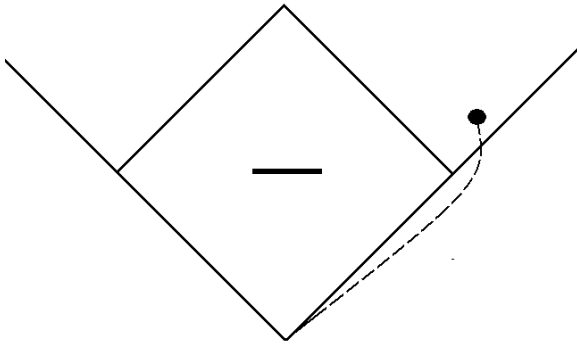


Alberta NUCP Umpire Exam
2008 Level 1 - Open Book Exam

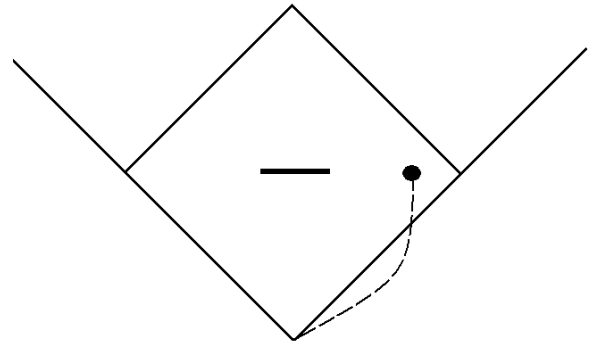
- 1) No one on base, no outs and two strikes on the batter. On the next pitch the batter swings and misses a pitch that hits the ground but is scooped up cleanly by the catcher. The batter is out. Rule 6.05(b).
- 2) R1 is running on the pitch. The batter hits a line drive to the right fielder. The right fielder makes the catch and fires the ball to first base to double up R1 returning to tag up at first base. The throw is wild and goes into the dugout. R1 is awarded third base. Rule 7.05(g)
- 3) 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. Rule 2.00 (Catch)
- 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. Rule 2.00 (Catch)
- 5) 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)
- 6) R1. On an attempted steal, the umpire interferes with the catcher's throw that does not retire R1. This is umpire interference. The ball is dead and R1 returns to first. Rule 5.09(b), 2.00 (Interference - Umpire)
- 7) Batter hits a home run over the fence with two out and the bases full. The BR misses first base while running the bases. A proper appeal is made to the umpire and the BR is called out. Three runs score. Rule 4.09(a)
- 8) R1 going from first to second base runs off the base line and back of the infielder who is fielding a batted ball on the base line. This is legal. Rule 7.08(a)
- 9) R1. The batter receives a base on balls. R1 overruns second base and is tagged with the ball. He is out. Rule 7.08(c)
- 10) R2 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. Rule 7.08(f), 2.00 (Interference - Offensive)
- 11) The lines of the batter's box are part of the batter's box. Rule 6.03
- 12) 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)
- 13) On a foul tip the ball is dead. Rule 2.00 (Foul Tip)
- 14) The pitcher is entitled to as many pitches as the pitcher deems necessary before the start of each inning. Rule 8.03
- 15) 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. Rule 6.05(Canadian Content)
- 16) 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)

- 17) A ground ball deflects off a fielder and hits a runner. The ball is dead. Rule 5.09(f)
- 18) The batter is out if he bunts foul on a third strike. Rule 6.05(d)
- 19) If a fair ball touches an umpire working in the infield after it has bounded past the pitcher, it is a dead ball. Rule 5.09(f)
- 20) If a batted fair ball bounces over the fence runners are awarded two bases from where they were when the ball left the playing field. Rule 7.05(f)
- 21) After the umpire declares a foul ball, all runners must tag up. Rule 5.09(e)
- 22) The pitcher may take his sign from the catcher while straddling the pitching rubber. Rule 8.01
- 23) The batter becomes a runner on ball four which is a wild pitch that leaves the playing field. The BR is entitled to 2nd base. Rule 7.05(h)
- 24) 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)
- 25) No runners. 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
- 26) An outfielder is running toward the foul line when he touches a fly ball over fair territory but deflects the ball into foul territory where it falls to the ground. This is a foul ball. Rule 2.00 (Fair Ball)
- 27) R1. While on the rubber the pitcher throws to first base to pick off R1 but the ball gets away from the first baseman and it rolls into dead ball area. R1 is awarded second base. Rule 7.05(h)
- 28) 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)
- 29) It is an infield fly situation if there are runners at first and second base or the bases are loaded and there are less than two out. Rule 2.00 (Infield Fly)
- 30) Mosquito Baseball and Little League Major League. R1 with two out. 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)
- 31) The batter is hit on the sleeve by a pitch. The ball is dead. Rule 5.09(a), 2.00 (Person)
- 32) Second baseman catches a line drive which has deflected off the pitcher's glove. This is a catch. Rule 2.00 (Catch)
- 33) Third baseman catches the ball and drops it while in the act of making a throw. This is a catch. Rule 2.00 (Catch)
- 34) R1 and R3 with one out. The batter flies out to right field. Two outs. R3 tags up and scores after the catch. R1 attempts 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.

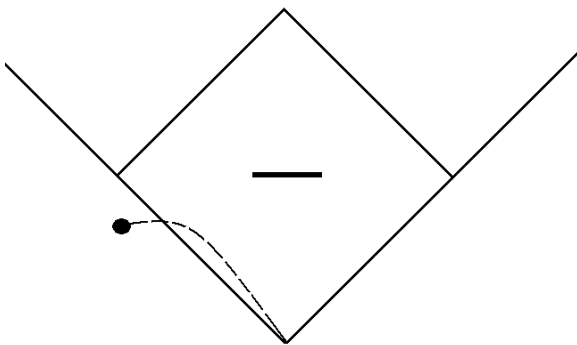
Questions 35 to 43. Based on the following diagrams, determine whether the **Ground Ball** (see Rule 2.00 – Ground Ball) is a fair ball or a foul ball. Rule 2.00 (Fair Ball, Foul Ball, Fair Territory, Foul Territory)



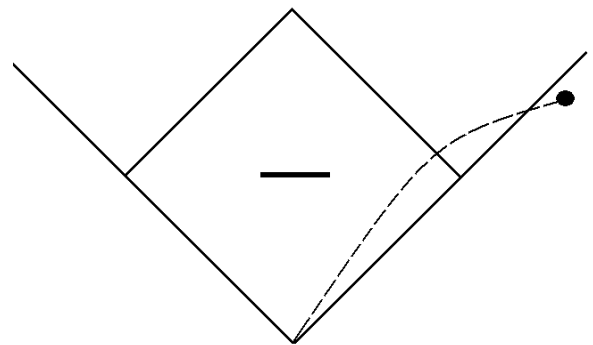
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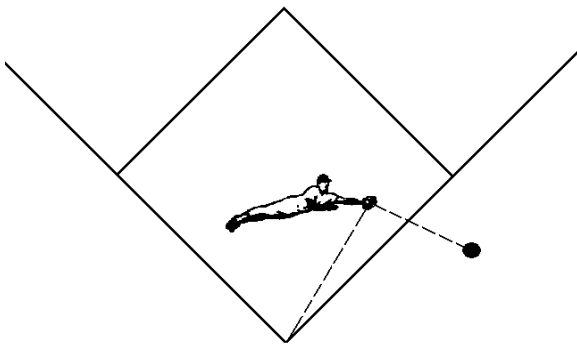
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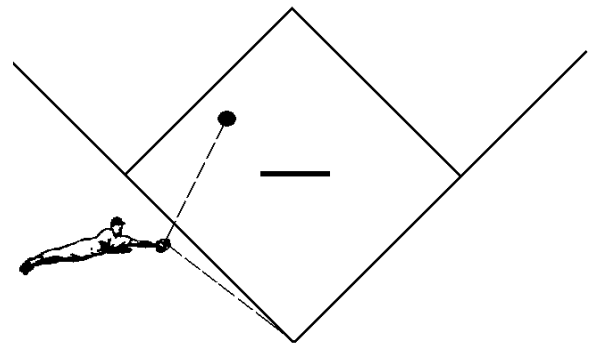
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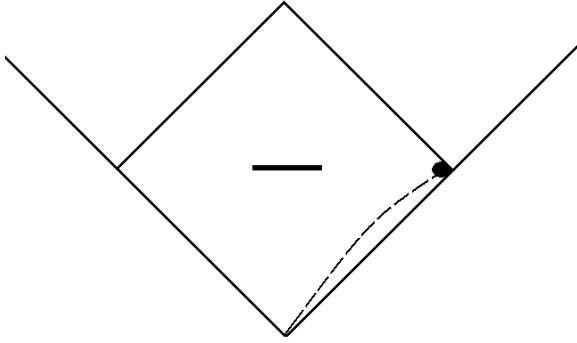
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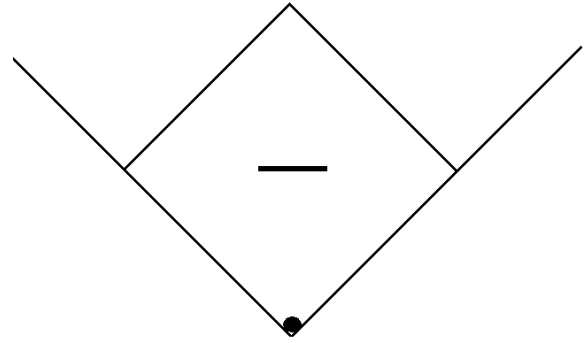
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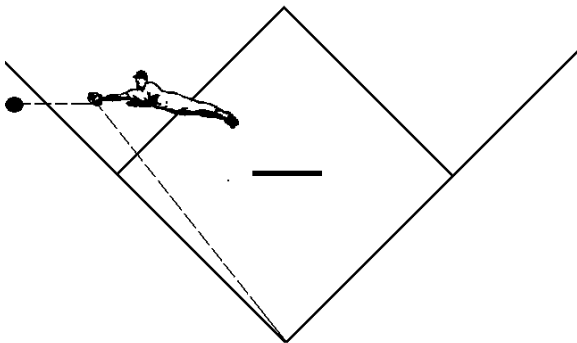
40) This is a Fair Ball.



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

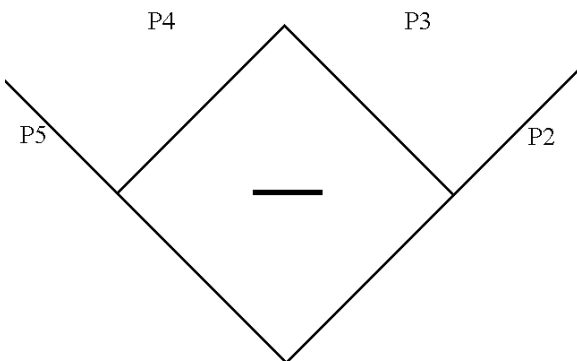


42) This is a Fair Ball.
 Note: The ball settles on home plate.

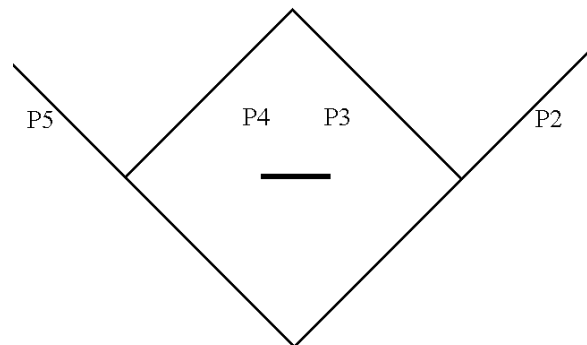


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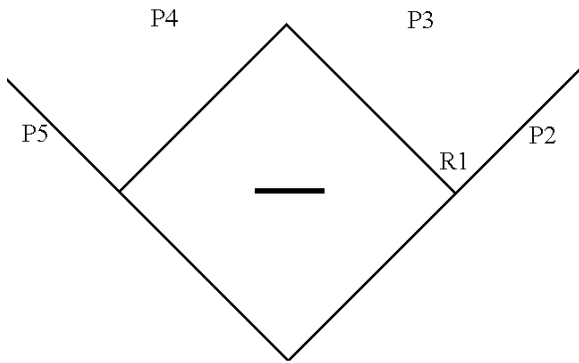
Questions 44 to 49. Starting positions P2, P3, P4 and P5. Based on the diagrams and the statement below, state whether each statement is true or false. Minor baseball does not allow leadoffs. Major baseball allows leadoffs.



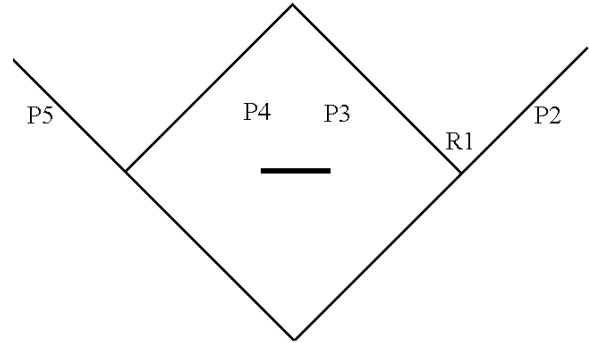
44) Minor – No Runners
 U1 should be at position P2



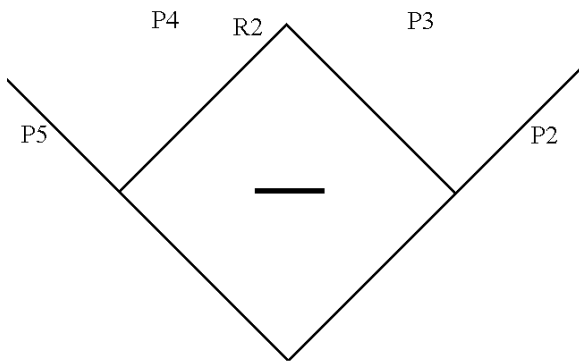
45) Major – No Runners
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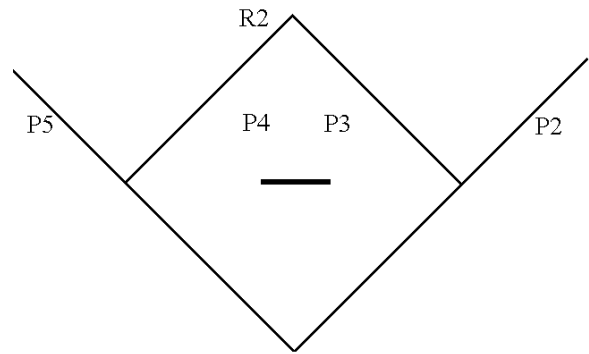
46) Minor – Runner on First
U1 should be at position P3



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.

