

2007 Superclinic Practice Exam

** Note: These questions reflect some of the rule changes implemented by MLB in 2006 and incorporated by Baseball Canada in 2007. You are expected to know the rules for the 2007 season, however, the national exam will not have any questions dealing with these changes.

Baseball Canada rule change explanations: <http://members.shaw.ca/cabua/exams.html>

MLB Rule Book http://www.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official_info/official_rules/foreword.jsp

- 1) Top of the first inning the first batter of the game is at bat. The starting pitcher throws two wild pitches and his disgruntled manager goes to the mound to change pitchers. This is allowed.
- 2) The pitcher has a problem releasing the ball and fires it into the ground. The ball bounces and enters the batters strike zone. The batter is surprised and takes the pitch. This is a strike.
- 3) 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 pitcher stops in mid-stride and holds onto the ball. This is not a balk.
- 4) Top of the fifth inning. The first batter walks. The next batter doubles to right. The umpire realizes that there has only been eight players on the field since the inning started. The umpire restarts the inning.
- 5) ** Batter hits a pop-up toward the first base dugout. The first baseman and the catcher converge to make the catch. The first baseman goes down into the dugout and catches the pop-up. This is a foul ball. A defensive player cannot go into the dugout to catch a batted ball.
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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.
- 8) The batter hits a sharp line drive back to the pitcher. It strikes him in the arm and he is forced to leave the game. The new pitcher should only get eight warm-up pitches.
- 9) The batter smashes a line drive into center-field fence. A stitch in the ball breaks and the ball comes partially apart. Two runners cross the plate. The play stands.
- 10) 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.
- 11) 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".
- 12) With a runner on third. The pitcher is working from the wind-up position. The pitcher starts his motion and the runner breaks for home. With a left-handed batter at bat, the catcher steps out into the rear of the right-handed batter's box to take the pitch and easily tags out the runner. The runner is out.
- 13) The right-handed batter bunts the ball down the first baseline. He starts for first as the catcher starts to field the ball. They brush shoulders as both proceed toward first. This contact is ruled interference by the runner.
- 14) The visiting team scores nine times in the first four innings. With one out in the bottom of the fourth inning the stadium lights go out. After the electricians are unable to repair them, the umpires call the game. Since this game did not go five full innings, the game will be replayed from the beginning.

- 15) ** The batter disagrees with the umpire's call of "strike two". He steps out of the batters box and complains. The umpire listens patiently then orders the batter back into the batter's box. He refuses to get back in. As the umpire you call time and call a strike on the batter.
- 16) ** R3 and one out. A foul fly is caught by the catcher after which he steps, (does not fall), into the dugout. R3 tags up scores on a close play to win the game. The ball is alive and runners can advance at their own risk..
- 17) Before the pitcher steps on the pitcher's plate, the batter moves from one batters box to the other. This is legal.
- 18) The batter on strike two taps the ball in front of the plate with a short "swing". The ball rolls foul. You call him out for foul bunt on strike 3.
- 19) If an improper pitcher is allowed to pitch, any play that results is legal.
- 20) 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.
- 21) About batting out of order. A3 bats when A2 should have and hits a home run. No appeal is made and then A2 comes to bat. A pitch is made to A2. This first pitch to A2 makes A4 the next legal batter.
- 22) On catcher's interference, the "defensive" team's manager may refuse the penalty and accept the play. (Read this question carefully)
- 23) A successful appeal is made against an improper batter while he/she is at bat. All prior advances made by runners are legal.
- 24) With one out and a runner on 2nd base, the runner attempts to steal 3rd base. In attempting to make a play at 3rd base, the catcher interferes with the batter who swings at a third strike and misses. The umpire should award 1st base to the batter and allow the runner to remain at 3rd base.
- 25) The runner on 1st base intentionally got hit by a batted ball to break-up a double-play. The umpire should declare both the runner and the batter-runner out. The ball is dead.
- 26) ** 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 1 run to tie the score. Before the 5th inning can be completed, the game is rained out with the score tied 3-3. It is a suspended game.
- 27) When a runner passes a preceding runner, he is out and the ball is dead.
- 28) The lines of the batter's box are part of the batter's box.
- 29) 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.
- 30) 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.
- 31) It is legal to have 4 outfielders and only 3 infielders in addition to the pitcher and catcher.
- 32) It is legal for the pitcher to take his sign from the catcher while standing astride the rubber.
- 33) With a runner on 2nd and 1 out, the pitcher from the rubber steps toward 2nd base and feints a throw. This is a balk and the runner goes to third.
- 34) A runner is standing on 3rd base when he is hit on fair ground by a fair batted ball before it touches or passes an infielder. The runner is not out because he is on the base.
- 35) R2 attempts to score on a base hit. The throw is in plenty of time. R2 maliciously collides with the catcher and the catcher drops the ball. R2 is ejected and the run scores.
- 36) When the proper batter is on base, he is passed over, and the following batter becomes the proper batter.

- 37) All of the following statements are true. (A) All players shall wear double earflap helmets while at bat. (B) Chin straps are mandatory for PeeWee and under. (C) Catchers must wear helmet and mask while warming up a pitcher. (D) All tobacco products are prohibited. (E) Metal cleats are prohibited for PeeWee and under. (F) The DH can only be used in Midget and above. (G) In Mosquito ball and younger, runners shall not leave their bases until the pitched ball has reached the batter.
- 38) It begins to rain during the break between games of a double header, the umpire-in-chief for the 1st game determines if the 2nd game will start.
- 39) With a runner on 3rd, the batter swings at strike 3. The pitch is in the dirt and hits the batter. The ball deflects into the dugout just before R3 scores. The ball is dead. The batter is out. R3 returns to 3rd.
- 40) 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.
- 41) Only the umpire in chief may forfeit a game.
- 42) R1 is stealing. The pitcher balks on his throw to 1st. The 1st baseman catches the ball and throws to 2nd where the SS tags R1 as he over slides 2nd base. The play stands and R1 is out.
- 43) A batted ball, which goes sharp and direct from the bat, off the catcher's mitt and is trapped against his/her chest protector is a foul tip if the ball ends up in the glove.
- 44) In the top of the fifth, the visiting team scores 4 runs and now leads 5-3. In the bottom of the 5th, the home team scores 1 run and have runners at 2nd and 3rd when rain makes the field unplayable. This is a suspended game.
- 45) Batter #4 bats in place of batter #3. Batter #2 while on 1st steals 2nd. Batter #4 singles and batter #2 scores. The defence appeals. The umpire shall call batter #3 out, return batter #2 to 2nd and have batter #4 bat again.
- 46) With the bases loaded, the 1st baseman catches a pop up in foul territory. He then starts to fall into his dugout but is held up and steps in. The ball is dead and all runners advance.
- 47) With a runner on 2nd and not advancing, the batter accidentally interferes with the catcher's throw back to the pitcher. The ball is dead and there is no interference charged to the batter.
- 48) A batted fly ball to RF hits the fence, bounces back and deflects off the right fielder over the fence in fair territory is a ground rule double.
- 49) A player may sit in the stands after being ejected provided he changes into street clothes.
- 50) 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.
- 51) During a rundown between home and 3rd, R3 is obstructed, R2 had advanced and was standing on 3rd when the obstruction occurred. R3 is awarded home and R2 remains at 3rd.
- 52) A team is playing with no substitutes left to enter the game and the DH is ejected. The game is forfeited.
- 53) 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.
- 54) It begins to rain during the break between games of a doubleheader, the umpire-in-chief for the 1st game determines if the 2nd game will start.
- 55) The batter hits a single to RF. The right fielder, seeing the BR make a wide turn, throws to 1st in an attempt to get the retreating runner. The throw enters the dugout. The BR is awarded 3rd.
- 56) The umpire must declare the ball dead by calling time if he wishes to examine the ball.
- 57) A ground ball deflects off a fielder and hits a runner. The ball is dead.
- 58) The ball is always dead when spectator interference occurs.

- 59) The plate umpire interferes with the catcher's throw on an attempted steal by a runner from 1st base. The catcher's throw retires the runner. The delayed interference call is then disregarded.
- 60) If a fair ball touches an umpire working in the infield after it has bounded past the pitcher, it is a dead ball.
- 61) After the umpire declares a foul ball, all runners must tag up.
- 62) If a thrown ball accidentally strikes an umpire, the ball is alive and in play.
- 63) Incident Reports must be submitted whenever there is an ejection and incidents that occur before and after the game.
- 64) ** While a player is at bat they must always be on the home plate 26' dirt area except when time is called to make a substitution or a conference by either team. Under certain circumstances they must always have at least one foot in the batter's box.
- 65) ** Batter takes a pitch for either a ball or a strike. The batter must keep one foot in the batter's box.
- 66) ** Batter takes a pitch for either a ball or a strike. The batter agrees with the call but leaves the batter's box and in the umpire's judgment delays the game. The umpire can call a strike. The ball is alive.
- 67) ** The batter feints a bunt. The umpire calls a ball. The batter can leave the batter's box but must still stay inside 26' dirt area surrounding home plate.
- 68) ** The pitcher attempts a pickoff at first base. The batter can leave the batter's box but must still stay inside 26' dirt area at home plate.
- 69) ** A batter enters the batter box with an altered bat. Prior to the first pitch the catcher asks the umpire to check the bat. The umpire calls the batter out and ejects the batter from the game.
- 70) ** Runner on 2nd base. 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. R2 returns to 2nd base. The catcher is charged with detach equipment on a pitched ball and R2 is awarded 3rd base. The ball is live.
- 71) ** Runner on 2nd base. 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.
- 72) ** No runners. Pitcher is using the set position. After getting his signs, the pitcher brings his hands together and delivers the ball without coming to a complete stop. This is legal.
- 73) ** No runners on base. The 12-second timing starts when the pitcher is in possession of the ball and the batter is in the box, alert to the pitcher. The timing stops when the pitcher releases the ball.
- 74) ** The pitcher has a red and black glove. The offense complains to the umpire. The umpire determines that the glove is not distracting and allows the pitcher to continue using the glove. This is correct.
- 75) ** Any umpire, or the opposing manager where the umpire agrees can initiate the removal of a pitcher's glove because it is distracting.
- 76) ** Two out. Catcher drops the 3rd strike. The batter heading back to the 3rd base dugout is called out as soon as they leave the dirt area surrounding the home plate area.
- 77) The dirt circle around home plate is 26' in diameter.
- 78) A ball goes in behind the catcher's chest protector and immediately falls down to the ground without hesitation. The ball is dead.
- 79) 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.

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