

## *2004 Practice Exam*

- 1) Two outs, runner on third and no count on the batter. The batter takes ball one as R3 attempts to steal home on the pitch. The batter interferes with the catcher's attempt to tag R3 sliding into home plate. The batter is out.
- 2) After the starting pitcher tires the defensive manager brings in a substitute pitcher. The umpire should give the pitcher as many pitches as necessary.
- 3) The runner on first base is off and running on the pitch. As he races for second his helmet falls to the ground. The batter hits the pitch towards the hole between first and second and the ball strikes the helmet. The second baseman is unable to field the ball for the routine putout. The umpire lets the play stand.
- 4) Runner on first base. The batter hits a pop-up near third base dugout. The catcher goes over near the edge of the dugout. One of his teammates holds him up to prevent him from falling into the dugout. He makes the catch as he is being supported. This is legal.
- 5) The pitcher has a problem releasing the ball and fires it into the ground. The ball bounces once and enters the batters strike zone. The bewildered batter is surprised and takes the pitch. Is this a strike?
- 6) No one on base, no outs and two strikes on the batter. On the next pitch the batter swings and misses a pitch that hits the ground but is scooped up cleanly by the catcher. The batter is out.
- 7) With a runner on third the pitcher starts his windup. Midway through his delivery the batter steps out of the batter's box. The surprised hurler freezes in mid-stride and holds onto the ball. This is not a balk.
- 8) The batter squares around to bunt. He gets the bat on the ball, but, his left foot is positioned in the middle of the plate when he contacts the ball. The ball rolls foul. The batter is out.
- 9) Runners on first and third. The infield is playing shallow to make a play at the plate. The batter smashes a hot ground ball right between the legs of the first baseman. The ball strikes the runner advancing from first. As the umpire, you let the play continue.
- 10) Runners on first and second. The batter smashes a ground ball up the middle past a diving shortstop. The ball hits the umpire who is positioned behind the infielder. The ball is alive.
- 11) The batter hits a line drive up the middle. The ball strikes the pitching rubber and deflects directly into the dugout between first base and home. This is a foul ball.
- 12) Two strikes on the batter. He swings at the next pitch and tips the ball directly onto the catchers protector and then into his mitt. The batter is out.
- 13) Top of the fifth inning with two outs. The umpire orders the lights turned on. This is illegal. The umpire must wait until the inning is over.

- 14) The center fielder comes in and plays directly behind the second baseman on the dirt. This is allowed.
- 15) The manager switches his pitcher from the mound to right field and brings the right fielder to pitch. After the third out is made, this team comes to bat. The lead-off batter is the designated hitter.
- 16) Top of the ninth. Home team holds a narrow 4 - 3 lead. With a runner on first, the home team manager decides to switch his left-handed right fielder with his right-handed pitcher. After the outfielder-made-pitcher strikes out the first batter he faces, the manager wants to switch them back. This is allowed.
- 17) The batter hits a weak grounder along the first base foul line in foul territory. He throws his helmet at the ball and deflects it farther foul. This is legal because the ball was in foul territory.
- 18) Runner on first, one out. The center fielder makes what appears to be a spectacular over the head catch as he crashes into the center field wall. Upon contact with the fence, the ball pops out and goes over the wall. This is a ground rule double.
- 19) The batter hits a line drive that is deflected off the pitcher's foot and is caught in the air before touching the ground. The ball is then thrown to first base for the force out at first base.
- 20) Top of the ninth inning. The defensive manager brings in a right-hander to face the visiting team in it's last at bat. The first scheduled hitter is right-handed, so the offensive manager sends up a left-handed pinch hitter for him. Since a pinch hitter is substituted, the defensive manager wants to bring in another pitcher. This is legal?
- 21) Runner on first. While on the mound but before assuming a position on the rubber, the pitcher attempts to pick off the runner. The ball sails past the first baseman into the stands. The runner is awarded second base.
- 22) The pitcher is in his wind-up as the catcher settles into his position and inadvertently touches the batter's bat. The pitch is delivered and the batter does not swing. The pitch is out of the strike zone. This is a "Do Over".
- 23) The runner on second is off and running on the pitch. The batter slashes a line drive toward shortstop. The ball strikes the runner in the shoulder, pops into the air and is caught by the alert infielder. The batter is out and the runner is returned to second base.
- 24) 2 balls and 2 strikes. The batter makes an effort to avoid the high inside pitch. However, he cannot get out of the way soon enough and the ball strikes him on his hands gripping the bat. The ball settles in foul territory. The batter is awarded first base.
- 25) The batter chops a ball down the first base line. The catcher starts for the ball as the batter is leaving the batter's box. The batter collides with the catcher from behind. The umpire rules coincidental contact and let's the play continue. This is correct.

- 26) The home team is leading 3-0 after six complete innings. The visiting team scores four times in the top of the seventh inning to take the lead. A thunderstorm hits and the game is halted and eventually called. Home team wins 3-0?
- 27) No one on base with a 3-1 count on the batter. The pitcher is in the middle of his delivery when the ball squirts from his hand and rolls into the back of the left-hand batter's box. This is ball four.
- 28) To start the game the offensive team accidentally send up an improper hitter. A pitch is thrown to this improper hitter. At that point the offensive manager realizes the mistake and sends the proper batter to the plate. As the umpire, you allow this change.
- 29) Base loaded with one out. The batter smacks a deep fly ball down the right field line. The ball deflects off the right fielder's outstretched glove, ricochets off the foul pole above the fence and is retrieved by the right fielder. He fires to the plate to retire the runner from second. As the umpire, you rule this a ground rule double.
- 30) Two balls, two strikes. The batter swings at the next pitch and chops it into the ground behind home plate. The ball bounces high into the air and it is first touched by the catcher in front of home plate. This is a fair ball?
- 31) One out with runners on first and third. The batter hits a ground ball to the second baseman. The bat flies out of the batter's hands and interferes with the second baseman's attempt to field the ball. All runners advanced. As the umpire you return all runners and declare the batter out.
- 32) There is no score after nine full innings. Lightning strike a transformer near the ballpark and the lights go out. When it becomes apparent that the game cannot be continued, the umpires call the game. This is a suspended game.
- 33) The runner on first is off and running on the pitch. The catcher cocks his throwing arm and whacks the umpire in the mask. The throw sails into center field and the runner heads for third. He is thrown out at third by an alert center fielder. The runner is returned to first base.
- 34) Runner on second base. The pitcher is in the "set position". Expecting the runner to be stealing on the pitch, the pitcher starts his delivery, but instead of delivering to the batter, he fires to the third baseman covering the base. The runner never left second. This is a balk.
- 35) On a fly ball, a fielder gets his hand on a ball but it ricochets off his glove against his body where he traps the ball with his arm. He subsequently reaches in and pulls the ball out with his free hand. This is a catch.
- 36) At home plate prior to the start of the game the managers disagree on a ground rule. The home team manager has jurisdiction in setting the ground rule.
- 37) A pitched ball touches the sleeve of the batter's uniform, but does not hit the batter himself. The batter did not swing. The umpire should award the batter 1st base.

- 38) If different decisions are made on the same play, the umpire-in-chief shall determine which decision shall prevail.
- 39) The half-swing can be appealed on either a ball or a strike call.
- 40) The base umpire has equal jurisdiction in calling balks, time and illegal pitches.
- 41) A defensive substitute for an injured player (other than the pitcher) is entitled to 5 warm-up throws.
- 42) In the umpire's judgment a pitcher intentionally pitches at a batter. The umpire may eject the pitcher or the pitcher and his manager without any official warning first.
- 43) It is illegal for pitchers to go to their mouth with the pitching hand while standing on the mound. If there are runners on base, this is a balk.
- 44) When there is spectator interference with a thrown or batted ball the umpire should allow the play to be completed before determining the placement of runners.
- 45) With one out and two strikes on the batter, a runner on 3rd attempts to steal home on a legal pitch. The runner is hit by the pitch in the strike zone. The umpire called strike three, the batter is out and the runner is sent back to 3rd.
- 46) A runner is obstructed by the 3rd baseman while he is attempting to reach 3rd base. The runner is automatically awarded home.
- 47) When two runners occupy the same base, the umpire should immediately declare the following runner out.
- 48) A batter becomes a runner on a 3rd strike that is not caught, he may advance to 1st base at any time before entering his bench.
- 49) In a National Senior Championship Game the Alberta manager goes to the mound for the 2nd time in the same inning to the same pitcher. He removes the pitcher and places him at shortstop. The Manitoba manager protests that the pitcher should be removed from the game. The Manitoba manager is correct.
- 50) Bases loaded. The catcher after legally catching a batted ball, steps into the dugout with both feet. The ball is dead and the umpire should rule the batter out and all runners advance one base without liability to be put out.
- 51) The defensive team is considered to have left the field when all infielders and the pitcher are in foul territory, and the catcher has left his normal position.
- 52) The pitcher has 30 seconds to deliver the ball to the batter with nobody on base.
- 53) The 3rd baseman's exposed undershirt may be of a different colour than that of his teammates.
- 54) The ball is dead immediately on all obstructions.

- 55) If one team uses a designated hitter, the opposing team must do likewise.
- 56) The pitcher's 18' circle is actually centered 18" in front of the pitching rubber.
- 57) At the end of the 4th inning the visiting team is leading 3-2. In the bottom of the 5th inning the home team scores 2 runs to make the score 4-3. Before the 5th inning can be completed, the game is rained out. This is a regulation game.
- 58) A game is called off because of light failure during the 3rd inning with the home team leading 3-2. The game must be replayed.
- 59) The defense may not legally appeal after an illegal pitch.
- 60) When a runner passes a preceding runner, he is out and the ball is dead.
- 61) A thrown ball accidentally strikes the third base coach while he is within the coach's box. The ball remains alive and in play.
- 62) With a runner at first base, the shortstop intentionally lets a pop fly fall to the ground untouched in an effort to start a double play. The batter is out and the runner may advance at his own risk.
- 63) If an umpire should clear the bench because of consistent unsportsmanlike conduct, the coach can bring back any player he wishes to use as a substitute providing he hasn't been previously removed.
- 64) On a foul tip the ball is dead.
- 65) A pitched ball hits the sleeve of the batter's uniform, but does not hit the batter himself. The umpire should award the batter first base.
- 66) The umpire-in-chief is the sole judge as to the fitness of a baseball to be used during a regulation game.
- 67) An ejected player is allowed to sit in the stands if he changes into street clothes.
- 68) A manager is considered to have concluded his visit to the mound when he crosses the first or third base line.
- 69) When the proper batter is on base, he is passed over, and the following batter becomes the proper batter.
- 70) A suspended game can be completed as the second game of a double-header.
- 71) With runners at 1st and 3rd, R1 is caught in a rundown. R3 easily scores and in the ensuing rundown R1 is called for interference. R3 is now returned to 3rd base.
- 72) There is no interference when a thrown ball strikes any umpire.

- 73) With 1 out, on a 3-2 pitch, 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.
- 74) Chinstraps are mandatory for helmets for bantam category and lower.
- 75) R2 is attempting to steal when the batter is hit by the pitch. The batter is awarded 1st and R2 returns to 2nd.
- 76) When a ball is illegally batted. (At least one foot on the ground entirely outside the batter's box) The ball is dead immediately.
- 77) The ball can be either alive or dead when the defense makes an appeal for a missed base.
- 78) A fair bounding ball that hits the screen on the foul pole is a dead ball and all runners are awarded two bases.
- 79) Runner on third with nobody out. The batter swings as the catcher touches the bat. Despite the interference, the batter manages to hit a fly ball to right field. The ball is caught and the runner tags and scores. As the umpire, you properly return the runner to third and place the batter on first base. The manager says he would rather allow the run to score. You reverse your previous decision and score the runner from third base and call the batter out
- 80) With the bases loaded, the 1st baseman catches a pop up in foul territory and then falls into the dugout. The ball is dead, the batter is out and runners return.