

2005

NZ RULE EXAMINATION FOR NON- BADGE HOLDERS

Grade Level 3 and below

(Grade 4 and above sit the Umpire Refresher)

- PLEASE NOTE:**
1. This examination is based on the New Zealand Rule Book - as revised August 2002 and relates to Fast Pitch only.
 2. A signal can be either VERBAL or PHYSICAL
 3. For the sake of brevity in some questions the following symbols will be used:

For fielders:

F1 = Pitcher;	F2 = Catcher;
F3 = 1st Base;	F4 = 2nd Base;
F5 = 3rd Base;	F6 = Shortstop;
F7 = Left Field;	F8 = Centre Field;
F9 = Right Field.	

For runners: R1 is always the lead runner, followed by R2, R3 etc.
For batters: B1 is the lead off batter, followed by B2, B3, B4 etc.
For substitutes: S1 is the first replacement player, followed by S2, S3, S4 etc.

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. Answer strictly according to the New Zealand Rule Book, NOT local bylaws and/or ground rules.
 2. Only the answer sheet of this examination is to be returned for marking. You retain the question portion for further study.
 3. There are 80 questions in total. with 7 questions requiring 2 answers, i.e., (A) & (B) and 6 questions requiring 3 answers, i.e., (A), (B) & (C).
 4. All answers are either TRUE/FALSE or YES/NO and are worth (1) mark each, (a total of 100 marks).
 5. Please indicate your answer by writing on the answer sheet. T, F, Y or N
 6. Answer sheets are to be FAXED to 03-385 7634.
 - 7 The answers will be posted on the SNZ Website MONDAY 24th OCTOBER.

Answer sheets not received prior to the posting of the answers will not be marked.

		True/False	section
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2005 NZ RULES EXAMINATION		Yes/No	
01	On a legally batted ball hit to the infield, the batter runner must use the foul portion of the double base		
02	The batter's bat comes into contact with the catcher's glove RULING: The umpire should always rule catcher's obstruction		
03	A slap hit is not considered to be a bunt		
04	R4 is on 1 st base, Batter 5 is in the batters box. Runner 4 breaks on the pitch in an attempt to steal to 2 nd base. Batter 5, who is still in the batters box, intentionally hinders F2 (Catcher) by leaning across the plate. F2 makes the throw, without contacting either B5 or the bat, and R4 is thrown out. RULING: (A) As there was no contact, the ball remains alive & play continues (B) Since R4 is put out, the play is allowed to stand (C) B5 remains in the batters box to face the next pitch		
05	Provided the umpire considers there was no intention to interfere with the course of the ball, does the ball remain alive when the batter drops the bat and the ball rolls against the stationary bat in fair territory?		
06	R9 on 3 rd , R1 on 2 nd and R3 on 1 st , with two out. B4 hits the ball over the outfield fence. R3 misses 2 nd base. The defence appeal for R3 missing 2 nd . RULING: No runs score as the 3 rd out was a force out.		
07	B1 hits a fly ball that lands on the ground in foul territory, a short distance beyond 1 st base. The ball spins back and hits the fair portion of the double base. F3 then fields the ball and touches the base before B1 arrives. RULING: This is a foul ball		
08	Batter 7 swings at, and misses a called illegal pitch. RULING: The umpire shall signal a strike		
09	The offensive coach requests "Time" to speak to the batter. Later in the same innings, the Assistant coach requests "Time" to speak to the other coach. RULING: Is this considered to be a 2 nd charged conference?		
10	The ball is alive, when a fielder catches a foul fly, with one foot on the ground in dead ball territory		
11	R1 on 3 rd , R2 on 2 nd with one out. B4 mishits a slow ground ball along the first base line and all runners advance. F3 fields the ball and runs towards B4 who stops about 1m in front of F3. R1 crosses the plate. B4 then steps back towards home plate as R2 rounds third and continues on towards home. On seeing this, F3 ignores B4 and throws to F2, who tags R2 sliding into the plate. B4 advances to 1st. RULING: R1 scores.		
12	Due to injury, a team may finish the game with eight (8) players		
13	The playing field is the area between the foul lines in which the ball may be legally played and fielded.		
14	May the on-deck batter permitted to leave the on-deck to direct runners advancing from 3 rd base to home?		
15	A runner obstructed between 1 st and 2 nd base and tagged out sliding into 2 nd base can not be declared out on the tag.		
16	Does the act of calling a runner out for deliberately removing a helmet during a live ball play cancel any force play?		
17	A run shall not be scored if the third out of the inning is the result of a succeeding runner being		

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	forced out (including on an appeal play) due to the batter becoming a batter-runner.		
18	A player, who deliberately takes a position in the batters line of vision or, with unsportsmanlike intent, acts in a manner to distract the batter, shall receive a warning from the umpire.		
19	A legally batted ball which comes to rest in foul territory touching a portion of third base shall always be declared a foul ball.		
20	The DP is batting for the pitcher (DEFO) as the game goes on, all available substitutes have been used. In the 5 th innings, the short stop is not ready to go back on the field – she has to visit the restroom. The coach sends the DP out to play her position instead. RULING: This is not a substitution, it is merely a “defensive” position swap		
21	On a pitched ball, that eludes the catcher, and is retrieved with the catchers mask, or helmet, there is no penalty if the runner(s) are not advancing, or if no advantage is gained.		
22	Red Team line-up is: Young, Smith, Wilson & Lee. It is Young’s turn to bat next. Smith bats instead and hits a single and remains at 1 st base. Wilson then enters the batter’s box but before F1 delivers the pitch, the defense appeal for Wilson batting out of order. RULING: The umpire declares Young out and removes Smith from 1 st base to bat again.		
23	It is the plate umpire’s responsibility to enforce the rules governing conferences, both offensive and defensive.		
24	The batting order is B1, B2, B3 etc. With one out, B4 leads off and hits safely. B6 comes to bat and hits a high fly ball to F8, B4 scores on the hit. The defence now appeal for B6 batting out of order. RULING: (A) B5 is out. (B) The run by B4 counts, as the appeal was made after B4 scored.		
25	A batter hits a home run. After a pitch to the next batter, the defence appeal that the home run was hit by an illegal re-entry. RULING: (A) The home run is allowed (B) The illegal re-entry is declared “out” (C) The coach and illegal re-entry are removed from the game.		
26	The pitcher wishes to remove himself from the pitching position. However once he has taken the signal from the catcher, he may not legally do so.		
27	When a wild pitch or passed ball goes under, over, through or lodges in the back stop, all runners are awarded one base only.		
28	R1 on 2 nd base. Batter 2 enters the batters box. F1 pitches the first ball to B2 illegally, however B2 manages to hit the ball to F6. F6 fields the ball, holds R1 at 2 nd base, and then throws to F3 but not in time to retire B2. The offensive team coach elects not to take the result of the play, as he does not want his runners to be in a force situation. RULING: (A) The ball is dead (B) R1 remains at 2 nd base (C) Batter 2 returns to bat again with a count of Ball 1		
29	If an umpire can not read the words “Official Softball” on the bat, he should allow the bat to stay in the game, provided the bat is legal in all other aspects.		
30	Any umpire assigned to a game has the power to remove, or eject a player, coach or manager from the game for violation of the rules.		
31	The pitcher standing behind the pitcher’s plate, takes the signal from the catcher, but shakes it off. He then steps onto the pitcher’s plate, and takes another signal and pitches. RULING: The umpire should declare an illegal pitch.		
32	A defensive coach is an eligible member of the team at bat who takes his place on the field, within		

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	the coaches box.		
33	R5 is obstructed advancing to 2 nd base and misses the base. He is subsequently tagged out sliding into 3 rd base. In the judgment of the umpire R5 would have easily made 3 rd base had there been no obstruction by F4. The umpire declares the runner safe on the obstruction. The Defense now appeal for R5 missing 2 nd base. RULING: The umpire shall declare the runner safe at 3 rd on the obstruction.		
34	A legally batted ball hits a stationery bat; left by Batter 4 in foul territory; and then rebounds into fair territory where it is fielded by F3, and thrown to F4 to retire the batter. RULING: The umpire should declare a Foul Ball, and return B4 to the box		
35	B5 steps into the batters box and receives two pitches; (Ball 1, strike 1). On the second pitch the batter swings off balance and the plate umpire then recognises the bat as an illegal bat. RULING: (A) The umpire declares the batter out (B) The bat is removed from the game. (C) The batter is ejected		
36	When using a Designated Player (DP) they must always be used for the pitcher		
37	R2 is obstructed advancing to 1 st base and misses the base. He is subsequently tagged out sliding into 2 nd base. In the judgment of the umpire R2 would have easily made 2 nd base had there been no obstruction by F3. RULING: (A) The umpire shall declare a Dead Ball (B) The umpire shall award R2 1 st base as this is the only base the runner can safely be awarded without being put out.		
38	Batter 4 leads off the inning and picks a walk. Batter 7 hits a safe single, advancing Batter 4 to 2 nd . Batter 5 strikes out. Batter 8 comes to bat, bunts and is thrown out at 1 st , with both runners advancing one base. The defensive team now appeal for batter 8 batting out of order. RULING: (A) Batter 6, the batter who should have batted, is out. (B) The out of batter 8 also stands		
39	Is the pitching distance for an open female game 14.02m? (46')		
40	A legally batted ball hit the umpire standing behind 2 nd base RULING: Fair Ball		
41	R1 on 3 rd base, R2 on 2 nd base with one out. Batter 4 hits a long fly ball to F8, who catches the ball. R1 tags up after the catch. R2 leaves before F8 touches the ball. R1 crosses home plate before an appeal is made at 2 nd base. RULING: The run does not count		
42	The pitchers plate shall be 61cm long and 15.2cm wide and shall be made of rubber, or any other suitable material.		
43	The area immediately behind home plate, between the batters boxes and home plate is not considered to be part of the catcher's box.		
44	R3 on 3 rd base, R4 on 1 st base with two out. Batter 6 hits a long fly ball over the head of F7. R4 leaves on the pitch. R3 leaves before F8 touches the ball, and crosses home plate. R4 misses 2 nd base, but crosses home plate before an appeal is made at 2 nd base. RULING: No runs count.		
45	A legally batted ball that comes to rest in the batters box is always a foul ball.		
46	The ball is dead, when a runner is called out for running more than 0.9m (3') from the base path in		

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	regular or reverse order, to avoid being touched by the ball in the hand of a fielder.		
47	Does a play have to be made at the double base before a batter runner can be called out, on the appeal, for not touching the foul portion of the double base.		
48	One out, R2 on 3 rd base, R3 on 1 st base and Batter 4 in the batters box. Batter 4 slaps between F1 (pitcher) & F3 (1 st base). F3 fields the ball and throws to F6 covering 2 nd base for the force out on R3. R2 advances on the pitch crossing the plate before F6 touches 2 nd base. R3 runs into the throwing path of F6 in order to delay F6's attempt to throw to F4 at 1 st base for the double play. The action of R3 hinders F6 and B4 beats the throw. RULING: (A) The umpire should signal a delayed dead ball to see if the fielder gets the out (B) R3 is out. (C) R2 is safe home.		
49	R7 is obstructed rounding 1 st base. He is subsequently tagged out sliding into 3 rd base. In the judgment of the umpire R2 would have easily made 3 rd base had there been no obstruction by F3. RULING: The umpire shall declare R7 out as he is only protected between 1 st and 2 nd base (the two bases between which he was obstructed).		
50	The batting order is B1, B2, B3 etc. With none out, B1 leads off and hits safely. B3 comes to bat and hits into a double play, retiring both B1 and B3. The defence now appeal for B3 batting out of order RULING: (A) This is a triple play. (B) The next batter will be B3.		
51	A foul fly shall be judged according to the position of the ball, not the position of the fielder when they first touch or subsequently catch the ball.		
52	A bat that has a new coat of paint identical to the original may be used in a game		
53	It is not a blocked ball when an overthrown ball accidentally contacts the base coach		
54	R1 on 1 st base, Batter 2 has a 0-2 strike. R1 breaks for 2 nd base on the next pitch which Batter 2 swings at. However, the pitch brushes Batter 2's shirt and R1 reaches 2 nd base safely. RULING: (A) Batter 2 is out on Strike 3 (B) The ball is alive (C) R1 remains at 2 nd base		
55	R1 on 3 rd R2 on 2 nd , one out. F8 is in the act of catching a fly ball when F7 collides with him causing the ball to bounce off his chest. F7 is able to catch the ball before it touches the ground for the second out of the innings. In order for R1 & R2 to advance to the next base safely, each runner had to wait and tag up at their base until the ball was legally caught by F7.		
56	When a fielder makes an appeal, he must be in the infield when making the appeal		
57	R1 is on 1 st base. R1 leads off with the pitch, which is hit along the ground to F9. F9 fields and returns the ball directly to F1, who steps onto the pitchers plate. R1 advances to and rounds 2 nd base on the hit, and on seeing F9 throw to F1, continues onto 3 rd base. F1 does not attempt to prevent the advance. The defensive team appeals to the umpire, stating that R1 can not advance while F1 is on the pitching plate with the ball. RULING: The umpire should ignore the request and the advance of R1 is legal.		
58	When an umpire notices an unannounced substitution, on either offence or defense, he should invoke a penalty without waiting for an appeal		
58	The pitcher may not step backwards off the pitching mat if he has first separated his hands. RULING: The umpire should declare an illegal pitch.		
59	A legally batted ball that first lands on fair territory beyond 1 st or 3 rd base, before then spinning back		

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	and being fielded by a fielder in foul territory, will always be a fair ball.		
60	An umpire declares a forfeit in the 3 rd innings, due to being attacked by a player. RULING: This is classified as a regulation game, even though 5 innings have not been completed		
61	R1 on 1 st , B2 shapes to bunt by positioning the bat squarely across home plate. R1 steals on the release of the pitch. B2 does not move the bat and the pitched ball is waist high across the plate. No contact is made between the bat and the ball. F2 makes contact with the bat as he is throwing the ball to 2 nd . R1 is thrown out in spite of the contact. RULING. B2 continues to bat because an out has been made.		
62	The DEFO can run for the DP or his substitutes every time they are on base. Each time this occurs it would be considered a substitution for the DP but not for the DEFO.		
63	R1 on 3 rd when B2 bunts the 3rd strike. The ball pops up in the air, over foul territory, toward F5, who is in a position to catch the ball. R1, in attempting to return to third, collides with F5 who is on foul territory and the ball falls safely on to foul ground. RULING: (A) R1 is out for interference (B) B2 is also out for bunting foul on the 3rd strike.		
64	It is considered a fair ball when the batted ball hits second base and rebounds into foul territory, between home and first base without being touched by a fielder.		
65	An umpire should declare a foul ball when a legally batted ball rebounds up from home plate, and hits the bat a second time while the batter is still in the batters box.		
66	The DP is like any other starter player, there are no limits as to the number of innings or positions he can play on defense.		
67	A ball is called, when a pitched ball hits the ground and the batter swings & misses		
68	Can the umpire declare a forfeit game if an ejected player remains on the bench?		
69	R1 is on 2 nd base and R2 on 1 st base. B3 hits a sharp drive to Right field. Thinking the ball may be caught, R1 holds up on 2 nd base. F9 allows the ball to bounce and throws to F5 for the force-out on R1. R2 leads off on the pitch. The throw from F9 is wide and is misfielded by F5 and goes out of play. At the time of the throw both R1 & R2 are between 2 nd and 3 rd base. RULING: (A) Award R1 & R2 home on the overthrow. (B) Award B3 2 nd base		
70	A bat filled with water to extend the batters swing is legal		
71	A legally batted ball comes to rest on home plate. RULING: Fair Ball		
72	The pitcher can not wear a sweat band on the wrist or forearm of either hand.		
73	Can the pitcher continue to wind-up after releasing the ball?		
74	The defensive coach requests two (2) time outs to speak to his pitcher in the same innings. RULING: The defensive coach should be ejected. He make only have one conference per innings		
75	The act of s fielder making a "fake tag" must cause the runner to slide before obstruction can be called		
76	It is a charged conference when the player coach comes in from 2 nd base to speak to the pitcher		
77	On an appeal play and once the ball is dead, the pitcher may stand within the 2.4m (8') circle with		

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	possession of the ball and merely announce which runner is being appealed, and where. If he is correct, the appropriate runner shall be declared out		
78	A legally batted ball that hits the pitchers plate, then goes directly into foul territory after passing a fielder standing in front of 1 st or 3 rd base, is a fair ball		
79	When a representative from the dugout enters the pitcher's circle and removes the pitcher from the pitching position, it is not considered a charged defensive conference.		
80	F6 runs onto the field to play short stop while wearing a batting helmet. When questioned by the umpire, F6 states he is required to wear the helmet for medical reasons. RULING: The umpire should not allow F6 to wear the helmet whilst fielding		

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