Softball New Zealand Scorers Theory

Examination 2017

The entire exam will be answered in this booklet.

Marks:

Section 1: Theory questions - 35 Marks

Some of these questions are multiple choice questions.

Section 2: Game Scoring - 35 Marks

You are asked to score one side of a game - you will need to do the end of innings analysis. The commentary for this game is at the end of the booklet. Detach it and use the scoresheet on page 8.

Section 3: Analysis - 25 Marks

You will need to analyse a game – The end of innings analysis has been done for you along with some other analysis.

Section 4: Neatness - 5 marks

The pass mark is 70%.

Time:

You will have 3 hours to complete the examination.

Scorers may have up to 10 minutes reading time before the exam. Ensure that you leave enough time for the whole exam.

General Information:

If there is something you don't know, leave it and move on - you may have time to come back to it.

This is an open book exam which means that you may use Softball New Zealand Scorers Manual and/or the Softball New Zealand Rule Book to refer to during the exam.

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Marks

Section 1	/35
Section 2	/35
Section 3	/25
Section 4	/5
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Section 1 Theory Questions

Where you are given two options either circle your answer OR delete the incorrect answer.

1. Give the full symbols for: (batter numbers not required).

а	Illegal Pitch	
b	Catchers Obstruction	
С	Fair ball which bounces over the fence midway between centre and left-field	
d	Foul fly ball dropped by third base	
е	Batter OUT for running into own hit ball	
f	Baserunner tagged out at home on throw from the pitcher	
g	Missed turn at bat	
h	Infield fly caught by third base	
j	Running outside 90 cm line to avoid a tag by second baseman	
k	Intentional Walk	

(5 Marks)

2. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE?

а	If the tie-breaker runner scores, it is an Earned Run against the pitcher.	TRUE/FALSE
b	If there are no Errors or Passed Balls in the innings, all runs must be earned.	TRUE/FALSE
С	The third OUT in the 7th innings becomes the tie-breaker runner in the 8th.	TRUE/FALSE
d	The Designated Player cannot be re-entered.	TRUE/FALSE
е	A Designated Runner can be replaced by a substitute.	TRUE/FALSE
f	If a baserunner is called OUT for leaving early, it is a strike on the batter.	TRUE/FALSE
g	A 'KA' can only happen with 0 or 1 down.	TRUE/FALSE
h	Batting out of the box is an appeal play.	TRUE/FALSE

(4 Marks)

3 Should the batter get a Sacrifice on the following plays?

а	1 out, runner from 3 scores after a deep FF9	YES/NO
b	No outs, batter bunts, pitcher throws out the lead runner at 2nd base	YES/NO
С	2 outs, batter bunts and makes base on E3, runner advances from 2 to 3	YES/NO
d	No outs, runner from 3 scores after a deep FE8	YES/NO
е	1 out, batter bunts, runner from 3 is out at home but catcher drops the ball	YES/NO
f	1 out, batter drives to second base for out (43), runner from 3 scores	YES/NO
g	1 out, runner goes from 2nd to 3rd after a deep FF9	YES/NO
h	1 out, batter bunts, pitcher takes the runner out at first, runner goes from 2nd to 3 rd	YES/NO
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4 Explain the use of the brackets around a fielder's number – for example (2)E3.

(2 Marks)

5 If a runner scores on a Passed Ball, could this possibly be an Earned Run - if no explain why not, if yes explain how. YES/NO

(2 Marks)

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6 Length of a base hit.

a)	In your own words, how do you determine the length of a base hit?	
b)	If a batter overslides 3rd base, and is tagged out trying to return how many	
-	bases do you award him on the hit?	
c)	If a batter overruns 2nd base, and is tagged out trying to return how many	
	bases do you award him on the hit?	

(3 Marks)

7 Name four different situations where a fielder can get a putout without touching the ball. (If you're not sure if they are different, name more than 4 - you will be given 1 mark for each different correct answer up to 4)

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(4 Marks)

8 In a game that East played against West, East win 4-3 in the tiebreaker innings.

а	West replace their starting pitcher after 5 innings in the top of 6th, when the team is winning 3-0. Who is the losing pitcher?	STARTING / REPLACEMENT
b	East changes their pitcher after 6 innings when the team is trailing by 2-3. Who is the winning pitcher?	STARTING / REPLACEMENT

(2 Marks)

Page Mark /9 9 Give the formulas for, and work out the following averages. There is 1 mark for each formula and working, and 1 mark for each correct average written in the correct format.

a) A batter comes into the batters box 22 times for 4 Hits, 1 BB, 1 IBB and 2 SHs. His batting average is....

Formula	Working	Average
		(2 Marks)

b) A pitcher pitches 28 innings and gives up 6 Earned Runs. The Earned Run Average is.....

Formula	Working	Average
		(2 Marks)

10 List at least 10 things you should check or cross-check at the end of a game to ensure that your analysis is accurate.

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Total Section 1 Mark

Section 2

The game is the Stars versus Astros, on Diamond 1 at Galaxy Stadium. Stars will field first. You will only score Astros side of the game.

Fill out the lineup from the roster supplied on the right.

You are only scoring the Astros batting, however you will need to do the end of innings analysis, including the ball and strike counts. The pitches are marked in italics.

Assume that all fouls are to the catcher unless indicated by a notation after it ($1B = 1^{st}$ base line, $3B = 3^{rd}$ base line, LF = Left Field, RF = Right field)

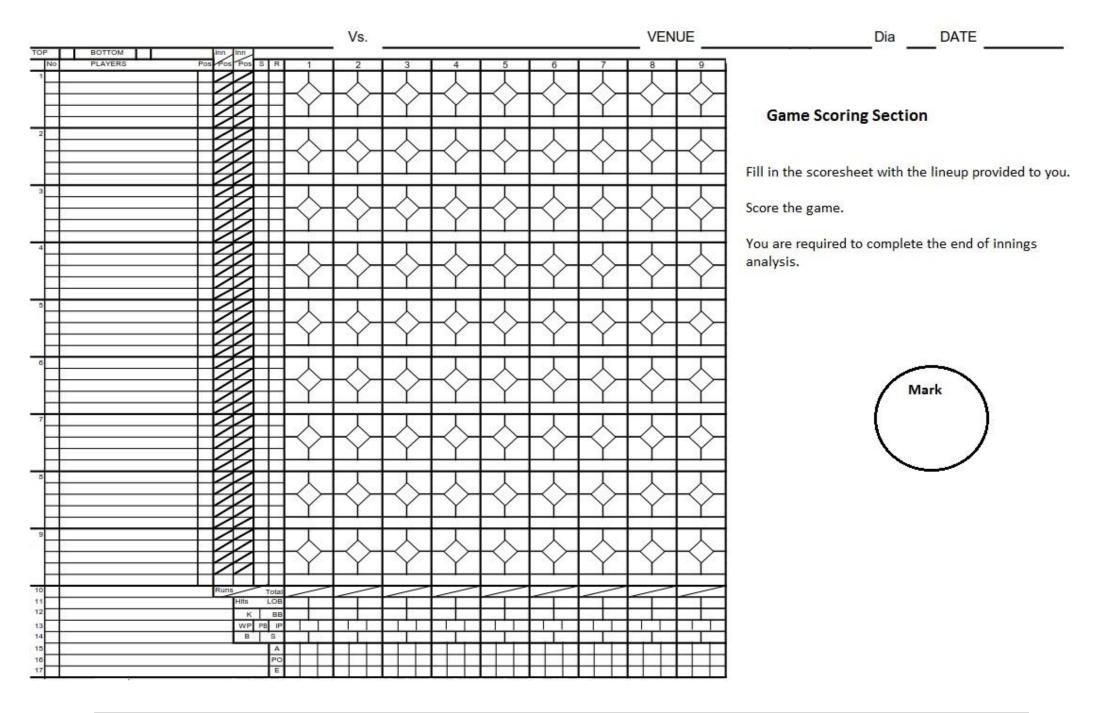
There will be times that you may need to make assumptions and make judgement calls about what to score. This should be based on your knowledge of game situations.

"Batter" will mean the batter in the box at the time of the play. "Baserunner" will mean baserunner(s) on base at the time of the play. "Batter/Baserunner" will mean the batter who then becomes a baserunner as a result of the play and making 1st base safely.

Substitutions and Fielding Changes notified by the coaches are indicated in italics. Changes are made using shirt numbers eg #3. Exception is for fielding changes where positions may be used.

The game commentary for answering this section is at the back of this answer booklet in the appendix. Detach it and use to answer on the scoresheet provided in this booklet.

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2	12	Aaron	Aaron WINTER		
3	11	Jackson	MURPHY		
4	21	Taylor	WHITE	8	
5	1	Paul	MADISON	2	
6	22	Simon	FOX	5	
7	24	Kyle	McKENNA	DP	
8	15	Brad	ROBERTSON	4	
9	27	Charlie	ELLIOTT	7	
10	20	Max	GALLAGHER	1	
11	18	Rick	BROWN	DR	
		SUBSTITUTES			
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В	28	Ethan	WILLIAMS		
С	23	Josh	PATTERSON		
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Section 3 Analysis

Analyse the game on the next pages in this booklet.

The end of innings analysis and part of the batting, pitching and fielding analysis has already been done for you. You will need to analyse the rest of the game, including the necessary batting, fielding, pitching and end of innings summaries.

If you are running short of time at this point, don't panic. If you rush you are likely to make silly mistakes. It is better to get most of it done with very few mistakes, than to finish it with lots of mistakes.

You can get more than half the marks allocated to this section by analysing one side of the scoresheet completely, because this gives you the chance to prove that you are able to do each part of the analysis.

The white dot in the middle of each run, is there for you to indicate earned runs. Colour it in if you work the run out to be an Earned Run.

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Appendix - Section 2 Game Scoring Commentary.

Use this commentary to score the game in Section 2. It may be useful to detach this sheet. 2009

1st Inning

- (1) Batter ONE: *ball*, *ball*, *called strike*, *ball* Picks a walk
- (2) Batter TWO: *called strike*, *ball* (1) steals second. The throw goes over the short stop's (who is covering second) head to the centre field, but the runner stays on 2nd. (2) *swung strike*, *ball*, *foul (LF), called strike* struck <u>OUT</u>.
- (3) Batter THREE: *called strike, foul (3B)*, Hits a ball to 3rd baseman who holds the runner, then throws to 1st, safe at first. On the throw the baserunner advances.
- (4) Batter FOUR: *called strike, swung at strike* Hits a ball to centre field, lead baserunner advances 1 base, other baserunner 2 bases.
- (5) Batter FIVE: Hits a ball to 2nd baseman who throws it to the shortstop covering 2nd for the <u>OUT</u>. Runners each advance a base.
- (6) Batter SIX: *ball, ball, called strike, foul ball (RF)* Fly hits to centre field <u>OUT</u>

2nd Inning

- (7) Batter SEVEN: *ball, swung at strike which is called an illegal pitch by the umpire, foul ball, foul ball (RF),* Hits safely to left field
- (8) Batter EIGHT: *foul* Bunts the ball to the pitcher who opts to throw the ball to short stop covering 2nd base for the out, but fielder has his foot off the base; both runners safe.
- (9) Batter NINE: Bunts and pop fly hits the ball to the short stop <u>OUT</u>.
- (1) Batter ONE: *ball, called strike, foul ball, foul ball (3B), ball,* Hits the ball safely to left field who throws home to late for the runner coming home, (8) advances an extra base.
- (2) Batter TWO: *called strike* On the pitch (1) wanders down to 2nd, catcher makes no play. *swung at strike*, *foul ball (LF) swung at strike* (2) Is struck <u>OUT</u>
- (3) Batter THREE ball, called strike Hits a ball to short stop who throws to 1st base for the <u>OUT</u>

3rd Inning

- (4) Batter FOUR: *Ball, called strike, foul ball,* Hits an automatic homerun over the outfield fence, bisecting left and centre field.
- (5) Batter FIVE: *Ball, foul ball (LF), foul ball (LF), ball, foul ball (LF), foul ball, ball, ball, Hits to short stop* who throws a ball into the 1st baseman's feet. Safe at 1st.

The coach places the Designated Runner at first base.

- (6) Batter SIX: called strike, foul ball (1B), Hits a fly ball to 2nd base <u>OUT</u>
- (7) Batter SEVEN: *called strike, ball, ball, swung at strike, ball, swung at strike* which the catcher drops <u>OUT</u>
- (8) Batter EIGHT: Hits the ball to 3rd base who throws it to 1st for the <u>OUT</u>

4th Inning

- (9) Batter NINE: Drives the ball at 2nd baseman who hangs on to the ball for the <u>OUT</u>
- (1) Batter ONE: *called strike, swung at strike* Hits to pitcher who fumbles the ball, throws to 1st, too late for the out.
- (2) Batter TWO: *foul ball, ball* which hits the batter

The Designated Runner comes on to run at first base.

(3) Batter THREE *called strike, foul ball*, Hits to the short stop who tags the runner going by for the <u>OUT</u>. He then throws to 1st base for the <u>OUT</u>

5th Inning

SUBSTITUTION: For Astros, #3 replaces # 27 in the same position. Short stop and second base swap positions.

SUBSTITUTION: For Stars, Roberts replaces pitcher Fletcher.

- (4) Batter FOUR: *ball, called strike, ball, ball, ball*
- (5) Batter FIVE: Hits a fly ball to left field OUT
- (6) Batter SIX: *ball* (4) is called <u>OUT</u> for leaving the base early. *Called strike, foul ball, swung at strike* (6) catcher drops but picks up and throws to 1st base for the <u>OUT</u>.

6th Inning – Note – going into this innings Astros are three runs ahead of Stars

(7) Batter SEVEN: *ball*, Hits safely to centre field

For Astros the Designated Runner comes on to run at first base

- (8) Batter EIGHT: *called strike, ball which bounces before the plate,* runner advances a base. Hits to short stop who holds the runner, then manages to throw the ball to 1st base for the <u>OUT</u>
- (9) Batter NINE: *ball, ball, ball, called strike ball*
- (1) Batter ONE: *ball, swung at strike* Hits a fly ball towards 3rd base which is called Infield Fly by the umpire <u>OUT</u>
- (2) Batter TWO: *foul ball (3B), ball, ball,* Hits a fly ball to left field who misses an easy catch which allows all runners to advance two bases.
- (3) Batter THREE: Hits to short stop who misses a tag on the runner going past him, safe at 1st.
- (4) Batter FOUR: *called strike, ball, foul ball* (RF) Hits a ground ball to left field who fumbles the ball, allowing the runners to each advance an extra base.
- (5) Batter FIVE: Hits the ball to right field, who lets it go through his legs out to the fence. As he runs to pick up the ball, the runners scamper around the bases.

As this puts Astros ahead, the mercy rule is invoked

Game Over.