



2007 SNZ UMPIRE RULE EXAM

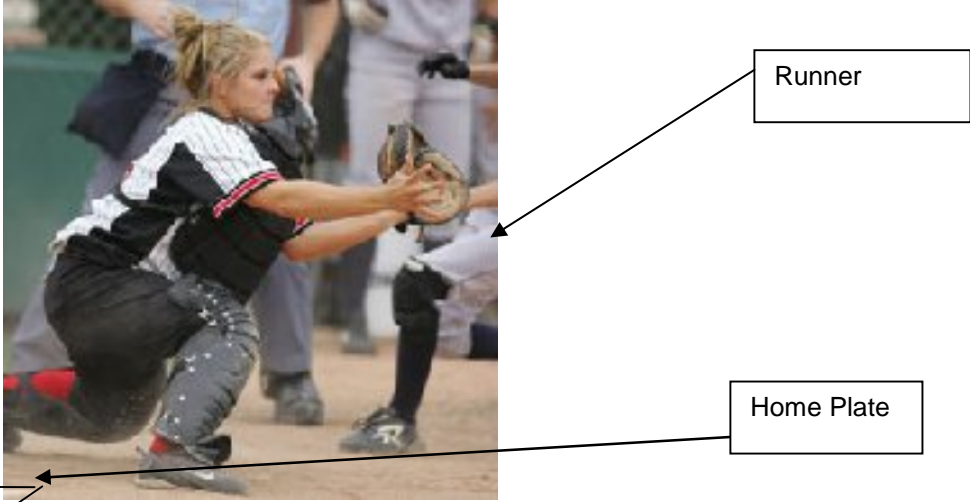
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1	With a runner on 1 st base, the batter hits to the 2 nd base fielder who tags the runner from 1 st before throwing to the 1 st base fielder. Both runners are put out. This is considered a double play.	
2	Foul territory is any part of the playing field that is not included in fair territory.	
3	A runner is any offensive player of the team on the field, who has finished a turn at bat, reached first base, and has not yet been put out.	
4	It is considered a fair ball, when a batted ball bounces over 3 rd base and lands just outside the foul line.	
5	A direct line between bases is known as the base line.	
6	A fielder is any defensive player of the team not at bat.	
7	A bat that becomes dented during play is an illegal bat.	
8	The act of a defensive player, who impedes the progress of a runner legally running the bases, whilst not in possession of the ball, nor in the act of fielding a batted ball is ruled as obstruction	
9	A batter completes his turn at bat once he is either put out, or becomes a batter-runner.	
10	A team member includes anyone authorized to sit on the team bench	
11	A wild throw is any play in which a ball is thrown from one fielder to another, and cannot be caught or controlled, and is not blocked and remains in play.	
12	The pitch starts after the hands have been placed together, and one hand is taken off the ball	
13	The Offense may have up to three charged conferences in one inning provided it does not exceed three, for a regulation seven innings game.	
14	The batter-runner is out, when on ball 4, he enters the team area to return a bat before advancing to 1 st Base.	
15	A coach, having advised a substitution, may then cross the foul line to talk with any defensive player without a charged conference being imposed.	
16	A pitcher must bring his body to a complete stop for not less than 2 seconds and not more than 10 seconds.	
17	An appeal play is a play which an umpire may not make a ruling until appealed by a member of the defensive team, prior to the next legal pitch.	
18	An offensive player in the batters box with the intention of aiding his team to score runs, shall be referred to as a batter until he is declared out, or becomes a batter-runner.	
19	A thrown ball touching a base coach accidentally (in or out of the coach's box) is not a blocked ball	
20	The manager of a team is considered to be the head coach.	
21	When a batter is called out for interference. All runners must return to the last base legally touched at the time of the interference.	
22	An illegal player is any player entering the game unreported to the plate umpire.	
23	An infielder is any fielder who is generally positioned anywhere near or within the lines of the base paths forming fair territory.	
24	A fielder may touch a base with any part of his body provided the ball is securely held, on a force play.	

25	The offensive team is the team in the field.	
26	B5 hits a long fly ball to the outfield fence. F7 attempting to make the catch tips the ball over the outfield fence. Before it touches the ground, F8 reaches over the fence and catches the ball. RULING: As the ball has not yet become dead, this is a legal catch	
27	The defense may have one charged conference per innings. The penalty for exceeding their charged conferences is the ejection of the manager or head coach.	
28	Brown is at bat with 2 balls & 1 strike. On the next pitch, thinking it is strike 3, he runs to 1 st base, where he is thrown out prior to reaching the base. On seeing the ball arrive before him, he retires to his team area. The umpire then declares him out, for having left the playing area.	
29	B2 hits a slow ground ball down the 3 rd base line. F5 fields the ball on the run and throws towards 1 st . F3 has to come off the base and towards home plate, in an effort to make the catch. When this occurs, F3 collides with B2, who is running outside the 0.91m line and in fair territory. RULING: The umpire should declare obstruction and award B2 safe at 1 st .	
30	R1 on 3 rd base and R2 on 2 nd base, with one out. B4 mishits a slow ground ball along the 1 st base line in fair territory 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 towards home plate as R2 rounds 3 rd base and continues on towards home. On seeing this, F3 ignores B4, and throws to F2, who tags R2 sliding to the plate. B4 advances to 1 st base. RULING: B4 is safe at 1 st base.	
31	<i>Refer above scenario</i> RULING: R2 is out on the tag at home plate	
32	<i>Refer above scenario</i> RULING: R1 scores	
33	When an obstructed runner is tagged out after passing the base he would have reached had there been no obstruction, he will remain out	
34	<p>Observe the following pitcher. Is this a legal pitch?</p> 	

35	No runners on. B5 has a Ball 2 Strike 1 count. The next pitch is fouled back to the backstop. On retrieving the ball, the catcher throws to F3. RULING: The umpire shall award an additional ball to the batter	
36	A fielder is any offensive player of the team on the field	
37	A protest may never be made on an umpire's judgement call	
38	The on-deck batter is not wearing a batting helmet and is noticed by the umpire. The umpire asks him to put one on, however he refuses. RULING: The umpire shall remove the on-deck batter from the game and advise him he may no longer participate again except as a coach	
39	The FLEX is like any other starting player, there are no limits as to the number of innings nor positions he can play on defense.	
40	The batter-runner is out when a fielder intentionally drops a foul fly ball with less than two out and a runner on 1 st base.	
41	A dead Ball Appeal can not be made before the umpire places a new ball into the game.	
42	R2 on 2 nd , when B3 hits a ground ball to F6. R2 leads off on the pitch and collides with F6 during his attempt to field the ball. F6 recovers and manages to throw B3 out at 1 st . R2 reaches 3 rd safely. RULING: All plays stand because F6 managed the out at 1 st .	
43	The area immediately behind home plate, between the batter's boxes and home plate, is part of the catcher's box.	
44	B1 hits a foul fly ball near the 3 rd base coach's box. F5 attempts to catch the ball but collides with the coach who has made no effort to get out of the way. The umpire judges that F5 could have caught the ball. RULING: This is a foul ball, as the coach is entitled to remain in the coach's box	
45	The batter-runner is out, when after being hit by a pitch outside the strike zone, he enters his team area to have the injury attended, prior to advancing to 1 st base.	
46	Bases loaded and one out. Batter 5 hits a fly ball to F6. The umpire calls and signals Infield Fly. F6 drops the ball. So the runner on 3 rd leaves his base and scores. RULING: B5 is automatically out on the Infield Fly and the ball remains alive.	
47	One out, bases loaded. B4 mishits the ball along the 1 st base line and all runners advance. F3 fields the ball and runs towards B4, who stops. The runner from 3 rd crosses the plate. B4 then takes a step backwards towards home plate before being tagged by F3. RULING: B4 is out and the run scores	
48	R1 on 1 st with one out, when B3 hit a line drive to F6, who makes a diving catch. On the catch, R1 is caught halfway between 1 st and 2 nd bases, scrambling back to 1 st . F6, in an attempt to pick him off, throws the ball to F3 but it is wild and goes out of play. With the ball out of play, R1 is awarded 3 rd base. He stops, does not retouch 1 st and advances to 2 nd and 3 rd . When the ball is back in the infield, the defense legally appeal for R1 failing to retouch 1 st base. RULING: The appeal is denied and R1 remains on 3 rd	
49	R3 on 3 rd , with one out. F3 is fielding close to the foul line. Half way between home and 1 st . B5 slaps the ball past F3 and it is fielded by F4. R3 advances toward home on the hit, as F4 throws to F2. In an effort to get out of the way of F4's throw to home, F3 hinders B5 who is running to 1 st , causing him to stumble. R3 crosses home plate safely, as F2, seeing B5 has not yet reached 1 st , throws the ball to F4, now covering 1 st . The ball beats B5, who is called out. RULING: The umpire should allow the play to stand.	

50	No runner may legally return to touch a missed base, or one left illegally, after a following runner has scored.	
51	R1 on 1 st with none out. B2 hits a pop fly to F4, who could easily catch it. However, in an attempt to create a double play, F4 lets the ball fall untouched to the ground in front of him. RULING: This is considered an intentionally dropped fly ball	
52	When two runners occupy a base simultaneously, the runner who first legally occupied the base shall be entitled to it, unless forced to advance.	
53	It is always the runner closest to home plate who is called out, when a runner, who is not yet out, deliberately crashes into a fielder about to make a throw, in order to prevent an obvious double play.	
54	Observe the following catcher. Does he comply with Rule 3 Sec 6d? 	
55	F5 may wear a helmet whilst fielding, provided it has two ear flaps	
56	A player returning to the game in a batting position other than the one they originally occupied is considered an illegal re-entry Exception The Flex Player	
57	The batter's bat comes into contact with the catcher's glove RULING: The umpire should always rule catcher's obstruction	
58	A player forced to leave the line-up due to blood is referred to as a withdrawn player.	
59	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	
60	In the top of the 5th inning 2 out White leads Green 8-0. #61 (F4) is required to be removed from the diamond due to bleeding. The White coach has no substitutes, so advises the Plate Umpire #10 (the DP) will be the replacement player. RULING: The plate umpire should not permit this, as a replacement player may not be in the current line-up	
61	A fair batted ball deflects off a fielder's glove and enters a dead ball area, in foul territory. RULING: All runners should be awarded two bases from the last base held at the time the ball became dead.	

62	<p>Red Team line-up is: Aceman, Bookman, Carter & Dench. It is Bookman's turn to bat next. Carter bats instead and hits a single and remains at 1st base. Dench then enters the batter's box but before F1 delivers the pitch, the defense appeal for Carter batting out of order.</p> <p>RULING: The umpire declares Bookman out and removes Carter from 1st base to bat again.</p>	
63	<p>There is a runner on 3rd base. B4 is at bat with ball 2, strike 1. B4 swings at but does not connect with strike 2. F2 returns the pitched ball to F5.</p> <p>RULING: There is no penalty.</p>	
64	<p>A force out can only be accomplished by the fielder, in possession of the ball, touching the base to which the runner is forced to advance</p>	
65	<p>R2 on 3rd with none out. B3 bunts the ball to F5 and R2 becomes caught in a run down play between home & 3rd. B3, who is halfway to 1st, sees that R2 is trapped so, in an attempt to draw a throw, turns around and runs back towards, but does not touch, home plate. R2 is then tagged as B3 turns around again and runs safely to 1st.</p> <p>RULING B3 is out for running the bases in reverse order</p>	
66	<p><i>Refer above scenario</i></p> <p>RULING: R2 is out on the tag</p>	
67	<p>R1 on 1st. B2 hits a fair ground ball to F5 who, in the act of fielding, accidentally kicks the ball into the dugout. At the time of the ball being declared dead, R1 has rounded 2nd, and B2 has not yet made 1st.</p> <p>RULING: R1 is awarded home and B2 is awarded 2nd.</p>	
68	<p>One out, R1 on 3rd, when B2 flies out to F9. R1 fails to retouch at 3rd before scoring. F9 throws the ball to F5, who is standing on the base. F5 does not say anything, tosses the ball to the offensive base coach and runs towards his dugout with the rest of the defense.</p> <p>RULING: This is a legal play, so R1 is out</p>	
69	<p>It is considered a fair ball, when a legally batted ball first touches 3rd base before bouncing just outside the foul line, and then rolling into fair territory.</p>	
70	<p>B1 hits a fly ball that lands on the ground in foul territory, a short distance before 1st 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.</p> <p>RULING: This is a fair ball</p>	
71	<p>R7 on 1st base with one out, when B9 hits a long ground ball to F7. R7 advances to and rounds 2nd base on the way to 3rd. B9 rounds 1st and is obstructed by F3, so continues on and stops at 2nd base (the base he would have made in the judgement of the umpire had no obstruction occurred). F7 then fumbles the ball, so B9 attempts to make 3rd base but is easily tagged out sliding into the base. R7 is advancing toward, but has not yet touched home at the time of the tag.</p> <p>RULING: B9 should be awarded 3rd on the obstruction, and R7 should be awarded home.</p>	

72	<p>Observe the following catcher. This catcher is blocking home plate without the ball. This is an example of obstruction.</p> 	
73	<p>R1 on 1st, B2 singles to F9. R1 advances toward 3rd, as the throw from F9 beats him to the base by 0.91m (3ft). F5 is holding the ball and R1 slides, knocking the ball from the glove & out of play. At the time the ball goes out of play, R1 has touched 3rd and is advancing toward home, and B2 has rounded 2nd. RULING: R1 is awarded home and B2 is awarded 3rd.</p>	
74	<p>A team must only be ahead 7 runs in the bottom of the 5th inning for the game to be declared over.</p>	
75	<p>Obstructed runners may be called out, on a proper appeal, if they fail to touch awarded bases in legal order, providing the obstruction did not prevent the runner from touching the base.</p>	
76	<p>Runners are entitled to advance, with liability to be put out, when the ball is thrown into fair or foul territory and is not blocked.</p>	
77	<p>The rules state that no runner may be called out between the two bases where he was obstructed. There is only one exception to this rule.</p>	
78	<p>B1 hits a ground ball to F6, who throws to F3 to try for the out. However the ball gets away from F3. B1 touches, and runs past, 1st and remains in fair territory and turns to his left, before returning directly to 1st base. F3 having retrieved the ball, then tags B1 prior to his retouching the fair portion of 1st base. RULING: B1 is not out.</p>	
79	<p>B1 is awarded 1st base on Ball 4 and the ball is returned to F1, who is in the pitcher's circle. B1 touches and runs past 1st. He is then obstructed by F3, who does not have the ball while returning to the base. On hearing the obstruction call, B1 moves slowly toward 2nd but is tagged off base by F4. RULING: As the obstruction call does not automatically entitle a runner to an extra base, B1 advances at his own risk. The out should stand</p>	
80	<p>A runner, who is hit by a fair batted ball while in contact with a base, is not out unless he intentionally interferes with the ball, or a fielder making a play.</p>	
81	<p>R2 on 3rd and B4 is at bat with a count of Ball 2. B4 hits a high foul fly ball towards F5, who moves into foul territory to catch it. R2, who started for home on the hit, returns to re-touch his base but, in doing so, collides with F5 in foul territory causing the ball to drop to the ground. F5 could easily have caught the ball. RULING: B4 is out on the interference and R2 remains at 3rd.</p>	

True/False
Yes / No

82	<p>B1 receives ball 4 and advances toward 1st base. Halfway, he drops his batting glove, so he stops, turns around, takes two steps back toward home plate and picks up the glove. He then proceeds to 1st.</p> <p>RULING: Since B1 did not step backward to avoid a tag or a play on him; he is safe at 1st.</p>	
83	<p>Two out, R4 on 2nd. B7 is at bat with a 2 ball & 2 strike count, when he hits a long fly ball to left field. F7 uses a mitt to catch the fly ball and the plate umpire notices the illegal act.</p> <p>RULING: As this is an appeal play, the umpire should declare B7 out on the catch.</p>	
84	<p><i>Refer above scenario</i> As the fielders are running in, the Offensive coach notices that F7 is using a mitt, so appeals to the umpire that the catch is not legal.</p> <p>RULING: The umpire should uphold the coach's request, return R4 to 2nd base and bring B7 back to bat with ball 2 strike 2 (the count prior to the illegal catch)</p>	
85	<p><i>Refer above scenario</i></p> <p>RULING: F7 and the illegal glove should be removed from the game.</p>	
86	<p>In the top of the 2nd inning, the coach crosses the foul line to speak to all of his players except the pitcher who he sends aside. On his return to the dugout, the umpire charges the coach with a defensive conference. The coach insists this should not be a conference as he did not speak to his pitcher.</p>	
87	<p>Is it legal for a pitcher to wear a batting glove on his glove hand?</p>	
88	<p>B1 has a count of 1 strike, with no runners on base. The F1 pitches a strike but the ball gets away from the catcher. F5 retrieves the ball and throws to F6 before throwing the ball back to F1.</p> <p>RULING: The umpire should rule an additional ball to the batter, making the count ball 1, strike 2.</p>	
89	<p>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.</p>	
90	<p>R2 on 2nd base and B3 at bat with a ball 2, strike 2 count. F1 delivers the next pitch as R2 is called out for leaving base too early. The pitch is called a strike. This is a double play.</p>	

The next 10 questions relate to the following scenario. For your assistance a copy of the line-up card is provided for your reference / use

Subway Riders						
	Shirt	Surname	First Name	Pos	Sub	R/E
1	71	WILSON	Todd	7		
2	5	OBERON	Grant	8		
3	27	SMITH	Hugh	2		
4	80	JONES	Walter	DP		
5	44	ALEXANDER	Geoff	9		
6	29	RIGHT	James	4		
7	11	THOMSON	Mike	5		
8	7	JONES	Michael	6		
9	8	SCOTT	Roger	3		
10	3	BROWN	David	1		
Substitutes						
A	34	BLACK	Mark			
B	36	WELSH	Lance			
C	2	ENGLISH	Tommy			
D	19	KILKENNY	Patrick			
E						
Coach:			<i>Marilyn Jackson</i>			

91	The Coach John Blackman has his scorer sign the card to prevent himself being ejected for an illegal substitution infraction. Should this be corrected at the pre game?	
92	Hugh Smith comes in to bat however the defence note he is wearing shirt number 72. Should he be declared out?	
93	In the 3 rd inning, #2 (Tommy English) replaces # 44 (Geoff Alexander) in the field without advising the umpire. After 1 pitch is he considered in the game?	
94	In the bottom of the 4 th inning #2 (Tommy English) takes a diving catch in shallow right field to retire the batter. After a pitch to the next batter, the offensive coach appeals that # 2 has not been advised as a substitute and requests his batter should get to bat again. Is he right?	
95	Is #2 (Tommy English) ejected?	
96	The coach advises the plate umpire that #44 (Geoff Alexander) will return to the field in his original position. Is he considered to have re-entered the game?	
97	In the top 5 th inning, the coach advises the umpire #3 (David Brown) will bat for #80 (Walter Jones). Can the coach do this ?	
98	This will reduce the number of players from 10 to 9?	
99	#3 (David Brown) hits a single to right field, and as he returns to 1 st , requests Time to get a warm-up jacket. Is this a charged conference?	
100	#19 (Patrick Kilkenny) takes the mound as the pitcher. The Coach advises the umpire of the change in pitcher. After pitching to the next three batters, the coach then advises that #19 (Patrick Kilkenny) will move to 1 st base, and #34 (Mark Black) will now pitch. Is he allowed to do this without penalty?	

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