

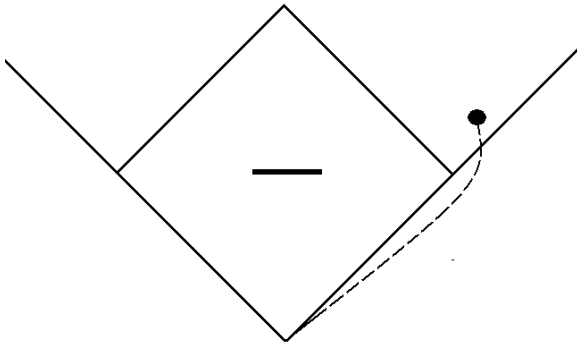
Alberta NUCP Umpire Exam

2007 Level 1 - Open Book Exam

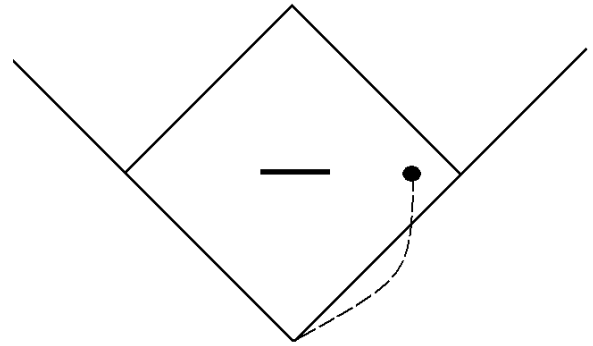
- 1) R1 gets a big lead and is "off and running" with the pitch. The batter smashes a ground ball up the middle and it hits R1 who has just slid safely into second base. He is touching the base when the ball hits him. The ball is dead and R1 is out. Rule 7.08(f), 5.09(f)
- 2) R1 and R2 with one out. The batter attempts to bunt and the ball is popped high in the air near first base. This is an infield fly. Rule 2.00 (Infield Fly)
- 3) R3. Catcher has a pass ball which comes to rest between the feet of the umpire. The umpire is not aware of this and accidentally kicks the ball away from the catcher. R3 crosses home plate. This is umpire interference. Rule 2.00 (Interference)
- 4) R1. 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. Rule 5.09(b), 2.00 (Interference - Umpire)
- 5) On a foul tip the ball is dead. Rule 2.00 (Foul Tip)
- 6) A batted ball which first strikes the ground behind home plate and then rolls untouched into fair territory is a foul ball. Rule 2.00 (Fair Ball), 2.00 (Foul Ball)
- 7) 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. Rule 9.02(c) (comments - second paragraph)
- 8) The umpire must declare the ball dead by calling time if he wishes to examine the ball. Rule 5.10(e)
- 9) Each runner including the batter-runner shall be awarded two bases from the time of pitch when a fair batted ball goes under the outfield fence. Rule 6.09(f)
- 10) The ball can be either alive or dead when the defense makes an appeal for a missed base. Rule 7.10 (last paragraph)
- 11) When a foul ball is not caught, the ball is dead and runners return. Rule 5.09(e)
- 12) The batter is out if he bunts foul on a third strike. Rule 6.05(d)
- 13) The pitcher while astride the rubber may take his signs from the catcher. Rule 8.01
- 14) No runners. Batted ball is overthrown into dead ball territory before the batter runner reaches first base. The umpire rules one base from the time of the pitch and awards batter first base. Rule 7.05(g)
- 15) No runners on base. Batted ball is overthrown into dead ball territory. The pitcher must have the ball in his possession, be on the rubber and the plate umpire calls "play" to create a live ball. Rule 5.11
- 16) While on the rubber the pitcher throws to first base to pick off a runner but the ball gets away from the first baseman and it rolls into dead ball area. The runner is awarded second base. Rule 7.05(h)

- 17) The pitcher is behind the rubber with the ball when he makes a quick throw to first base in an attempt to get the runner. The ball is thrown into dead ball area. The runner should be awarded third base. Rule 8.01(e), 7.05(g)
- 18) A pitch bounces in the dirt and then hits the batter on the leg. The batter should be awarded first base because he was hit with the ball. Rule 6.08(b)
- 19) A batter has one foot on the ground completely out of the batter's box when the pitch is on the way. To be called out the batter must make contact with the ball. Not just swing at and miss the pitch. Rule 6.06(a)
- 20) 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. Rule 6.09(b) (Canadian Content), 6.05(b) (Little League)
- 21) The batter is hit on the sleeve by a pitch. The ball is dead. Rule 5.09(a), 2.00 (Person)
- 22) Second baseman catches a line drive which has deflected off the pitcher's arm. This is a catch. Rule 2.00 (Catch)
- 23) Second baseman catches a line drive which has deflected off the base umpire. This is a catch. Rule 2.00 (Catch)
- 24) Second baseman catches a line drive which has deflected off a runner. This is a catch. Rule 2.00 (Catch)
- 25) Left fielder makes the catch, immediately crashes into the wall and drops the ball. This is a catch. Rule 2.00 (Catch)
- 26) Third baseman catches the ball and drops it while in the act of making a throw. This is a catch. Rule 2.00 (Catch)
- 27) The umpires should arrive at the ball park a minimum 30 minutes before game time to prepare for the game? (Not in rule book)
- 28) The umpires should enter the playing field and head to home base 5 minutes before game time where they will be met by the managers. Rule 4.01
- 29) During an attempted bunt the batter illegally batted a ball by stepping on the middle of home plate completely outside the batter's box. The ball is dead immediately. Rule 5.09(d)
- 30) R3 is trapped between home and third base. In the rundown R3 collides with a player who does not have the ball. The ball is immediately dead and R3 is awarded home. Rule 7.06(a), 2.00 (Obstruction)
- 31) Only the plate umpire may call time. Rule 9.04(b)(2)
- 32) One out, R3, R1, and batter flies out to right field. Two outs. R3 tags up and scores after the catch. R1 attempted to return to first but the right fielder's throw beat him to the base. Three outs. But R3 scored before the throw to catch R1 reached first base, hence R3s' run counts. It was not a force play. Rule 4.09 - Last approved ruling.

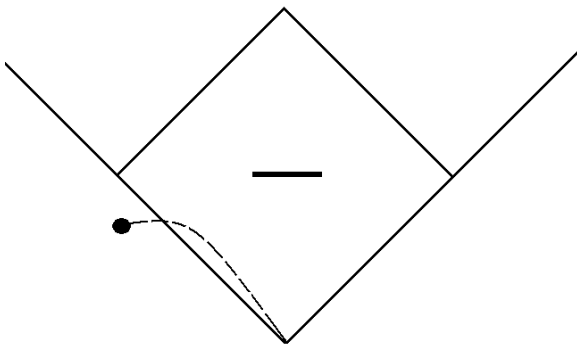
Questions 33 to 41. Based on the following diagrams, determine whether the **Ground Ball** (see Rule 2.00 – Ground Ball) is a fair ball or a foul ball. Rule 2.00 (Fair Ball, Foul Ball, Fair Territory, Foul Territory)



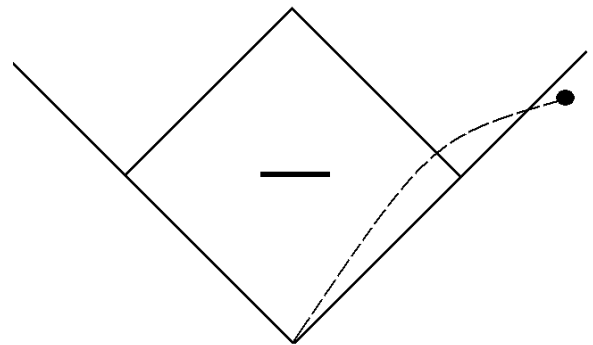
33) This is a Fair Ball.



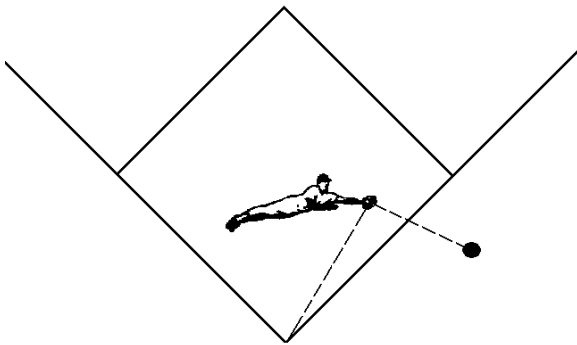
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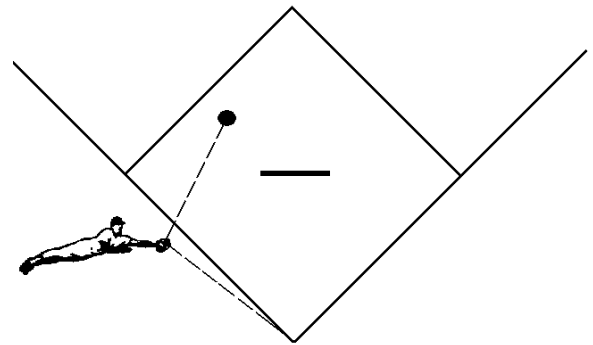
35) This is a Fair Ball.



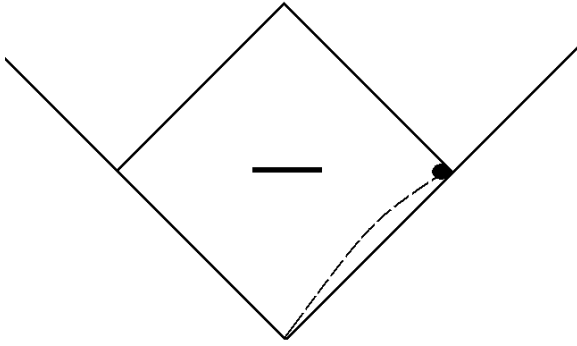
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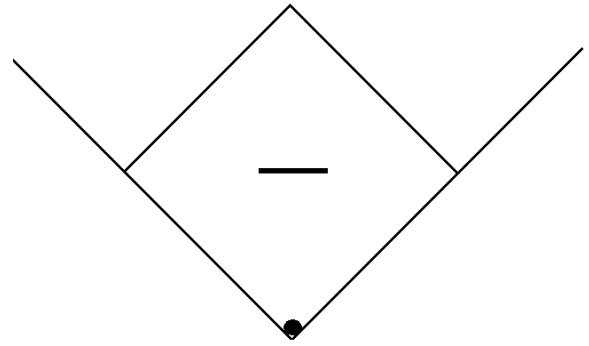
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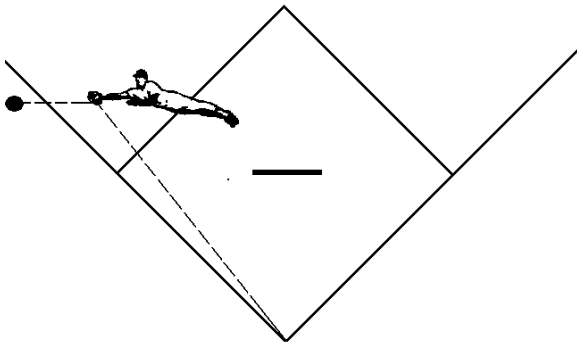
38) This is a Fair Ball.



39) This is a Fair Ball.
 Note: The ball hit first base.

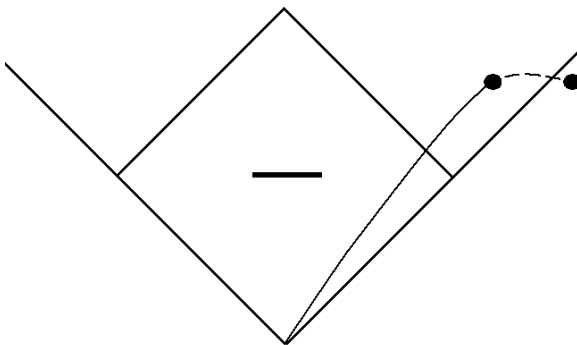


40) This is a Fair Ball.
 Note: The ball settles on home plate.

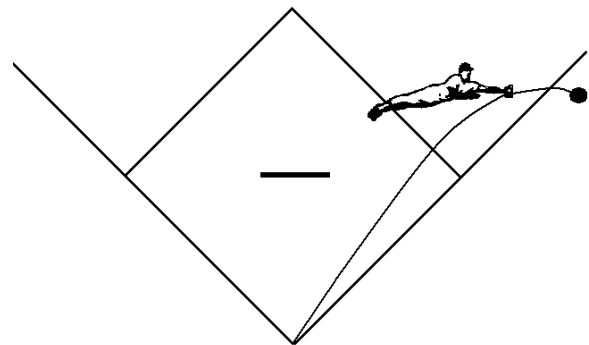


41) This is a Fair Ball.

Questions 42 and 43. Based on the following diagrams, state whether the **Fly Ball** (see Rule 2.00 – Fly Ball) is a fair ball or a foul ball. Rule 2.00 (Fair Ball, Foul Ball, Fair Territory, Foul Territory)

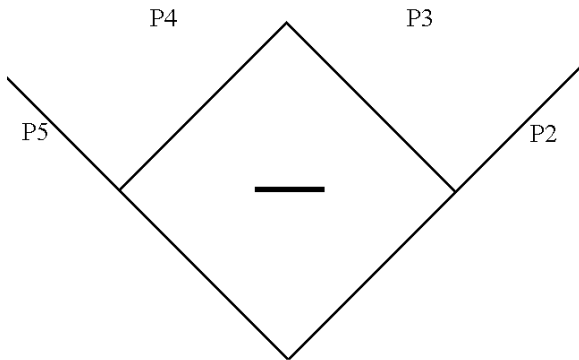


42) This is a Fair Ball.
 Note: The ball first lands beyond first base and then bounces into foul territory.

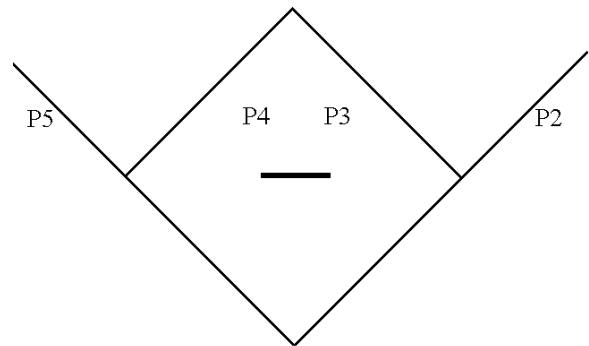


43) This is a Fair Ball.
 Note: The fly ball is deflected by the fielder and it lands in foul territory.

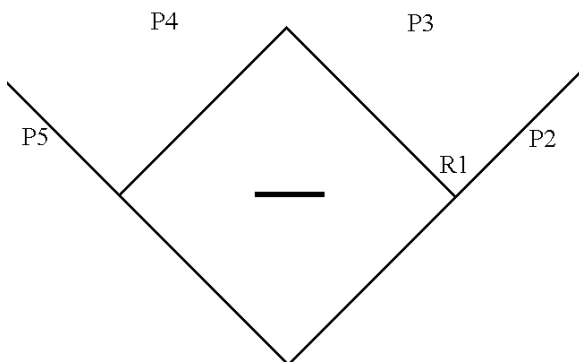
Questions 44 to 49. Starting positions P2, P3, P4 and P5. Based on the diagrams and the statement below, state whether each statement is true or false. Minor baseball does not allow leadoffs. Major baseball allows leadoffs.



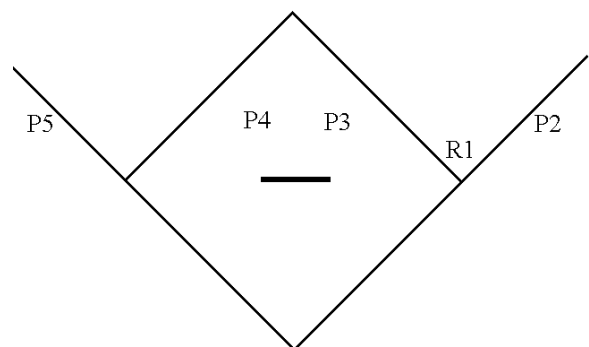
44) Minor – No Runners
U1 should be at position P2



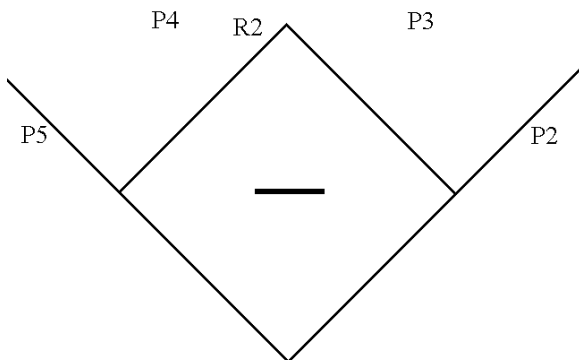
45) Major – No Runners
U1 should be at position P2



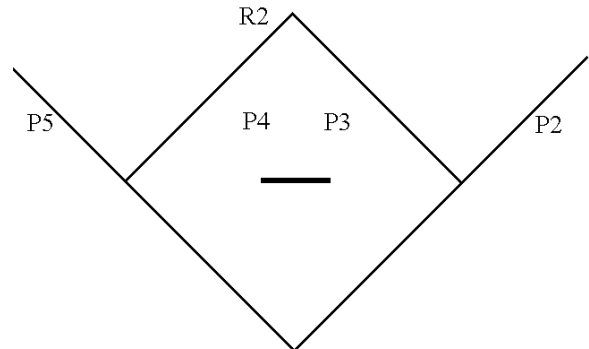
46) Minor – Runner on First
U1 should be at position P3



47) Major – Runner on First
U1 should be at position P3



48) Minor – Runner on Second
U1 should be at position P4



49) Major – Runners on First and Second
U1 should be at position P4

- 50) R1. Two umpire system. On a base hit, the umpire must evaluate if it is necessary to go to third base to make a call on R1. The plate umpire must be at position P15 to properly determine if it is necessary to go to third base. True or False.

