

Alberta NUCP Umpire Exam

2011 Level III

- 1) The ball boy is stationed against the fence down the left field line where he is allowed. The visiting team manager refuses to put his team on the field arguing that the ball boy and his chair pose a physical hazard to his fielders and will not take the field until the ball boy is removed. This is legal.
- 2) As the batter is falling away from a close pitch, the ball hits his bat and goes into foul territory. This is a strike and the ball is dead.
- 3) Before the pitcher steps on the pitcher's plate, the batter moves from one batters box to the other. This is legal.
- 4) R1 going from first to second base accidentally comes in contact with the second baseman who is fielding a batted ball. This is unintentional interference, the ball is dead and R1 is placed on second base. The BR is placed on first base.
- 5) R2 with 1 out. The catcher drops the third strike and on his way toward 1st the BR unintentionally deflects the ball and the catcher has no play. R2 ends up at 3rd, the BR at 1st. The ball is dead, BR is out and R2 returns to 2nd.
- 6) Line drive is hit toward third base and the first baseman throws his glove at the ball but misses as it goes into the right field corner. BR holds at second. You award him 3rd.
- 7) If a BR passes a runner ahead of him the umpire should immediately call time and declare the BR out.
- 8) Bases loaded with two out and a 3-2 count. With runners advancing on the pitch, the batter takes ball four. R2 touches and rounds 3rd and is picked off by the catcher before R3 touches the plate. The run counts.
- 9) If an improper pitcher is allowed to pitch, any play that results is legal.
- 10) 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
- 11) When a pinch-hitter bats for a player in the batting order and then enters the game to pitch, this move will terminate the DH for the remainder of the game.
- 12) The pitcher has 30 seconds to deliver the ball to the batter with nobody on base.
- 13) A batted line drive to the outfield, which strikes the foul pole in flight and is deflected over the fence into foul territory is a home run.
- 14) If no announcement of a substitution occurs, and a pinch hitter has taken his place in the batter's box he shall be considered as having entered the game.
- 15) After beating out an infield hit, the BR overruns 1st base. The throw gets beyond the 1st baseman, but is fielded by the catcher backing up the play. The BR takes three quick steps toward 2nd, but decides to return to 1st base. The defense can put the BR out by tagging him with the ball before he returns to the base.
- 16) The defense may not legally appeal after an illegal pitch.

- 17) If the left fielder deflects a fair ball over the fence in fair territory, it is a home
- 18) R1. The pitcher legally steps off the rubber and feints a throw to first base without stepping directly towards it. This is legal.
- 19) A line drive ricochets off the third baseman's glove and is caught in flight by the shortstop. The batter is out.
- 20) A pitched ball hits the sleeve of the batter's uniform, but does not hit the batter himself. The ball is dead and the umpire should award the batter first base.
- 21) The batter refuses to take his position in the batter's box. The umpire tells the pitcher to pitch. The pitcher throws and obvious ball. It is legal for the umpire to call it a strike knowing it is a ball.
- 22) A pitcher summoned into a game in an emergency without an opportunity to warm up is entitled to as many pitches as the umpire deems necessary.
- 23) When the proper batter is on base, he is passed over, and the following batter becomes the proper batter.
- 24) R1 with a 1-1 count. The pitcher does not come to a complete stop before delivering the ball to the batter and a balk is called. The batter hits a single to right field and the runners end up on first and second. The umpire should enforce the balk.
- 25) The batter checks his swing on an inside pitch. The ball hits the player on the hand. The umpire awards the batter 1st base. The defense now asks for an appeal on the swing. The plate umpire must ask his partner for help.
- 26) The batter swings at strike 3 in the dirt and heads toward the dugout. Just before he gets there the batter realizes that the catcher missed the ball and heads to first base. The catcher's throw to 1st is wild and BR reaches 1st base safely. This is legal.
- 27) If with bases loaded, 2 runners occupy the same base while the ball is alive, the lead runner is out when tagged.
- 28) 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.
- 29) 3-man umpire crew. Bases loaded with 0 out. The infield is playing in. A sharply hit ground ball up the middle goes past the SS and strikes U3 who is standing just inside the base path. The 2nd baseman would have had a play on the ball. The ball is dead. The batter is awarded 1st base and all runners advance.
- 30) R2 is attempting to steal when the batter is hit by the pitch. The batter is awarded 1st and R2 returns to 2nd.
- 31) R1 with 1 out and a 3-2 count. R1 attempts to steal 2nd. The batter swings and misses but interferes with the catcher's throw to 2nd. The throw is not in time. The batter is out and R1 returns to 1st.
- 32) R1 and R3 and 1 out. The shortstop intentionally drops a fair fly ball. The ball is dead and the batter is out.
- 33) After bunting a fair ball down the first base line, the BR runs outside the 3 foot lane to avoid the first baseman who is straddling the line in attempting to field the ball. The batter is out.

- 34) R2 and R3. The 3rd baseman goes into foul territory to catch a pop up. He jumps and makes the catch but he falls into the stands. The ball is dead, the batter is out and the runners advance to 3rd and home.
- 35) R2 and R3 with 1 out and a 1-1 count. R3 attempts to steal home. R2 remains at 2nd. The catcher interferes with the batter as the pitch is fouled off. Dead ball. R3 scores, R2 remains at 2nd and the batter is awarded 1st.
- 36) The pitcher makes an illegal pitch that the batter does not hit. With runners on base a balk is called. With no runners on base a ball is added to the batter's count.
- 37) A pitcher who swings his free foot past the back edge of the pitcher's rubber is required to pitch to the batter except to throw to 2nd base in a pick off play.
- 38) A batter is out for illegal action when he swings at and "misses" a pitch with one or both feet on the ground entirely outside the batter's box.
- 39) A coach must vacate his coach's box when the area is needed by a fielder who is attempting to field a batted or thrown ball.
- 40) Bases loaded with two out. Batter hits a home run. On appeal the batter is declared out for missing 1st base. No runs count.
- 41) R1. The plate umpire interferes with the catcher's throw on an attempted steal by R1. The catcher's throw retires the runner. The delayed interference call is then disregarded.
- 42) If a runner is hit by an infield fly when he is not touching his base then the runner is out and the ball is dead.
- 43) If the catcher is fielding a batted ball and the pitcher obstructs the BR before reaching 1st base then obstruction is called and the BR is awarded 1st base.
- 44) If a thrown ball accidentally strikes an umpire, the ball is alive and in play.
- 45) Incident Reports must be submitted whenever there is an ejection. This includes incidents that occur before and after the game.
- 46) 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.
- 47) A ball goes in behind the catcher's chest protector and immediately falls down to the ground without hesitation. The ball is dead.
- 48) R3. F5 is playing back of the base. The batter hits a sharp whacker down the 3rd base line. The ball hits 3rd base and bounces back and hits the runner standing in foul territory. R3 is out and the ball is dead.
- 49) A batter receives ball 4. He has completed a time "at bat".
- 50) 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.