

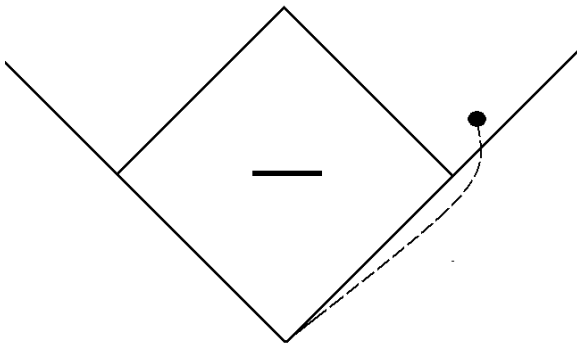
Alberta NUCP Umpire Exam

2011 Level 1 - Open Book Exam

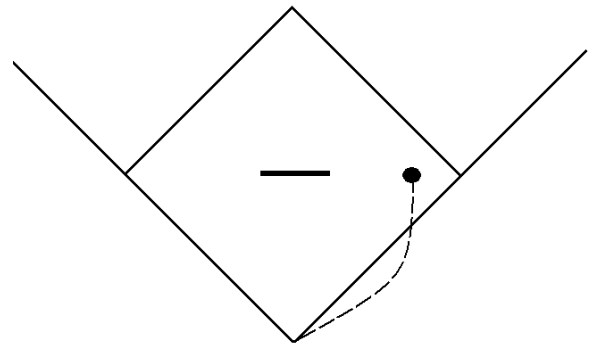
- 1) R1 is running on the pitch. The batter hits a line drive to the right fielder. The right fielder makes the catch and fires the ball to first base to double up R1 returning to tag up at first base. The throw is wild and goes into the dugout. R1 is awarded third base.
- 2) R1 gets a big lead and is "off and running" with the pitch. The batter smashes a ground ball up the middle and it hits R1 who has just slid safely into second base. He is touching the base when the ball hits him. The ball is dead and R1 is out.
- 3) Outfielder, in making a difficult play, catches a fly ball and falls to the ground and rolls over causing him to drop the ball. This is a catch.
- 4) While fielding a bunted ball, the third baseman deflects the fair ball into foul territory. Foul Ball.
- 5) R1 and R2 with one out. The batter attempts to bunt and the ball is popped high in the air near first base. This is an infield fly.
- 6) R3. Catcher has a pass ball which comes to rest between the feet of the umpire. The umpire is not aware of this and accidentally kicks the ball away from the catcher. R3 crosses home plate. This is umpire interference.
- 7) R1. On an attempted steal, the umpire interferes with the catcher's throw that does not retire R1. This is umpire interference. The ball is dead and R1 returns to first.
- 8) Batter hits a home run over the fence with two out and the bases full. The BR misses first base while running the bases. A proper appeal is made to the umpire and the BR is called out. Three runs score.
- 9) R1 going from first to second base runs off the base line and back of the infielder who is fielding a batted ball on the base line. This is legal.
- 10) Base runner misses second base while advancing. No player on the field notices it but it is called to attention of the second baseman by players on the bench. The ball is given to the second baseman who tags that base and appeals to the umpire for an out. This is legal.
- 11) On a foul tip the ball is alive.
- 12) The lines of the batter's box are part of the batter's box.
- 13) R2 attempts to score on a base hit. The throw is in plenty of time. R2 maliciously collides with the catcher and the catcher drops the ball. R2 is ejected and the run scores.
- 14) Appeals on a half swing may be made only a ball and the plate umpire must refer to the base umpire for his judgment.
- 15) When a foul fly ball is caught, the ball is dead.
- 16) A ground ball deflects off a fielder and hits a runner. The ball is dead.
- 17) The ball can be either alive or dead when the defense makes an appeal for a missed base.

- 18) The batter is out if he bunts foul on a third strike.
- 19) After the umpire declares a foul ball, all runners must tag up.
- 20) The pitcher may take his sign from the catcher while straddling the pitching rubber.
- 21) The batter becomes a runner on ball four which is a wild pitch that leaves the playing field. The BR is entitled to 2nd base.
- 22) No runners. Batted ball is overthrown into dead ball territory. The pitcher must have the ball in his possession, be on the rubber and the plate umpire calls "play" to create a live ball.
- 23) An outfielder is running toward the foul line when he touches a fly ball over fair territory but deflects the ball into foul territory where it falls to the ground. This is a foul ball.
- 24) A pitch bounces in the dirt and then hits the batter on the leg. This is a "hit by pitch" batter and the batter is awarded first base.
- 25) It is an infield fly situation if there are runners at first and second base or the bases are loaded and there are less than two out.
- 26) Mosquito Baseball and Major Little League. R1 with two out. Strike three is not caught by the catcher. The batter may run to first base.
- 27) The batter is hit on the sleeve by a pitch. The ball is dead.
- 28) Second baseman catches a line drive which has deflected off the base umpire. This is a catch.
- 29) Third baseman catches the ball and drops it while in the act of making a throw. This is a catch.
- 30) R1 and R3 with one out. The batter flies out to right field. Two outs. R3 tags up and scores after the catch. R1 attempts to return to first but the right fielder's throw beat him to the base. Three outs. But R3 scored before the throw to catch R1 reached first base, hence R3s' run counts. It was not a force play.
- 31) R1. The pitcher starts to deliver the pitch but stops when his hat slides off his head. Dead ball. This is not a balk.
- 32) The Strike Zone shall be determined from the batter's stance as the batter is prepared to swing at a pitched ball.
- 33) The batter shall be awarded second base on any bounding ball that goes through or over the outfield fence.
- 34) R1 with a ground ball hit to the second baseman. R1 running hard to 2nd base, trips and accidentally bumps into the 2nd baseman as he is fielding the ball. This is accidental interference so the ball is dead and R1 is returned to 1st base and the batter is called out.

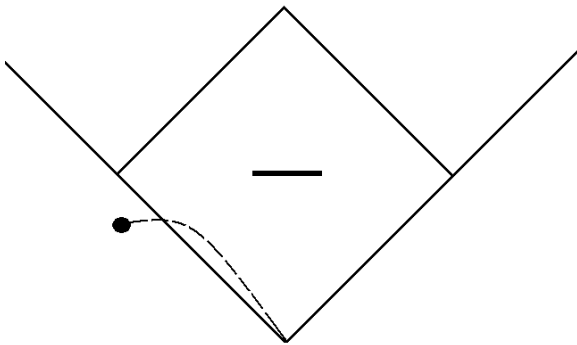
Questions 35 to 43. Based on the following diagrams, determine whether the **Ground Ball** (see Rule 2.00 – Ground Ball) is a fair ball or a foul ball. Rule 2.00 (Fair Ball, Foul Ball, Fair Territory, Foul Territory)



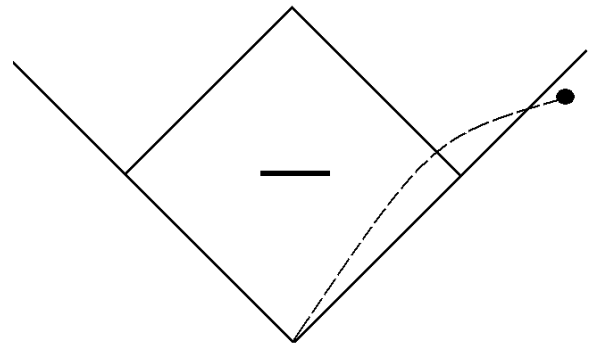
35) This is a Fair Ball.



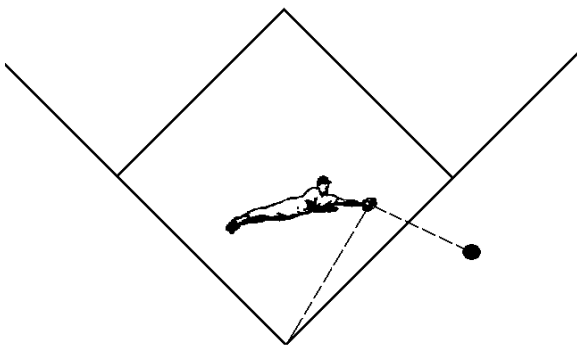
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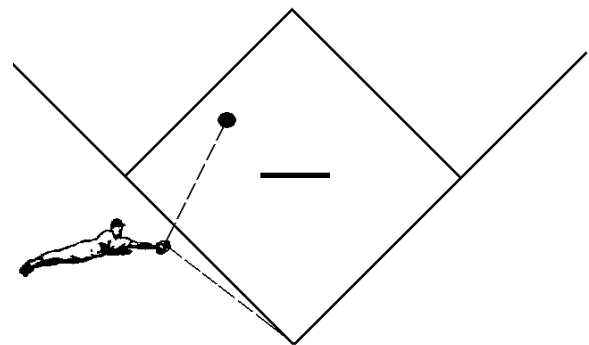
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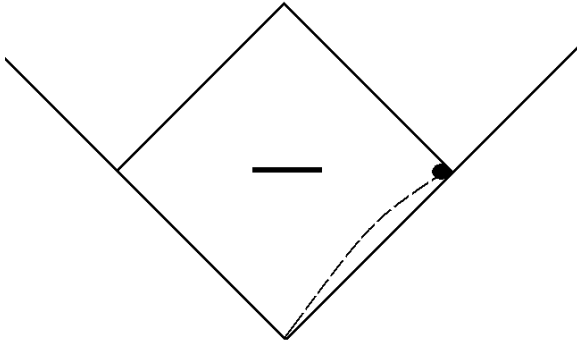
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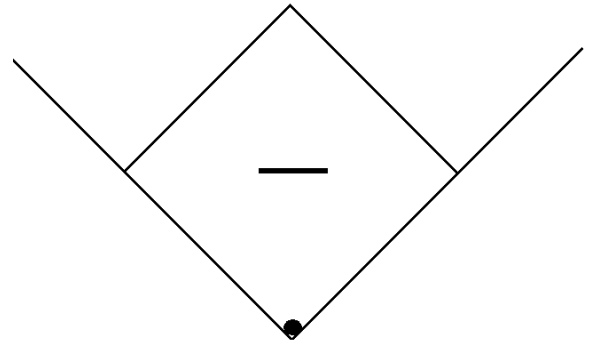
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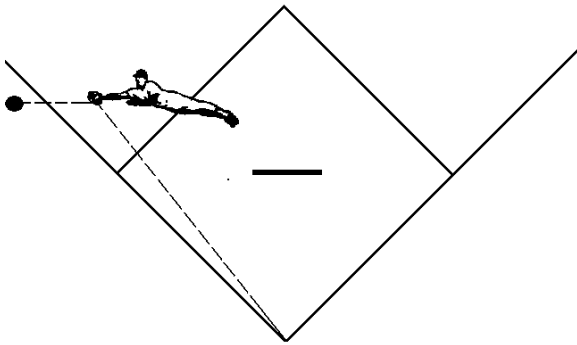
40) This is a Fair Ball.



41) This is a Fair Ball.
 Note: The ball hit first base.

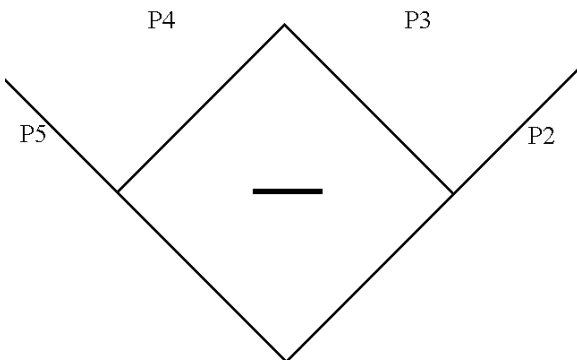


42) This is a Fair Ball.
 Note: The ball settles on home plate.

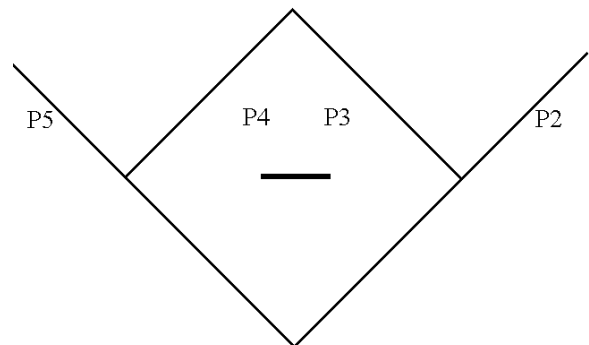


43) This is a Fair Ball.

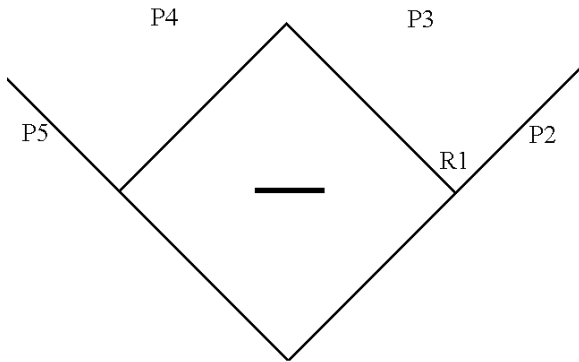
Questions 44 to 49. Starting positions P2, P3, P4 and P5. Based on the diagrams and the statement below, state whether each statement is true or false. "No Leadoff" baseball does not allow leadoffs until the ball has reached the batter. "No Leadoff" baseball is normally played on a 60 foot diamond. "Leadoff" baseball allows leadoffs.



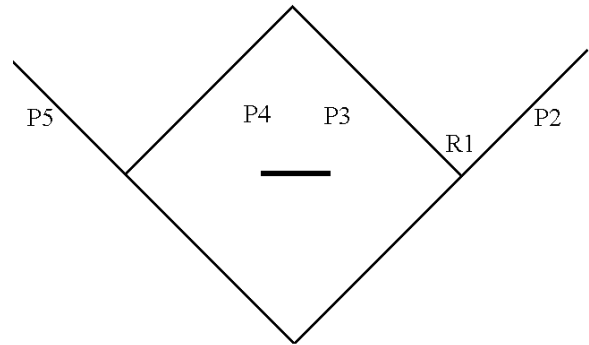
44) No Leadoff – No Runners
 U1 should be at position P2



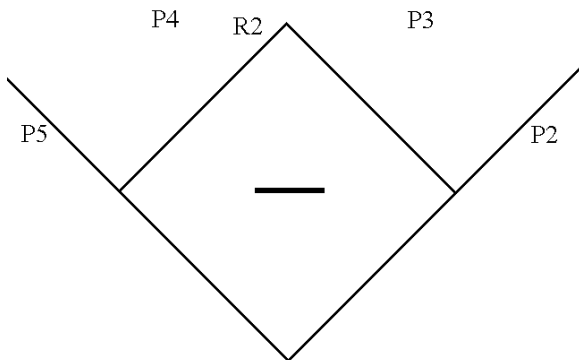
45) Leadoff – No Runners
 U1 should be at position P2



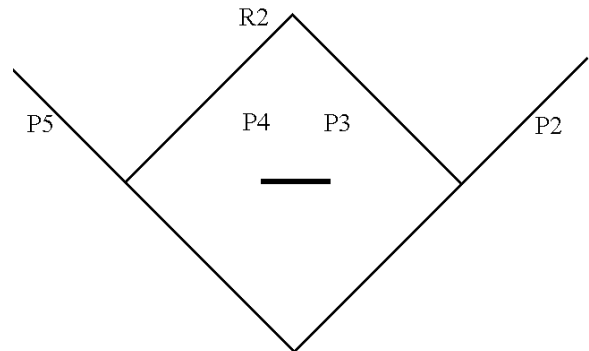
46) No Leadoff – Runner on First
U1 should be at position P3



47) Leadoff – Runner on First
U1 should be at position P3



48) No Leadoff – Runner on Second
U1 should be at position P4



49) Leadoff – Runners on First and Second
U1 should be at position P4

50) R1. Two umpire system. On a base hit, the umpire must evaluate if it is necessary to go to third base to make a call on R1. The plate umpire must be at position P15 to properly determine if it is necessary to go to third base. True or False.

