

## 2003 Practice Exam – Answers

- 1) True. Rule 6.06(c)
- 2) True. This is completely legal. The out "stands" and the runner advances at his own risk. Rule 2.00 (Catch) and 7.04(c).
- 3) True. For an unannounced fielder to be considered officially in the game, play must commence. This is legal. You see this often when reserves warm-up pitchers. Rule 3.08(a)(3).
- 4) True. Be careful when applying this rule. The irritated manager can now make a long game even longer by recalling each player one at a time. Rule 4.08
- 5) True. No action may take place with less than 9 players on the field. The inning starts over. Rule 1.01 and 4.17
- 6) True. The batter is out. The third strike is legally caught since it hit his glove first. Rule 6.05(b).
- 7) False. Players, coaches or managers are not allowed to mingle with spectators before, during or after a game. Rule 3.09
- 8) True. Rule 3.03
- 9) False. The umpire should not allow this substitution. The defensive manager has a valid appeal for batting out of order if he makes it before the next pitch or play. Rule 3.04 and 6.07
- 10) True. Baserunner must be alert that a reversed call may be made, the ball is in play and the runner is out. Double Play. Rule 9.02(c).
- 11) True. The play stands. The ejection does not take effect until no further action is possible. Rule 9.01(d).
- 12) False. The pitcher brought in to start the ninth inning must pitch to at least one batter. This latter change would not be legal. Rule 3.05(b)
- 13) False. The batter is awarded two bases. It is a double. Rule 6.09(h)
- 14) False. This is considered a no pitch, but the shortstop is ejected. Rule 4.06(b), L.L. 4.06(4)
- 15) False. A pinch runner may be put into the game for the DH, however, a DH may not pinch run. You do not allow this move. Rule 6.10(b)
- 16) True. R2 is declared out and the play stands since there was no intent to interfere and the ball did roll into the stationary bat. Rule 6.05(h), 7.09(b)
- 17) True. Both R1 and BR are called out. Even though the runner was originally safe at second, his intent was clear and must be penalized. 6.05(m), 7.09(l), 2.00 (Interference) Pro Interp.
- 18) False. The batter-runner was the third out at first base and no runs may score. The balk is ignored. Rule 8.05(penalty, AR), 4.09(a)(1)
- 19) False. The suspended manager may participate in pre-game activities but is not allowed in the dugout or press box during the game. Rule 4.07
- 20) 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 2.00 and 6.05(e), 6.05(l)
- 21) False. When the ball bounded into the stands it became dead. Substitutions can be made when the ball is dead. Substitute can enter the game where player was injured and continue from that point to the appropriate base, in this case home plate. Rules 3.03, 5.10(c)(1), 2.00 (Time), 7.05(g)
- 22) False. The batter is out and the base runner must return to first base since the ball is dead. Rule 6.08(b) Note, 5.09(a)

- 23) False. The appeal will not be considered as the balk is considered a play. The appeal was not made until after the balk had occurred. Rule 6.07(b), 7.10(d) notes
- 24) False. When batter refuses to enter the batter's box, the umpire will order the pitcher to pitch, calling strikes after each such pitch. On the third pitch the batter is out. The ball does not have to be caught. Rule 6.02(c)
- 25) False. This is direct obstruction. The runner is awarded third base. Rule 7.06(a)
- 26) False. This is interference. Runner is out. Rule 7.08(b)
- 27) False. The runner is out and the batter is awarded first base. Rule 7.08(f), 6.08(d)
- 28) False. Run does not score since this is interference by the batter. With less than two outs, the runner is called out. With two out the batter is out. In both cases the run does not score. Rule 7.08(g), 6.06(c)
- 29) False. Batter-runner is out when he passes the first runner. This is the third out. This is a "Time Play". R1 cannot score. Rule 7.08(h)
- 30) False. Runner is not out. The ball touched a fielder before touching the runner. Ball is alive. Rule 7.09(m), 5.09(f), 6.08(d), 6.09(c)
- 31) True. This was not interference by a coach. Rule 5.08, 7.11
- 32) True. Rule 3.08(a)(4), 3.08(b)
- 33) False. The pitcher must pitch to at least the 1st batter or his substitute until the batter is put out or reaches first base. 3.05(a)
- 34) True. This is a balk. 8.05(c) notes
- 35) (a) - Ball is dead (b) - R2 to 2nd, BR to 1st (c) - Nobody out 5.09(f)
- 36) (a) - Ball is dead (b) - R2 to 2nd (c) - BR is out 6.05(k), 7.09(k), 2.00 (Interference (a))
- 37) The Umpire in Chief (usually called the plate umpire) has jurisdiction over setting the ground rules. 3.13, 9.04(a)(9)
- 38) B - Rule 7.07, 6.08(c)
- 39) A - The manager does have the option. However, it is his responsibility to advise the umpire. Rule 6.08(c)
- 40) B - Rule 6.09(b), 5.09(g)
- 41) False. The ball is alive and in play. Rule 5.10(f), 7.04(c)
- 42) False. He must pitch to at least one batter. 3.08(a), 3.05(b)
- 43) False. The umpire does not call time and he must refer to the base umpire. 9.02(c) notes
- 44) True. 7.04(d), 6.08(c)
- 45) False. Ball is dead. R3 scores and R1 advances to second base. Batter is out on strike 3. 6.05(n), 5.09(h)
- 46) False. A player who maliciously runs into another player is to be declared out (unless he/she has already scored prior to committing the infraction) and is to be automatically ejected (whether or not declared safe). Rule 6.05(Canadian Content)
- 47) True. Rule 6.10
- 48) True. Rule 6.07 (last sentence)
- 49) False. The batter is out for the 2nd out. R1 is out for the batter's interference. Rule 7.09(f), 6.06(c)
- 50) False. Time should be called as soon as the ball is caught by the first baseman. If the ball is not caught by the first baseman, the umpires should keep the ball alive so that the runner can advance beyond the awarded base. Rule 5.09(c), 8.05 Penalty.