

2008 Superclinic Practice Exam - Answers

- 1) False. The batter is not out since the third strike was not legally caught before touching the ground. He may attempt to reach first base. Rule 6.05(b).
- 2) True. The ball is alive and in play. Rule 7.09(k).
- 3) True. Changed in 2006. Rule 6.05(a).
- 4) False. The batter is not out. This is a foul ball. To be a legal catch the ball must first touch the hand or glove. Rule 6.05(b) and 2.00 (Foul Tip).
- 5) False. The umpire should not allow this substitution. The defensive manager has a valid appeal for batting out of order if he makes it before the next pitch or play. Rule 3.04 and 6.07
- 6) False. The ball is considered in flight and so the batter is out on the fly ball caught. Rule 2.00 (In Flight)
- 7) False. The pitcher brought in to start the ninth inning must pitch to at least one batter. This latter change would not be legal. Rule 3.05(b)
- 8) False. This is considered an intervening play. The run counts and the batter is the second out. The ball is dead. Rule 6.05(k)
- 9) True. The batter initiated a force play. Any runner "forced" may be put out. This is the third out. Changed in 2006. Rule 6.09(b), 7.01, 7.08(e)
- 10) True. The appeal out stands. The throw to third must be an unmistakable attempt, otherwise the throw could be interpreted as a play on the BR thus nullifying any further appeal. Rule 7.10, 7.12, 4.09(a)(3)
- 11) True. This is simply ball 4 since it crossed the foul line. If it had not crossed the foul line, it would be "no pitch" with no runners on base. Rule 8.01(d)
- 12) False. The fielder is not allowed to enter the dugout to catch a ball. Changed in 2006. Rule 6.05(a)
- 13) False. In this case, the batter was struck by a pitch he was attempting to hit. The ball is dead and R1 returns to first. The count is now 1-2. Rule 2.00 (Strike)
- 14) False. Both runners had touched first base at the time of the right fielder released the errant throw. However, only one runner can be awarded two bases. Place R1 at third and BR at second. Rule 7.05(g) Notes
- 15) True. When light failure creates a problem while the ball is in play, the umpire shall call "time" and nullify that action that occurred during the blackout. Rule 5.10(b)
- 16) True. Both runners are out on this confusing play. Even though the R1 was tagged while stand on second base, he did not have legal possession. R1 was still required to tag first base before he could advance. Rule 7.08(d)
- 17) True. R3 had already scored when the interference occurred. The batter is out for the interference of a preceding runner. All other runners return unless forced. Rule 6.05(m), 5.06, 2.00 (Interference(a))
- 18) False. This is a double play. R3 would score because the force was removed and there was no tag at the plate. Rule 7.08(e)

- 19) True. Intent is not relevant. The batter is out for the interference and R2 must return. Rule 6.06(c)
- 20) False. The batter is out for bunting foul on a third strike. R3 is returned to third. Rule 6.05(d)
- 21) True. Over running and oversliding are treated differently. In this case he overran second base and was put out. He is credited with a double. Rule 10.07(c)
- 22) True. Rule 6.02(c). (Changed in 2006)
- 23) False. Since the interference was not to break-up a double play, R1 shall be declared out for his illegal action. The batter is awarded first. Rule 7.09(e) (Pro Interp.)
- 24) False. When a player is injured, the ball can not be declared "dead" if further play is possible. Rule 5.10(h)
- 25) False. Batter is safe. In case of a tie at first on the BR, the decision favours the BR. In all other cases the ruling favours the defense. Rule 6.05(j), 7.08(e)
- 26) True. Runner must avoid contact with the fielder. Rule 7.08(a)
- 27) False. Run does not score since this is interference by the batter. With less than two outs, the runner is called out. With two out the batter is out. In both cases the run does not score. Rule 7.08(g), 6.06(c)
- 28) True. 2.00 Umpire Interference, 7.08(d), 7.10(a)
- 29) True. 7.09(a)
- 30) False. The glove did not touch the ball therefore there are no base awards. 7.05(c)
- 31) True. 9.04c
- 32) True. 9.04b2
- 33) False. He may run until he leaves the 26' dirt circle. Changed in 2006. 6.09(b)
- 34) False. The pitcher is only removed in professional baseball. In all amateur baseball the pitcher may move to another position. 8.06(b) Canadian Content.
- 35) True. Rule 4.01(d)
- 36) False. The umpire shall call time and then call a strike. The ball does not have to be pitched. (Changed in 2006) Rule 6.02(c)
- 37) False. Note: In Little League, it cannot be white. In Pro, it can be white as long as the entire team is of uniform colour. Rule 1.11(a)
- 38) True. Visiting team wins 9-0. Rule 3.11
- 39) True. Rule 7.08(j)
- 40) False. Ball is dead. R3 scores and R1 advances to second base. Batter is out on strike 3. Rule 5.09(h), 6.05(n)
- 41) False. Ball is alive. The key word here is "steps" into the dugout. BR and R2 are out. Rule 5.10(f), 7.04(c)
- 42) False. Ball is dead. BR is out for the interference. The runner closest to home plate (R3) is also called out for the batter's intentional interference. R1 returns to first base. Rule 7.09(g)
- 43) False. The 12-second rule only applies when there are NO runners. Rule 8.04

- 44) True. The pitcher is an infielder as soon as he legally steps off the rubber. He may do what ever he wants. Rule 8.01(e)
- 45) True. Rule 4.08
- 46) False. The umpire calls time and then calls a strike on the batter. (Changed in 2006) Rule 6.02(c)
- 47) False. A player who maliciously runs into another player is to be declared out (unless he/she has already scored prior to committing the infraction) and is to be automatically ejected (whether or not declared safe). Rule 6.05(Canadian Content)
- 48) True. Rule 6.10, Canadian Content Interpretations.
- 49) True. Rule Canadian Content.
- 50) False. Time should be called as soon as the ball is caught by the first baseman. If the ball is not caught by the first baseman, the umpires should keep the ball alive so that the runner can advance beyond the awarded base. Rule 5.09(c), 8.05 Penalty.
- 51) False. The batter is out as soon as he left the 26' dirt circle at home plate. Changed in 2006. Rule 6.09(b)
- 52) True if there are bases loaded. Rule 7.01 However, if a preceding base (e.g. 1st base) is open, then the following runner would be out when tagged. Rule 7.03
- 53) False. As of 2006 a warning is no longer issued. It is an automatic ejection. Rule 8.02(a)(6)
- 54) True. Rule Canadian Content 6.05
- 55) True. Rule 9.04(a)
- 56) True Rule 3.01(e)(3)
- 57) False. There is no such thing as a demand pitch. When a batter refuses to step into the batter's box the umpire should call time and then call a strike on the batter. (Changed in 2006) 6.02(c)
- 58) False. Chinstraps are required for PeeWee and lower. Rule 1.16 (Canadian Content)
- 59) True. A player who maliciously runs into another player is to be declared out (unless he/she has already scored prior to committing the infraction) and is to be automatically ejected (whether or not declared safe). Rule 6.05(Canadian Content)
- 60) False. The defensive team did not "err". This is nothing more than an overthrow. Rule 7.10(b) and Casebook Comments (3rd paragraph).
- 61) True. While there is no rule that specifically talks about the batter being hit by his own batted ball in the batter's box, the rule numbers listed do talk about when a ball is foul and when a runner should be called out. The majority of the batter's box is in foul territory. Also, it is generally believed that the batter does not legitimately have a chance to avoid the ball at that point. So, by book, the answer is true because he was hit by a fair batted ball, however, for the reasons already stated the actual game situation ruling is false. Rule 6.05(g), 2.00 (Foul Ball), 5.09(f), 7.08(f), 7.09(k)
- 62) True. Rule 8.02(d)
- 63) True. Rule 7.11
- 64) False. R3 is out. However, the batter still gets first on the base on balls award. Rule 6.08(a), 7.09(c), 7.08(g), 2.00 (Base on Balls)

- 65) False. Time limits are put on games for a lot of reasons. An umpires job is to enforce all the rules.
- 66) True. 2006 Experimental Rule. Rule 6.02(d)
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- 68) True. 2006 Experimental Rule. Rule 6.02(d)(1)
- 69) True. 2006 Experimental Rule. Rule 6.02(d)(1)(v)
- 70) True. 2006 Experimental Rule. Rule 6.02(d)(1)(iv)
- 71) True. Rule 7.05(j).
- 72) True. Rule 8.04
- 73) True. Changed in 2006. Rule 1.15(a)
- 74) True. Rule added in 2006. Rule 1.15(c)
- 75) True. Changed in 2006. Rule 6.09(b)
- 76) False. The improper pitcher becomes the proper pitcher as soon as he makes his first pitch to the batter, or as soon as any runner is put out. Rule 3.05(c).
- 77) False. He may be involved in the pre-game warmup. However, he may not participate in the game. Rule 3.17.
- 78) True. Rule 6.04
- 79) False. A runner must be in fair territory to be declared out. Rule 7.09(k)