

Alberta NUCP Umpire Exam
2011 Level II
Answers

- 1) False. The pitch must enter the strike zone "In Flight" to be called a strike. Rule 2.00 (A Ball)
- 2) False. A ball should be called on the batter. Rule 8.02(a)(1).
- 3) False. The ball has not been caught and the batter is not out. Rule 2.00 (Catch)
- 4) 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)
- 5) True. When the first baseman retired the batter, it removes the force and the runner must be tagged. Rule 7.08(e)
- 6) False. This is not umpire interference. Rule 2.00 (Interference - Umpire)
- 7) True. The ball is declared "dead" and the runner is returned to his previous base. Rule 5.09(b), 2.00 (Interference - Umpire)
- 8) False. The batter failed to reach first base safely which made this out a force out. Rule 4.09(a)
- 9) True. If the bat hits the ball then the batter is out, but if the ball hits the bat then use your judgement. The umpire must judge whether the act was intentional or not. Rule 6.05(h)
- 10) True. Running out of this lane is ignored unless the runner interferes with a fielder taking the throw at first. (Note: This only applies to balls hit just in front of home plate.) Rule 6.05(k)
- 11) 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)
- 12) True. Rule 7.03
- 13) True. This is obstruction, the runner is awarded third base. Rule 7.06(a) and 2.00 (Obstruction)
- 14) True. R1 is out at second. Rule 7.08(c)
- 15) False. The ball is dead, the runner is out and the batter is awarded first base. Rule 7.08(f), 2.00 (Interference - Offensive)
- 16) False. The hitting of the runner by the ball is ignored since the batted ball has passed a fielder. Rule 7.09(k), 5.09(f)
- 17) 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)
- 18) False. The catcher must tag R3 because the force on R3 was removed when the third baseman stepped on third. Rule 2.00 (Force Play), 7.08(e)
- 19) True. Rule 8.05

- 20) False. The pitcher may only have one minute or eight preparatory pitches whichever is less. Rule 8.03
- 21) True. Rule 6.03
- 22) True. Rule 6.08(b), 2.00 (Person, Touch)
- 23) False. The pitcher can feint a throw to second or third provided he steps towards that base. Rule 8.05(c)
- 24) True. The ball is dead. Rule 5.09(a)
- 25) True. Rule 5.10(e)
- 26) False. The ball must be alive. Rule 7.10 (last paragraph)
- 27) False. The pitcher must be on the rubber. Rule 8.01 (second paragraph)
- 28) True. Rule 8.01, 2.00 (Quick Return Pitch)
- 29) False. This is an appeal play. Rule 4.09 (Last approved ruling), 7.10(a)
- 30) True. Rule 5.09(f)
- 31) False. This is a ground rule double. All runners including the batter runner are awarded two bases from time of pitch. Rule 7.05(f)
- 32) True. The umpire should not put the ball into play until all runners had retouched their bases. Rule 5.09(e)
- 33) True. Rule 6.05(l)
- 34) True. The proper batter can take their place in the batter's box any time up until the improper batter has completed their time at bat. The proper batter would assume the improper batter's count. Rule 6.07
- 35) True. Rule 9.02(c)
- 36) True. Rule 7.05(i)
- 37) True. Rule 5.09(g)
- 38) True. Rule 9.04(b)(2)
- 39) False. This is a two base award from time of pitch. Rule 7.05(g)
- 40) True. Rule 5.11
- 41) True. The pitcher is considered an infielder when he is not touching the rubber. Rule 8.01(e), 7.05(g)
- 42) True. Rule 6.06(a)
- 43) True. The award is from time of pitch (Baseball Canada Interpretation). Rule 7.05(c)
- 44) 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)
- 45) True. Rule 2.00 (Infield Fly)
- 46) False. At this level of ball, the third strike does not have to be caught. Rule 6.09(b) (Canadian Content), 6.05(b) (Little League)
- 47) True. The ball is dead. Rule 5.09(a), 2.00 (Person)
- 48) True. Rule 1.11 (Canadian Content)
- 49) 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)
- 50) True. Rule 8.05(k)