

2008 SNZ UMPIRE RULE EXAM ANSWERS

Q#	Rule Ref		True/False Yes/ No
1	R 8 Sec 5g Effect	When a live ball becomes lodged in a defensive player's equipment, the ball is dead and all runners are awarded one base.	F
2	R 4 Sec 8a	A substitute shall be officially in the game when reported to the plate umpire	F
3	R 1 Sec 56b Note	Because an infield fly has been declared, the runners may advance but must tag-up even though the ball is not caught.	F
4	R 8 Sec 9d	R1 on 3 rd base and R2 on 1 st base with two outs. B5 grounds to F6 who bobbles the ball. R2 beats the throw to 2 nd base, over slides the base and is tagged out. R1 scores from 3 rd base prior to the tag. The run counts.	T
5	R 3 Sec 6c	When a batter uses an illegal bat and reaches 1 st base safely, and the next batter steps into the batter's box with the same bat which is then found to be illegal prior to the next pitch, both the runner at 1 st base and the present batter are declared out.	F
6	R 8 Sec 9 Effect 4	A fourth out appeal can only be made on a runner who has scored.	F
7	R 8 Sec 7l Effect	When a live ball becomes lodged in an umpire's equipment or offensive player's clothing, the ball is dead and runners are awarded the base(s) they would have reached in the umpire's judgement.	T
8	R 3 Sec 8b	F1 is wearing a long sleeved undershirt that is optic yellow. No other team-mate is wearing an undershirt. The pitcher's uniform is legal.	T
9	R 1 Sec 39	B1 at bat with a 0-balls 2-strike count and no outs. The pitch hits the ground before B1 swings. The batted ball goes directly from the bat, no higher than B1's head, to F2's glove and is securely held. This is a foul tip.	T
10	R 1 Sec 37e	B1 squares to bunt. The pitch hits the bat and deflects, hitting B1 in the chest over the plate. At the time of contact B1 had both feet in the batter's box. Ruling: Foul ball	T
11	R 1 Sec 1	A flare or cone grip attached to a bat is considered an illegal bat.	F
12	R 1 Sec 2	An appeal play made by the defensive team, may be made by any fielder on the playing field.	F
13	R 1 Sec 11	A batter becomes a batter-runner after a dropped third strike.	T
14	R 1 Sec 15	To be ruled legal, a fielder must show complete control of a catch in only their glove hand.	F
15	R 1 Sec 15a	If a fielder drops a caught ball while in the act of throwing it, the catch is valid.	T
16	R 9 Sec 3b & c	Plate umpire interference and catcher's obstruction cause an immediate dead ball situation.	F
17	R 1 Sec 40	Every offensive player, whilst at bat, on base, or in the on-deck circle, must wear a helmet with two ear flaps.	T
18	R 1 Sec 56	R1 on 2 nd base, R2 on 1 st base, one out. B3 hits a line drive that is dropped by F6. F6 recovers the ball and tags R1 going to 3 rd base, steps on 2 nd base and then throws to F3 in time beat B3. The plate umpire does not call nor signal an infield fly. The base umpire rules R1 out on the tag, R2 out on the force play at 2 nd base and B3 out at 1 st base. This is a triple play.	T
19	R 1 Sec 59	Interference is the act of a defensive player, or team member, that interferes with an offensive player from attempting to run the bases.	F
20	R 1 Sec 59	Interference may be caused by a defensive player, an umpire or a spectator.	F
21	R 1 Sec 37	A foul ball is an illegally batted ball which bounds past 1 st or 3 rd base on or over foul territory.	F
22	R 1 Sec 65b 1	Obstruction is also the act of a defensive player without possession of the ball that interferes with the progress of a runner or batter-runner who is legally running the bases.	T

23	R 1 Sec 65b 4 & 5	A fielder with possession of the ball can not cause obstruction.	F
24	R 1 Sec 77	The non-pivot foot is the foot with which the pitcher pushes off the pitcher's plate.	F
25	R 1 Sec 89	Stealing is the act of a runner attempting to advance to the base just prior to a pitch to the batter.	F
26	R 1 Sec 96d	A pitched ball touches the ground on a strike immediately prior to being caught. This is considered a trapped ball.	T
27	R 1 Sec 96c	A thrown ball to any base for a force out which is caught with the glove just under the ball on the ground is considered a trapped ball.	F
28	R 1 Sec 99	A player forced to leave the ground due to uncontrolled bleeding is ruled an ineligible player and may be replaced by a replacement player for a defined time period.	F
29	R 3 Sec 2	The barrel end of a warm-up bat must be in excess of 5.7cm in diameter and marked "warm-up" in 3.2cm letters.	T
30	R 4 Sec 8g Effect Offense b	R1 on 3 rd base with none out. B5 hits to F6 who fields the ball and throws to F3 for the force out on B5 at 1 st base, as R1 scores. Before the next pitch, the defence properly appeals that B5 was not the correct batter and that B4 should have batted. Ruling: Return R1 to 3 rd base; declare B4 out and B5 returns to the batter's box to bat in the correct order.	F
31	R 7 Sec 6l 3 Effect	R1 on 3 rd base none out. B2 swings at a wild pitch that goes to the back net. R1 attempts to advance to home. F2 retrieves the ball and throws to F1 who is covering home plate. B2 accidentally hinders F1, preventing F1 from catching the ball, allowing R1 to score. Ruling: The run counts since B2 did not intentionally interfere with F1's opportunity to make the play.	F
32	R 8 Sec 7b Effect 4	R1 on 2 nd base, one out. B2 hits a line drive to the outfield that is not caught. B2 is obstructed by F3, between 1 st & 2 nd base. Thinking he would not make 2 nd base, returns to and stands on 1 st base. R1 stops at 3 rd base as the throw is cut-off in the infield. B2 now decides to attempt to make 2 nd base and is tagged out by F4. Ruling: Dead Ball. The umpire should award B2 the base he would have made had there been no obstruction.	T
33	R 6 Sec 9a Exception	F1 is replaced by a substitute. At the same time the Plate umpire is also required to record several other changes, so the pitcher uses the extra time to throw four additional warm-up pitches. Ruling: The plate umpire should declare this legal, no penalty is applied.	T
34	R 2 Sec 4h Exception e	B1 hits a drive to right field that is not caught. F9 throws the ball to F3 covering 1 st base, in an attempt to retire B1. B1 beats the throw, but touches only the white portion of the double base. F3 notices this and appeals "B1 did not touch the orange portion of the base," before B1 returns to the base. Ruling: B1 is safe because the throw was from the outfield.	F
35	R 8 Sec 7e Effect 1 Exception	B1 hits a line drive into the outfield between F7 & F8. Seeing no way of keeping the ball from going over the outfield fence, F7 throws their glove at, and hits the ball in flight. Ruling: B1 is awarded three bases.	F
36	R 5 Sec 6	When the score is tied after seven completed innings, the game will continue using the tie-breaker rule by placing the player scheduled to bat last, on 2 nd base.	T
37	R 8 Sec 1b Effect	The batter-runner is out when, with two outs or less than two outs, and 1 st base unoccupied at the time of the pitch; the catcher drops the third strike and the batter-runner is legally put out before reaching 1 st base.	T
38	R 8 Sec 10k	B1 hits a single and rounds 1 st base. On seeing F9 field the ball, he returns to, and stands on 1 st base. F9 throws the ball to F3, who walks the ball into the 8 foot circle. While F3 still has possession of the ball, B1 leaves 1 st base and advances to 2 nd base. Ruling: "Time" should be declared and B1 declared out for leaving the base while the ball is in the pitcher's circle.	F
39	R 1 Sec 39	A ball that goes sharply and directly from the bat to the catcher's mitt/glove and is caught by the catcher is not a foul ball.	T

40	R 8 Sec 9 Effect g – j 4	An appeal on a runner missing home plate after the next runner has scored, is not allowed as a fourth out appeal.	F
41	R 4 Sec 8g Effect Exception c	R1 on 3 rd base and R2 on 1 st base. B3 is substituted for by S1, but does not report to the plate umpire. S1 gets a hit, scoring R1 from 3 rd base, but R2 is tagged out at 3 rd base. After a pitch to B4, the defense informs the umpire of the unreported substitute. Ruling: S1 is declared ineligible and replaced by a substitute, and all runners are returned to the base occupied at the time of the pitch.	F
42	R 8 Sec 7e 3 Exception	On a pitched ball that gets away from the catcher, there is no penalty if the runners are not advancing.	T
43	R 7 Sec 1d Effect	The umpire notices that the batter in the on-deck circle is swinging a warm-up bat with no tape on the grip. Ruling: The umpire should rule the warm-up bat illegal and have it fixed or removed from the game.	F
44	R 1 Sec 2 & a	R1 on 2 nd base, B2 hits a triple scoring R1, who missed 3 rd base. A pitch is thrown that the plate umpire rules illegal. The defense appeal R1 missed 3 rd base. Ruling: R1 is out because the defense appealed prior to a legal pitch.	F
45	R 8 Sec 2 6	R1 on 3 rd base, B2 is at bat with a full count. B2 swings at and misses the next pitch which touches the ground before reaching F2. F2 misplays the ball and it rolls forward towards home plate. B2, attempting to advance to 1 st base, unintentionally kicks the ball and F1 is unable to make a play. Ruling: The ball is dead and B2 out for interference. R1 is also out because of the interference by an offensive player already put out.	F
46	R 1 Sec 97	R1 on 1 st base and B2 scheduled to bat. B3 grounds into a double play. Prior to the next pitch, the defense appeals B3 batted out of order. Ruling: This is a triple play	T
47	R 7 Sec 2 Effect 2c-d Offense 2 a – d	R1 on 2 nd base, R2 on 1 st base and B3 scheduled to bat. B4 grounds into a double play. Prior to the next pitch, the defense appeals B4 batted out of order. Ruling: B3 is declared out also and B5 bats first in the next inning.	T
48	R 8 Sec 9h Effect 9g – j 1 & a	R1 is on 3 rd base and R2 on 2 nd base with two outs. B5 hits a triple scoring both R1 & R2, but R2 misses 3 rd base. B6 enters the batter's box and without a pitch being delivered, the defense appeals R2 missed 3 rd base. Ruling: R2 is out and no runs score	F
49	R 3 Sec 4b	In Women's Fast Pitch both pitchers are using a glove that is multi-coloured. Team A's pitcher's glove is white and brown. Team B's pitcher is using a brown and yellow glove. Ruling: Team B's pitcher's glove is illegal.	T
50	R 3 Sec 6f ii	Youth age players who coach in the 1 st base coaches box are not required to wear a helmet.	F
51	R 7 Sec 6l 4	R1 on 2 nd base B2 at bat. R1 attempts to steal to 3 rd base. As F2 attempts a pick-off, the throw accidentally hits B2's bat (still in his hands), and the ball rebounds towards the dugout allowing R1 to advance home and score. Ruling: No interference and the play stands.	T
52	R 9 Sec e	With no outs and R1 on 3 rd base, B2 hits a fly ball to F7. While the ball in flight, the 3 rd base coach pushes R1 back toward 3 rd base. F7 makes the catch. Ruling: B2 is out on the catch and R1 is out for being aided by the coach. The ball is live.	T
53	R 8 Sec 7i note & Effect	A fielder carries a live ball into the dugout to tag a player, is considered to have intentionally carried it there, and all runners are entitled to two bases from the time the ball went dead.	F
54	R 1 Sec 37f	B1 at bat with 0-2 count, swings wildly at the next pitch. He manages to tip the ball no higher than his head directly back into F2's mask where it rebounds into play and is caught by a quick thinking, diving F5. Ruling: Foul ball	T
55	R 10 M	The plate umpire should always exit left of the catcher and trail the batter-runner unless	T

		the play takes the umpire elsewhere.	
56	R 5 Sec 6 Note	In the beginning of the eighth inning, the wrong runner is placed at 2 nd base. The runner steals to 3 rd safely. The umpire is then notified of the incorrect runner on 3 rd base. Ruling: Declare the runner ineligible, and put the correct runner on 3 rd base.	F
57	R 4 Sec 7b Effect 3	Brown, the starting DP reaches 1 st base and is replaced by Smith (substitute). Later in the game Brown re-enters as a batter and hits a double. Stone (substitute) replaces Brown on 2 nd base. During extra innings, Brown is at bat with 1-ball 2-strike count when the defense appeals for Brown being in the game illegally. Ruling: Declare Brown ineligible and replace him with Harris (the Flex).	F
58	R 1 Sec 56	R1 at 2 nd base and R2 at 1 st base, none out. B3 hits a fly ball to F5 who intentionally drops the ball. The plate umpire rules B3 out on the infield fly, ignores the intentionally dropped ball and leaves the ball in play with the runners at 1 st and 2 nd in jeopardy to be put out.	T
59	R 1 Sec 2 & a	When appealed by the defense, any player who fails to bat will be called out by the plate umpire.	F
60	R 7 Sec 2 Effect 3	One out. B2 hits a single. B5 bats and hits an automatic home run. The base umpire calls an illegal pitch to B6. The defense appeals the offense has batted out of order. Ruling: B3 is out for missing his turn at bat, B4 just misses his turn at bat, the two runs count and a ball is awarded to B6 on the illegal pitch.	F
61	R 8 Sec 9n Note	R1 on 3 rd base, R2 on 1 st base and one out. B4 hits a long fly-ball to deep right field. R1 legally tags up on the catch before advancing to and touching home. However, the on-deck batter thinking R1 did not tag-up correctly yells at him to re-touch 3 rd base. He then re-touches home before running back to third, and is tagged attempting to re-touch home. Ruling: The run counts. R2 the runner closest to home is out.	T
62	R 3 Sec 8f	The player coach of the home side playing in right field has a cast on her left wrist. To prevent any injury to anyone else she has the cast covered by a soft material, taped and approved by the umpire.	F
63	R 1 Sec 15e	B1 hits a high fly ball that hits the branch of an over-hanging tree in fair territory, and is easily caught by F7. Ruling: No Catch.	T
64	R 1 Sec 13	R1 on 2 nd base. B3 hits a long fly-ball to F8. F8 throws the ball to F5 for a tag on R1 advancing; however the ball tips off F5's glove and hits the coach who is out of the coach's box. Ruling: This is a blocked ball.	F
65	R 1 Sec 2c 8	The un-notified return of the DP to the batting line-up for the FLEX is an appeal play and must be made before the next pitch.	T
66	R 1 Sec 6	S1 hits a stand-up triple. B3 enters the batter's box. Knowing the reputation of B3, the pitcher elects to intentionally walk B3. B4 enters the batter's box, but prior to receiving a pitch, the defense appeal for S1 being an unannounced substitute. Ruling: S1 is out. B3 returns to the batter's box with a 0-0 count.	F
67	R 1 Sec 9	A batter is defensive player who has not yet become a batter-runner.	F
68	R 1 Sec 10	A player with the intention of aiding his team to score runs, with one foot on the lines of the batter's box and the other foot entirely within the lines is considered to be in the batter's box.	T
69	R 1 Sec 11	An offensive player who has finished his turn at bat and not yet been put out, and is between 1 st and 2 nd bases is considered to be a batter-runner.	F
70	R 1 Sec 19	A coach cannot be held responsible for his team's actions whilst on the field.	F
71	R 1 Sec 26	R1 on 1 st base, none out. B2 has a 3-ball 2-strike count. He swings at the next pitch but does not connect. F2 throws to F4 to tag the stealing R1. Ruling: This is a double play	T
72	R 1 Sec 27	Friends and family of a visiting team are permitted to be in the dugout provided they do	F

		not smoke there.	
73	R 1 Sec 33	Any ball batted into the air shall be considered a fly-ball	T
74	R 1 Sec 35	There can never be a force-out situation if the batter-runner is put out before reaching 1 st base.	T
75	R 1 Sec 55	Anticipating the batter is only able to hit a short ball, F9 and F7 are stationed just behind the base lines (almost in line with F4 & F6 respectively). They are now considered an infielder for the purposes of an infield fly.	T
76	R 1 Sec 57	A new inning begins immediately after the final out of the previous inning, unless there is insufficient time to complete the inning in the allotted time frame.	F
77	R 1 Sec 84	R3 is injured sliding into 2 nd base and is required to leave the game to have a bleeding injury attended to. The FLEX may run as the replacement player for the completion of this inning and all of the next inning.	F
78	R 1 Sec 71	The outfield is the portion of the field not normally covered by an infielder and within the foul lines beyond 1 st and 3 rd bases to the boundaries of the grounds.	T
79	R 1 Sec 80	A protest is the action of an offensive or defensive team objecting to an umpire ruling. No protest may be made after a pitch has been thrown (legal or illegal) or the defensive team has left the field.	F
80	R 11 Sec 4 b Note	A team is deemed to have left the field once all players have left fair territory.	T
81	R 1 Sec 37d	B1 attempted to bunt the ball. The ball bounces awkwardly, and deflects into foul territory still in the air. F3 with both feet entirely in fair territory deflects the ball back to F1 whom fields the ball and tags B1 attempting to make 1 st base. Ruling: Fair ball	F
82	R 1 Sec 29a	B5 chops the ball high into the infield. In attempting to field the ball, F1 deflects the ball and it rolls untouched into foul territory between home and 1 st base. F2 retrieves the ball and throws to F4 covering 2 nd base in an attempt to prevent B5 advancing. Ruling: Fair ball	T
83	R 1 Sec 29b	B3 hits a bounding ball toward 3 rd base in fair territory. In the judgement of the plate umpire, the ball bounds over 3 rd base before first touching in the outfield in foul territory. Ruling: Fair ball	T
84	R 1 Sec 29e	B2 hits a short fly-ball over the head of F3 that first touches the foul line in foul territory beyond 1 st base, before rolling into fair territory where it is fielded by F9, and thrown to F3 in time to retire B2. Ruling: B2 is out, this is a fair ball.	T
85	R 1 Sec 39d	B6 bunts the ball toward 1 st base in an attempt to score R4 from 3 rd base. The ball spins back and hits the batter's discarded bat lying in foul territory, before coming to rest in fair territory. Ruling: Foul ball	T
86	R 7 Sec 6i	R5 on 3 rd base, one out. B6 attempts to score on R5's bunt. However it becomes apparent that the ball will become foul, so B6 throws his bat so as to prevent the ball from rolling foul. R5 scores, and B6 caught in a run-down between 1 st and 2 nd base is subsequently tagged out. Ruling: Dead ball, B6 is out and R5 returns to 3 rd base.	T
87	R 8 Sec 5d	Runners can legally advance with liability to be put out when a thrown ball hits an umpire.	T
88	R 8 Sec 7e Exception 3 Note	B1 has a 3-2 count. The next pitch gets away from the catcher whom elects to use his mask to retrieve the ball. On seeing this, B1 attempts to advance to 2 nd base but is caught in a run-down and subsequently tagged. The offensive coach then appeals that his runner is entitled to 1 st base on the misuse of equipment rule. Ruling: B1 is out.	T
89	R 8 Sec 1g Exception	B7 hits a long fly ball that just hits the top of the outfield fence and is deflected back toward F8. Unfortunately, F8 did not expect the ball and it is subsequently knocked over	F

	3	the outfield fence. Ruling: Home run	
90	R 8 Sec 7b Effect 4 Exception 1b	R1 on 1 st base, running on the pitch. B2 hits a low line drive to F6, who catches the ball. F6 throws to F3, attempting to catch R1 of base before he can return to tag-up after the catch. R1 attempts to return to 1 st base but is obstructed by F4. The throw reaches F3, who touches 1 st and legally appeals before R1 can recover and return to the base. The umpire considers R1 would not have returned in time, even had the obstruction not occurred, so calls R1 out. The offensive coach then insists that the out should be overturned, claiming no runner can be called out between the bases where he was obstructed. Ruling: The umpire should ignore the obstruction and declare R1 out for leaving his base before the fly ball was first touched.	T
91	R 8 Sec 4h	Awarded bases must be touched in legal order.	T
92	R 8 Sec 7b 4	When a fielder in possession of the ball pushes a runner off the base in the act of tagging him, the runner shall be declared out.	F
93	R 1 Sec 70	An option play is a play in which the coach of the team not at fault is given the choice of taking the enforcement of the illegal action or the result of the play.	T
94	R 2 Sec 3 Note	When the pitching distance is found to be incorrect, the umpire should correct the error immediately and continue playing the game.	F
95	R 2 Sec 4b	The batter's on-deck circle can be drawn at either end of the dugout area.	F
96	R 8 Sec 7e & Effect 2	B1 hits a low drive to F4, who dives to retrieve the ball before throwing the ball very high to F3. F3 seeing the ball will go over the fence, throws his glove at the ball, deflecting it away but still in live ball territory. B1, approaching 1 st base at the time of the deflection, continues to run and is tagged out sliding into 3 rd base. Ruling: The umpire should return B1 to 2 nd base.	F
97	R 8 Sec 7f Effect	When two runners are between 1 st & 2 nd bases, and a fielder deliberately throws a ball out of play, the lead runner shall be awarded home as the trail runner is entitled to 3 rd base.	F
98	R 8 Sec 8e	A runner must return to his base, but need not touch any intervening bases when any part of the batter's person is touched by a pitched ball swung at and missed.	T
99	R 10 M	In the two umpire system, with a runner on 2 nd base, a fly ball is hit to F8 that is caught. Which umpire has tag-up responsibilities and who has the runner if he attempts to advance to 3 rd base? A. Plate umpire has the tag-up and the runner to 3 rd base. B. Base umpire has the tag-up and the runner to 3 rd base. C. Base umpire has the tag-up and the plate umpire has the runner at 3 rd base. D. Plate umpire has the tag-up and the base umpire has the runner at 3 rd base.	C
100	R 10 M	In the two umpire system, with a runner on 1 st base, the base umpire has rotated to the 2nd base side of F4. A ground ball is hit within the infield and the throw to 1 st base arrives before the batter-runner, however the umpire is unable to tell if the throw pulled F3 off the base. The base umpire should: A. Call the runner out and do not ask for help as the plate umpire may have gone to 3 rd base. B. Make no call and ask for help right away. C. Call the runner out and ask for help only if requested by the offense. D. None of the above.	D