

## **2010 Superclinic Practice Exam –Answers**

- 1) False Obvious errors that are noticed "before the call of play" should be pointed out and corrected. Rule 4.01(d)
- 2) A, C, D, G and H. The batter is called out for using a doctored bat and is ejected from the game. The out on the R2 stands and R1 is returned to first. Time is called to eject the batter. Rule 6.06(d) and 5.10(g)
- 3) False The catcher put himself in out of play area to field a thrown ball. The ball is considered "In the dugout" and the batter is awarded second base. Rule 7.05(g)
- 4) True The batter is declared out on spectator interference for the second out but R3 scores because of the distance from home plate to where the interference occurred and the fact that the run probably would have scored. This is solely the umpire's judgment. Rule 3.16
- 5) A, C, E and I. This is a ball that lodges in the catcher's paraphernalia. All runners are awarded one base. The batter is out on strikes because first base was occupied with less than two out. Rule 5.09(g) and 6.05(c).
- 6) True The play stands. The ejection does not take effect until no further action is possible. Rule 9.01(d).
- 7) True This is a legal ploy until the BR reaches home plate. At that time he shall be declared out for leaving the baseline to avoid a tag. R1 remains at second. Rule 7.08(a)(1)
- 8) True R1 was decoyed into returning. This is a legal ploy and R1 is out when tagged. Rule 7.08(i)
- 9) True The umpire may forfeit the game to the visiting team for the grounds keepers failure to cooperate. Rule 4.16
- 10) False Anytime the ball is deflected, no one shall be declared out unless intentional interference is ruled. In this case, the ball is alive and in play and nobody is out. Rule 7.09(k)
- 11) True The appeal out stands. The throw to third must be an unmistakable attempt, otherwise the throw could be interpreted as a play on the BR thus nullifying any further appeal. Rule 7.10, 7.12, 4.09(a)(3)
- 12) False The ball is dead and a strike is added to the batter's count. (Changed in 2006) Rule 6.02(c)
- 13) True The ball remains in play and two runs score on this play. The second baseman committed a mental error thinking he had a play on a retired runner. Rule 7.09(e)
- 14) True Base runners are only protected if they are on their base when hit by an infield fly. Rule 7.08(f), 5.09(f)
- 15) True The ball was not legally caught and his run counts. Rule 6.05(b), 6.09(b), 2.00 (Ball)
- 16) False BR is out for throwing his bat. The ball is dead and R1 must return to first. Rule 6.05(h).
- 17) True Rule 7.06(a)

- 18) True For anyone to be called out while the runner is touching his base, the interference must be ruled intentional. In this case, neither batter nor runner are called out. Rule 7.08(b)
- 19) False The home team wins, but by a score of 9-0. After the visiting team does not resume play within one minute the game may be forfeited 9-0. Rule 4.15(d)
- 20) False In this case, the catcher made an errant throw. Though the BR was not in his runner's lane, his position when hit did not interfere with the fielder receiving the ball at first base. The play stands. Rule 6.05(k)
- 21) True The run may be nullified by a proper appeal. Though an award is made, the runner must go back and touch third for his run to count. Rule 7.05(i), 7.06(a)
- 22) True Both runners are out since they could have held their own bases and their advance is at their own risk. Since this is not a force play, it is necessary to tag both runners. The batter is automatically out on the infield fly. Rules 6.05(l), 6.05(e), 2.00 (Infield Fly)
- 23) False Runner is not out since the ball is dead and has not been properly made live again. Once the ball is put into play by the umpire, the defense can then make an appeal on the missed base. Rule 5.11, 7.10, 2.00 (Appeal)
- 24) False R3 is out, R2 scores. Rule 7.08(d), 7.10(a), 7.12
- 25) True Runner is out. He relinquishes his right to second base when he retouches and starts back to first. Rule 7.08(e)
- 26) False This is a judgement situation. If the interference was not intentional, the play at home becomes legal. Because the runner ran directly to first base, this would not normally be considered interference. Rules 2.00 (Interference), 7.09(j)
- 27) C Both are out. Rule 2.00 (Force Play), 7.08(e)
- 28) True Rule 3.08(a)(4), 3.08(b)
- 29) True 7.10 notes, 7.12, 4.09(a)(1) Exceptions.
- 30) B Rule 8.05(d), 7.10
- 31) False The runner can leave as soon as the ball is touched. Rule 2.00 (Catch)
- 32) D Rule 5.09(b), 6.09(b)
- 33) E Rule 8.06
- 34) E Rule 4.12(a)(5)(6), 4.12(b)
- 35) A Rule 8.06
- 36) E 4.12(a), 4.12(b)
- 37) C The runner must completely pass the preceding runner. Rule 7.08(h)
- 38) E Signal: point laterally at infraction and declare "That's Detached Equipment." PBUC 3.9
- 39) D Rule 7.09(j)
- 40) E Rule 6.08(c)

- 41) A Rule 5.09(e) PBOC 3.6 - Time of Pitch - When pitcher initiates his deliver to the batter.
- 42) A Rule 8.01(a)(1-3) First baseman must be able to make a play.
- 43) C Rule 8.05 Approved Ruling, PBOC 6.7(4), 6.4(a)
- 44) (a) Yes  
 (b) Yes - Umpire should signal to the score keeper that the run scores  
 (c) When the 3rd out is made  
 (d) Yes  
 (e) Before all infielders have left fair territory (crossed the foul lines) on their way to the dugout.
- 45) False This is a foul ball. Rule 2.00 (Foul Ball)
- 46) False This out occurred because of an umpire's mistake and is correctable. Rule 9.01(c)
- 47) True Rule 3.03
- 48) True Rule 4.10(c)
- 49) True A, B, C and D are all true. Rule 6.06(c), PBOC 4.12
- 50) True Rule Canadian Content.
- 51) True Rule 3.15
- 52) False The runner is out immediately and no run can score after the out because it was the third out. This is a "Time Play". Only one run had scored, so the score is 4-4 and the game continues into the 11th inning. Rule 4.11(c) and 7.08(h) (Jim Evan's Annotated Rules).
- 53) False Appeal must happen before the first pitch to either team. Rule 6.07(b)
- 54) False The batter was out as soon as he left the 26' dirt circle. Changed in 2006. Rule 6.09(b), 7.05(g)
- 55) False Play must commence. Consider a player off the bench warming up the pitcher while the catcher puts on his equipment. Rule 3.08(a)(3)
- 56) False The defensive team did not "err". This is nothing more than an overthrow. Rule 7.10(b) and Casebook Comments (3rd paragraph).
- 57) True Rule 2.00 (Strike Zone)
- 58) True Rule 4.09 - First approved ruling.
- 59) False When a runner is stealing on catcher interference they are allowed to advance one base. Rule 7.04(d), 6.08(c)
- 60) True Rule 8.04
- 61) 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. Rule 3.05(c)
- 62) True 8.02(d)
- 63) True This is indirect obstruction. The obstruction had no bearing on the play. Rule 7.06(b)