

Alberta NUCP Umpire Exam

2005 Level II

- 1) Runner on first base. The pitcher is on the mound with his pivot foot "off" the rubber. He reaches up and touches his pitching hand to his mouth. This is a balk.
- 2) The second baseman has the ball hidden in his glove. The pitcher assumes his position on the rubber without the ball as the runner takes his lead off second base. The sly second sacker darts over and tags out the surprised runner. The runner is out.
- 3) One ball and one strike. The batter squares around and bunts the next pitch directly toward the pitcher. The ball strikes the ground and spins back through the catcher's legs without being touched and then strikes the umpire who is standing in foul territory behind the plate. This is a foul ball.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Line drive hits the chalk line in right field. This is a fair ball.
- 6) With less than two outs, the batter foul tips the third strike directly into the catcher's glove as the runner from first steals second base. The ball is dead and the runner must return to first base.
- 7) Runners on first and third bases, one out. Batter hits a high fly ball to the second baseman. This is an infield fly.
- 8) Runner on first base, pitched ball is missed by the catcher and strikes the plate umpire. Runner advances to second. This is umpire interference.
- 9) A fielder attempts to field a batted ball and bumps into an umpire, causing the fielder to miss the ball. This is umpire interference.
- 10) On an attempted steal, the umpire interferes with the catcher's throw that does not retire the runner. This is umpire interference. The ball is dead and the runner returns.
- 11) Batter hits a home run over the fence with two out and the bases full. The batter misses first base while running the bases. A proper appeal is made to the umpire and the batter-runner is called out. Three runs score.
- 12) Batter with two strikes bunts the third strike foul. The batter is out.
- 13) Bunting a pitch, the batter steps on home plate with his foot entirely outside the batter's box. The batter is out.
- 14) Able on first, Baker up to bat and Charlie on-deck. With two outs, three balls and two strikes on the batter, the runner on first is picked off by the pitcher and tagged out attempting to steal second. Charlie is the lead off batter in the top of the next inning.
- 15) With runners on second (R2) and third (R3), the runner on second becomes confused and runs to third although not forced to do so, placing two runners on third base at the same time. The second runner (R2) is out when tagged.
- 16) Runner going from second to third base on the pitch falls over the shortstop who is standing in the base line not fielding a batted ball. The third base-man jogs over and tags the runner with the ball. This is obstruction.
- 17) Runner on third is trapped between home and third base. In the rundown, the base runner collides with defensive player who does not have the ball. This is obstruction and the runner is awarded home.
- 18) With a runner on first (R1), the batter smashes a line drive to the second baseman who catches the ball and then steps on second base. R1 is out on the force play.
- 19) Runner on second is running hard from second to third base when he is hit by a fair batted ball. The shortstop was waiting to field the ball. This is offensive interference. The ball is dead, the runner returns to second base and the batter is out.
- 20) Runner advancing 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 the runner is placed on second base. The batter is placed on first base.
- 21) Runners on first and second bases. Pitcher commits a balk on a pitch that the batter hits to the outfield. The umpire should permit all runners to advance as far as they choose at their own risk.

- 22) A fielder catches a ball in flight on the dead run. After running three steps while off balance, he collides with another fielder and as a result of the collision drops the ball. This is not a catch.
- 23) Bases are loaded with nobody out. The third baseman fields a hard hit ground ball, tags third for one out and fires the ball to the catcher in time for him to touch home plate before the runner from third arrives. R3 is not tagged. Two out, double play.
- 24) Bases loaded, one out. The squeeze is on, but the batter bunts a pop fly towards the pitcher. This is an infield fly.
- 25) A thrown ball accidentally strikes the third base coach while he is within the coaches' box. The ball remains alive and in play.
- 26) A pop-up, which lands in foul territory and bounces into fair territory untouched between home and 1st base and settles on fair ground is a fair ball.
- 27) A batted ball, which strikes 3rd base and bounces into the dugout is a fair ball.
- 28) The pitcher is entitled to as many pitches as he deems necessary before the start of each inning.
- 29) The lines of the batter's box are part of the batter's box.
- 30) A balk can be called on a pitcher while no runners are on base.
- 31) Appeals on a half swing may be made on either a ball or strike and the plate umpire must refer to the base umpire for his judgement.
- 32) Players who have been substituted for may remain on the bench or warm up pitchers.
- 33) The umpire must declare the ball dead by calling time if he wishes to examine the ball.
- 34) Each runner including the batter-runner shall be awarded two bases from the time of pitch when a batted ball goes under the outfield fence.
- 35) One out, Jones on third, Smith on first, and Brown flies out to right field. Two outs. Jones tags up and scores after the catch. Smith attempted to return to first but the right fielder's throw beat him to the base. Three outs. But Jones scored before the throw to catch Smith reached first base, hence Jones' run counts. It was not a force play.
- 36) A batted ball which first bounces on home plate is a foul ball.
- 37) A fielder has made a catch and drops the ball in the act of making a throw. Umpire rules the ball caught.
- 38) After the umpire declares a foul ball, all runners must tag up.
- 39) An improper batter is at bat with a 2-2 count. The manager from the offensive team notices the error and replaces the wrong batter with the correct batter. This is legal.
- 40) Bases loaded with nobody out. Batter hits an infield fly which is dropped by the second baseman. The runners must still tag-up.
- 41) If a thrown ball accidentally strikes an umpire, the ball is alive and in play.
- 42) A batted ball that bounces toward first or third will be fair if it strikes either base.
- 43) Either umpire may call time.
- 44) A pitch bounces in the dirt and then strikes the batter on the leg. The batter should be awarded first base because he was hit with the ball.
- 45) Mosquito Baseball and Little League Major League. Two are out with runner at first base. Strike three is not caught by the catcher. The batter may run to first base.
- 46) The batter is hit on the sleeve by a pitch. The ball is dead.
- 47) At the Mosquito and Major Little League level shoes with metal cleats or "spikes" are prohibited. Rubber moulded cleats or running shoes are permitted.
- 48) The pitcher balks and does not throw the ball or deliver a pitch. The ball is dead.
- 49) Runner on first base. The pitcher starts to deliver the ball but accidentally falls. This is NOT a balk. This is a do-over.
- 50) With 1 out and a runner on 1st the pitcher accidentally drops the ball while standing on the rubber. This is a balk, the ball is dead and the runner on 1st is awarded 2nd.