



## 2010 SNZ Umpires Examination

01			A runner is a member of the offensive team that has reached 1B but not yet been put out.
02			Players, coaches, or managers shall not make disparaging, or insulting, remarks to, or about, opposing players, officials, or spectators, or commit other acts that could be considered unsportsmanlike conduct
03			It is legal to drag, leap or hop and then land and throw as long as the original push starts from the pitcher's plate.
04			A legally batted ball bounds past 3B in foul territory and comes to rest in fair territory beyond 3B. <b>Ruling:</b> Foul Ball
05			There shall be no smoking in the designated dugout area.
06			A legally batted ball driven back at the pitcher, deflects off his glove, and comes to rest in foul territory between home and 3B. <b>Ruling:</b> Fair Ball
07			It is legal to step off the pitching rubber with the pivot foot and then drag, leap or hop and throw.
08			Red team is batting first and has scored 10 runs in 4 innings. Their opposition has not yet scored. When the red team scored its 10 <sup>th</sup> run, the game should be called.
09			The minimum fence distance for Junior U16Men & Junior U19Women is 67.06m
10			The base umpire shall assist the plate umpire in every way, to enforce the rules of the game.
11			A turn at bat commences when a player leaves the on-deck circle, to bat, and continues until the batter is put out or becomes a batter-runner.
12			R1 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> base. B2 bunts the ball, and throws the bat back toward F2. As F2 attempts to field the ball he trips on the discarded bat and stumbles miss fielding the ball. <b>Ruling:</b> In the judgement of the umpire, F2 would have been able to get the out, had he not stumbled on the bat thrown toward him. Dead Ball and call the batter out. As R1 made no attempt to advance he remains at 3 <sup>rd</sup> base.
13			Top of the 6 <sup>th</sup> inning, F8 (#34) is substituted by S 1 to pinch hit. S 1 strikes out for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> out of the inning. In the bottom of the inning, #34 returns to the field unannounced. After one pitch the offence appeal for an illegal re-entry. <b>Ruling:</b> Declare #34 ineligible, and replace him with a new substitute.
14			The pitcher, after taking the signal, with the ball in either the glove or the pitching hand, must bring both hands together in front of the body for a minimum of two seconds and no longer than 10 seconds.
15			A fielder may step into the path of an oncoming runner without the ball, provided there is no contact
16			The pitch starts when the pitcher makes any motion that is part of their pitching motion or when one hand is taken off the ball
17			A legally batted ball bounds over 1B before landing in foul territory beyond 1B. <b>Ruling:</b> Fair Ball
18			An illegally batted ball hits the left field foul pole and rebounds back into fair territory. <b>Ruling:</b> Dead Ball. Home Run
19			It is mandatory for all MALE coaches to wear a cap except if they are coaching a female team.
20			The penalty for an illegal Re-entry is the ejection of the coach/manager and removal of the illegal player from the game.

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21			<p>R1 on 1B, B2 at bat with the count of ball-3, Strike-2. R1 steals on the pitch, which is called a ball. The catcher throws to F4 for the play on the advancing R1. U3 calls the runner out on the successful tag. R1 gets up to return to his 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout and is tagged a second time.</p> <p><b>Ruling:</b> The Plate umpire should correct the Base umpire's call by awarding R1 safe at 2<sup>nd</sup> base. R1 was placed in jeopardy when given out by U3, and so the decision should be corrected.</p>
22			<p>The Designated Runner (DR) may not be used at any age grade tournament.</p>
23			<p>During the bat inspection, a bat is discovered that rattles.</p> <p><b>Ruling:</b> The umpire should declare the bat an altered bat and remove from the game.</p>
24			<p>An appeal for the use of an illegal player can be made anytime while such player is in the game.</p>
25			<p>Brown is playing shortstop. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning he is substituted by Smith but not reported to the plate umpire. After three pitches, the offense appeal for Smith having entered the game unreported.</p> <p><b>Ruling:</b> Smith is declared ineligible, and removed from the game. The defense can either re-enter Brown, or replace him with another legal substitute.</p>
26			<p>F6 deliberately drops a declared infield fly.</p> <p><b>Ruling:</b> The ball is dead. The batter is out, and all runners return to the base last touched at the time of the pitch.</p>
27			<p>R1 on 2B, R2 on 1B, one out. B3 hits a long fly ball to F9 that almost goes over his head. Both runners hold up for the catch. As F9 attempts to throw the ball back to the infield, it slips from his throwing hand. R1 rounds 3B and heads for home on the error. R2 misses 2B, on his advance to 3<sup>rd</sup> and being very quick is called safe on the close play at home. The defence then appeal for R2 missing 2B.</p> <p><b>Ruling:</b> R2 is out and no runs count.</p>
28			<p>If the pivot foot must remain in contact with the pitcher's plate at all times before the forward drag, leap or hop, this example would not meet that criteria.</p>
			
29			<p>R1 on 3B, R2 on 1B. One out. B3 fakes a bunt, as R2 tries to draw a throw from F2 by running off the base line towards the outfield. F2 on seeing R2 off base, attempts to catch him stealing by throwing to F4. R1 remains on his base waiting for R2 to be engaged in a run down as R2 runs further toward the outfield. F4 on seeing the distance increase throws to F9 to halt the progress of R2. At this point, R1 then breaks for home. F9 hearing the call from F2 throws to the plate for the attempt to tag R1 sliding into home and R2 advances to 2B on F9's throw to F2.</p> <p><b>Ruling:</b> When R2 ran off the base line in no attempt to advance, The umpire should have declared a Dead Ball and ruled R2 out.</p>
30			<p>A replacement player can be a substitute who would otherwise be an illegal re-entry.</p>
31			<p>R1 on 3B, when B5 hits a long fly ball to F7. On seeing this, R1 positions himself behind but not in contact with 3B in order to get a running start on the catch. R1 beats the throw home.</p> <p><b>Ruling:</b> R1 is declared out and B5 is out on the catch The ball remains alive.</p>
32			<p>The defensive coach requests TIME to speak with his pitcher. After a short delay he approaches the Plate umpire to advise of a pitching change.</p> <p><b>Ruling:</b> This is not a charged conference.</p>

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33		<p>Two players switch bases during a defensive conference. The new lead runner subsequently scores prior to the defense noting the switch.</p> <p><b>Ruling:</b> The appeal is disallowed as this can only be appealed after an OFFENSIVE conference.</p>
34		<p>If the batter swings at, and misses, a called illegal pitch, there is no penalty for the illegal pitch. The umpire shall call &amp; signal a strike.</p>
35		<p>Provided there is no movement backwards of the non-pivot foot, and the non-pivot foot starts in contact with the pitcher's plate, the pitcher may push off from the pitcher's plate and there is no violation of the feet in the pitching rule.</p>
36		<p>B2 enters the left hand batter's box and the Plate Umpire signals F1 to pitch. F1 is on the rubber, but legally steps off. B2 then steps out and crosses over to the right hand batter's box. There is no violation for this action.</p>
37		<p>A game is considered official and over if team second at bat, is ahead by 15 runs after 2 ½ innings.</p>
38		<p>Blue team is using a DP for F1 (FLEX), In the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, the coach substitutes S1 for the DP, &amp; S2 for F1. In the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. The coach advises the umpire that S2 will also bat. In the 7<sup>th</sup> inning, the coach requests the umpire re-enter S1 as the DP. This is a legal re-entry.</p>
39		<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>This is NOT an example of interference, as the runner made an obvious attempt to avoid contact and the fielder still has an opportunity to make a play?.</p>
40		<p>A spectator leans over the rail to catch a foul fly ball. However he only manages to deflect the ball back into the field of play where it is easily caught by F5.</p> <p><b>Ruling:</b> Dead Ball. The ball is blocked once touched by any person not engaged in the game</p>
41		<p>A legally batted ball untouched by any player comes to rest in foul territory touching 3B.</p> <p><b>Ruling:</b> Fair Ball</p>
42		<p>The on deck batter may use either on-deck circle, provided he remains in the on-deck circle until called to the batter's box, unless he leaves to direct a runner advancing from 3B to home or to avoid possible interference on a thrown or fly ball.</p>
43		<p>The coach requests Time to speak to the pitcher. Time is granted. After consultation, the coach then informs the Plate umpire of the change of pitchers. This is NOT a charged conference.</p>
44		<p>A squeeze play is a play in which the defence attempts to prevent a runner from 3B stealing on the pitch and scoring on a hit by the batter.</p>
45		<p>Only the plate umpire can determine and call an "infield fly"</p>
46		<p>R1 on 1B, one out. B2 is an unannounced substitute. B2 hits the ball to F6, who steps onto 2B for the force on R1 and throws to F3 to complete the double play. The offensive manager requests that the umpires return R1 to 1B and remove the unannounced B2 from the game. The Plate Umpire rules: R1 is out, B2 is out and advises the scorer that B2 is officially in the game.</p>
47		<p>The use of a player deemed ineligible will constitute a forfeiture of the game.</p>

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48		<p>#67 is substituted by #80 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning. In the 4<sup>th</sup> inning #80 is removed from the game to attend to a bleeding wound. The coach advises that #67 will be the replacement player.  <b>Ruling:</b> The umpire shall not permit #67 as the replacement player.</p>
49		<p>A legally batted ball hits the batters foot while still in the batter's box. It rolls towards 1B and comes to rest on the line between Home &amp; 1B.  <b>Ruling:</b> Dead ball</p>
50		<p>B1 hits a ground ball that bounds over 3B in fair territory before coming to rest in foul territory close to but not in contact with the dead ball line, on an open diamond. As F7 runs in to field the ball he slides on the wet grass such that when he stands up to field the ball, one foot is over the dead ball line and the other is in foul territory.  <b>Ruling:</b> Blocked Ball</p>
51		<p>The line between two bases is known as the base path.</p>
52		<p>R1 on 1B. B2 hinders F2's attempt to throw to 2B by stepping out of the batter's box.  <b>Ruling:</b> B2 is out and R1 is returned to 1B.</p>
53		<p>Top of 6<sup>th</sup> inning. B2 hits a long fly ball to right field. She is obstructed by and trips on F3 rounding 1<sup>st</sup> base. She picks herself up and is tagged on a close play sliding into 3<sup>rd</sup> base. The base umpire awards her safe on the obstruction on F3. As the pitcher separates her hands to commence the pitch, the defence requests "Time" to appeal for B2 batting out of order.  <b>Ruling:</b> Illegal pitch, advance the runner to home. Decline the appeal as made after a pitch, legal or illegal. B1 misses their turn at bat and B3 has 1 ball on the count.</p>
54		<p>Caps are mandatory for all male coaches.</p>
55		<p>B1 swings at the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike that deflects off F2 to the 1<sup>st</sup> base side of the diamond. F2 retrieves the ball and throws to F3 standing on the foul portion of the double base. The thrown ball hits B1 on the left shoulder, running in fair territory, as he approaches the base.  <b>Ruling:</b> Dead Ball B1 is declared out on the batter-runner interference.</p>
56		<p>A team must have the required number of eligible player present in the team area to start or continue a game.</p>
57		<p>Bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning tied ball game, 1 out. R1 on 3B, R2 on 1B. B4 hits a high fly to F9. Both runners tag up, however R2 misses 2<sup>nd</sup> base on his way to the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dug out to celebrate his team's win. The defence throw to 2<sup>nd</sup> base to appeal the missed base and request the run does not count, The umpire declines the run reversal. The defence protest as a misapplication of Rule 8 Sec 4e</p>
58		<p>The DR is unable to be used as a "Replacement" Player.</p>
59		<p>The DP is hitting for the Flex # 99. The defensive coach requests Time to bring the DP into the defensive line-up for #34 as F5. #34 will now be referred to as the DH (Designated Hitter).</p>
60		<p>On an appeal play, a coach or manager may only make a dead ball appeal, and only after stepping onto the infield.</p>
61		<p>A legally batted ball hits the base umpire in fair territory beyond 1B and comes to rest in foul territory behind 1B.  <b>Ruling:</b> Foul Ball</p>
62		<p>Identical twins wearing numbers 17 and 71 are on 3B &amp; 2B respectively. After an attempted pick off at 3B, # 17 injures her ankle sliding back into the base. The Offensive coach requests Time to speak with his runners. After the time out, #71 assumes 3B &amp; #17 2B. B4 hits a long fly ball to F8. #71 tags up and scores on the catch, #17 advances to 3B safely on the throw to F2. B5 strikes out. With 2-2 count on B6, the defensive scorer requests Time to speak to the plate umpire. The scorer advises the PU #17 is the wrong runner on the base, and that #71 has switched bases earlier in the inning.  <b>Ruling:</b> The PU declares #17 out and ejects both, #17, #71 &amp; the coach for unsportsmanlike behaviour</p>

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63			The ball is dead on an intentional walk.
64			If appealed by the defence, any player who fails to bat will be called out by the Plate Umpire
65			R1 on 2B, R2 on 1B, two out. B1 who has illegally re-entered the game receives a walk. The next batter hits the first pitch for an automatic home run. After the ball is returned to the infield, the defence appeal that B1 was an illegal re-entry. <b>Ruling:</b> All four runs score. B1 and the manager are ejected.
66			R1 on 2B. R2 on 1B. None out. B3 mishits a pop-fly that could be caught with reasonable ease; however the plate umpire loses sight of the ball in the sun. The Base umpire can signal and call "Infield Fly"
67			F2 is on base when the 3 <sup>rd</sup> out is taken. In order to warm up the pitcher, The coach comes to take the warm-up pitches. He refuses to wear a helmet under the mask. <b>Ruling:</b> The umpire should not permit the coach to take the warm-ups.
68			If the DP is substituted by a player who has not yet been in the game, then the starting DP can be used as a "replacement player", with the possibility of playing both offence and defence
69			In the act of delivering a pitch, the pitcher must take one step simultaneous with the release of the ball. There is no limitation on how wide the step may be.
70			A crow hop is defined as the act of a pitcher who does not push off from the pitcher's plate to deliver the ball.
71			A legally batted ball hits the foul pole and comes to rest in fair territory beyond the fence. <b>Ruling:</b> Fair Ball
72			Any player entering, or re-entering the game without reporting to the Plate Umpire, shall become an illegal player once a pitch (legal or illegal) has been thrown, or a play made.
73			A bat legal in every other manner except it rattles when swung, would be declared an illegal bat.
74			 <p>This is an example of obstruction?</p>
75			B2 has 3 balls & 2 strikes. On the next pitch, B2 attempts to bunt, however the ball hits his hands. <b>Ruling:</b> Dead Ball Batter is out.
76			R4 starting at 2B in the tie-breaker inning, is the incorrect player, and is discovered after one out. <b>Ruling:</b> The incorrect player is called out and removed from the bases.
77			A legally batted ball, pops into the air where it is first touched by F5's glove over fair territory. F5 is standing entirely in foul territory. The ball comes to rest in foul territory. <b>Ruling:</b> Foul Ball

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78		Equipment that is not part of the official equipment, shall not be left lying on the playing field in either fair or foul territory.
79		In contact with the dead ball line is the same as being in dead ball territory.
80		A legally batted ball first touches the ground beyond 1B in foul territory. It then rolls and comes to rest against the fair portion of 1B. <b>Ruling:</b> Foul Ball
81		When a runner is declared out for running more than 0.91m (3ft) from his base path to avoid being tagged by a fielder in possession of the ball, the ball is dead.
82		It is not a step if the pitcher slides his foot across the pitcher's plate, provided contact is maintained with the plate.
83		A batter-runner is a member of the offensive team who has completed his turn at bat and not yet been put out.
84		A legally batted ball rebounds off the pitching rubber and comes to rest in foul territory between home and 1B. <b>Ruling:</b> Foul Ball
85		Top of 6 <sup>th</sup> inning. #82 F8 dives to make a catch and in doing so skins her elbows and knees on the warning track. Time is granted to replace her with #10 a replacement player. In the bottom of the 6 <sup>th</sup> inning #82 fouls off the next pitch. The Defence appeal for the unnotified return of the withdrawn player #82. <b>Ruling:</b> Declare #82 ineligible and replace her in the batter's box with a legal substitute with a count of 1 strike.
86		The pitcher has 25 seconds to release the next pitch after receiving the ball, or after the umpire indicates, "Play Ball".
87		R5 on 1B & R3 on 3B with one out. B6 hits a ground ball to F6, who throws to F4 covering 2B for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> out. R3 crosses home plate. During the attempt to throw out B6, R5 interferes with the throw of F4 to F3. <b>Ruling:</b> The run does not count.
88		The "DESIGNATED RUNNER", referred to as a "DR", may be used as a runner for any offensive player, at any level of play, provided it is made known prior to the start of the game and his name is entered on the line-up sheet in the eleventh position of the line-up sheet.
89		The ball is dead when the pitcher issues an Intentional Walk to a batter
90		R1 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Base, B2 has a 3-ball, 2-strike count. F1 is called for an illegal pitch which B2 leaves, and R1 leaves early. <b>Ruling:</b> Dead Ball R1 is declared out on the leaving early, B2 returns to the batter's box with a 3-2 count.
91		The pitcher may leap from the pitcher's plate, land and with a continuous motion, deliver the ball to the plate.
92		The base line is the direct line between the base and a runner's position at the time a defensive player is attempting to make a play on that runner.
93		Bottom of 7 <sup>th</sup> inning score is 1-1. R1 at 3 <sup>rd</sup> base, 2 out, B4 has a count of 2 balls 1 strike. The next pitch is swung at and dropped by the catcher, and rolls between her feet. B4 thinking it is strike 3 runs to 1 <sup>st</sup> base. The catcher picks up the ball and seeing B4 advancing to 1 <sup>st</sup> attempts to throw her out. R1 advances to home on the throw, which is dropped by F3. <b>Ruling:</b> Dead ball. Batter is declared out on the interference, game proceeds into tie breaker.
94		R1 on 2B, B3 has a 2-2 count. F1 is called for an illegal pitch, that B3 swings at but misses, and F2 drops the pitch. F2 retrieves the ball and throws to F3 in time to retire B3. R1 advances to 3 <sup>rd</sup> . <b>Ruling:</b> The coach has the option of taking the result or returning B3 to the box with an extra ball.

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95			The umpire shall call & signal an illegal pitch at the time that it occurs.
96			To indicate a fair ball, the umpire shall extend an arm toward the centre of the diamond, using a pumping motion
97			R1 on 1B, B2 is at bat with a full count. F1 is called for an illegal pitch, and R1 leaves early. B2 does not hit the pitch. <b>Ruling:</b> The illegal pitch takes precedence on penalty. Signal a delayed dead ball, and ignore the illegal advance of R1. Advance R1 to 2 <sup>nd</sup> base and B2 to 1 <sup>st</sup> base.
98			A batter is out as soon as he hits a pitched ball fair or foul with an altered or illegal bat.
99			On an appeal play, the force out is determined by the force situation at the time the appeal is made.
100			R1 on 2B, steals on the pitch that B1 bunts towards the pitcher. B1 drops his bat before he runs towards 1B. F2 attempts to retrieve the bunted ball; however he trips over B1's bat lying in fair territory directly in front of home plate and misfields the ball enabling both R1 & B1 to safely advance. The defense immediately request the umpire declare B1 out for the interference caused by his bat on the F2 <b>Ruling:</b> Dead Ball. As no apparent play is obvious, no runner is called out, however R1 is returned to the last base held at the time of the dead ball declaration.

**Check your answers, keep the question sheets –  
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