of these throws to first base the manager comes out to argue the obvious calls by the base umpire. As the UIC you have the authority to forfeit the game to the visiting team because the home team is trying to delay the game. Rule 4.15(b)
- 49) R3 with nobody out. The batter hits a fly ball deep to right field. The right fielder jumps up on top of the railing, makes the catch, and then falls into the stands. This is a catch (not a home run), the ball is dead and R3 is awarded home.
- 50) Bases loaded. The left-handed pitcher is using the full windup position. Prior to starting his delivery he steps directly to 3rd base and fakes a throw. This is legal.