

# 2017 Softball rules exam

SNZ UMPIRES ANNUAL RULES TEST 2017 (All levels)

PRE-AMBLE: This Annual Rules Test is based on the New Zealand Rule Book - as revised August 2014 and relates to Fast Pitch only.

For the sake of brevity and clarity some questions will use the following symbols:

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: BR is the batter-runner; B1 is the lead-off batter, followed by B2, B3, B4 etc.

FOR SUBSTITUTES: S1 is the first substitution player, followed by S2, S3, S4 etc.

FOR THE BASES: 1B = 1st Base; 2B = 2nd base; 3B = 3rd base; HP = Home plate

FOR THE UMPIRES: PU = Plate Umpire; BU = Base Umpire; U1 = 1st base Umpire; U3 = 3rd base umpire

## INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) This Rules Test is an Open Book Test. You may use the New Zealand Rule Book to answer the questions. We highly recommend you do so. Answer strictly according to the New Zealand Rule Book and NOT local bylaws and/or ground rules.
- 2) The question may be long, but is written in full for clarity. The Umpires ruling may only be partially correct. If this is the case, the answer is FALSE.
- 3) This Rules Test is now offered as an online exam and includes 100 questions, 10 of which are based on a video play, watch the clip and answer True or False.
- 4) At the end of the test, press Submit and you will see your score immediately. You can only take the test once. There is no time limit but do not logout before you have entered all your answers otherwise they will not be recorded.
- 5) Writing of this test is to be done by individuals and not as a group to ensure the test is beneficial to the individual.
- 6) All answers are either TRUE/FALSE and are worth (1) mark each (a total of 100 marks). Please select your answer by clicking on the T or F button options.
- 8) If you have any questions, please email Dennis Smith at [spendennis@outlook.co.nz](mailto:spendennis@outlook.co.nz) or Dave Fortin at [david.fortin@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:david.fortin@canterbury.ac.nz)
- 10) The Rules Test will close on Friday 9 June 2017. Answers will be posted on the SNZ Umpires Website after that closing date.

1	Hugh Smith, # 27 comes in to bat, however the defense notes he is wearing shirt # 72. He should be declared out!	F	R1.65
2	The batter hits a fair line drive, which is touched in flight by F4, after which it strikes an umpire standing behind F4. The ball is then caught by F9 before it touches the ground. This is a legal catch?	F	R1.15e
3	The batter hits a fly ball to F8 who catches the ball in his glove but drops it when he attempts to throw to the infield. This is a valid catch?	T	R1.15a
4	F6 comes across the 2B bag on a double play. F6 takes the ball in the glove, removes it with the bare hand, and then loses it, as he is about to throw to 1B. The umpire disallows the out at 2B as the fielder lost the ball.	F	R1.15a
5	A playing coach on the field at F6 requests "Time" to talk to F1. The umpire informs the coach that this is a charged conference.	F	R1.17
6	A line drive is caught by F7 who drops the ball after colliding with F6 as they both reach for the ball. This is still a legal catch.	F	R1.15d
7	A pop fly ball lands one meter beyond 1B in fair territory. The ball then spins back and enters the foul territory just short of 1B. F3 recovers the ball and throws to F4 standing on 1B for the force out. The Umpire rules a foul ball.	F	R1.29
8	The catcher retrieves a dropped third strike in first base foul territory, and throws to F4 covering 1B and touching the foul portion of the double base. The throw contacts batter-runner B1 who is running just inside the fair territory. The umpire rules B1 out on an interference.	F	R2.4h.2 Note c Exception
9	B1 hits a ground ball that strikes part of the fair and part of the foul portion of the double base at 1B. The Umpire rules a fair ball.	T	R2.4h Note a
10	Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. The PU rules this is an illegal pitch, runner R3 advances to home, game over, is this the correct ruling?  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/embed/hvow_gp7WqA">https://www.youtube.com/embed/hvow_gp7WqA</a>	T	
11	A batter enters the batter's box with a softball bat with a cone-shaped handle, eliminating the ¼-inch knob, and is noticed by the PU. RULING: The umpire rules this an altered bat and ejects the player.	T	R3.1l
12	While attempting to field a bunted ball, F2 comes in contact with B5's helmet that has been deliberately removed by B5. The contact prevented F2 from completing a play on B5. The umpire calls B5 out immediately for removing his helmet.	T	R3.6f. ii Effect 2
13	In the 3rd inning, #2 (Tommy English) replaces # 44 (Geoff Alexander) in the field without advising the umpire. After 1 pitch, he is considered an illegal substitute.	T	R4.8b

14	The 3B coach starts in the coach's box and as a runner approaches 3B, the coach moves down toward home to signal the runner to advance or to slide. This is legal?	T	R4.1c.2 Exception
15	On the line-up that is submitted to the PU before the game begins, Jones is listed as the DP and Akers as the FLEX and F1. When the team goes onto the field, the manager informs the PU that Jones is now F1 and Akers will leave the game. The umpire allows this.	T	R4.5h
16	The game starts with Jones as the DP and Harvey as the FLEX. In the third inning Jones plays defence for Morton, (F8). In the fourth inning, the manager inserts Harvey to bat for Morton. After two outs, the opposition appeals that Harvey is an illegal player. The umpire upholds the appeal and Harvey and the Manager are ejected.	T	R4.5 Effect g-i
17	Substitute Jones entered the game to bat for Smith in the third inning. Smith re-enters in the 4th inning. In the 6th inning, Smith becomes injured and has blood on his uniform. The Coach announces Jones is entering as a replacement player for Smith. The Umpire does not allow this as substitute Jones has already been in the game.	F	R4.7b Exception
18	Starter Jones, (batting 7th) is substituted from the game in the third inning by Smith. In the fifth inning with runners in scoring position, his manager enters Jones into the second position in the batting order. The defensive manager appeals to the umpire, after one pitch to Jones. The umpire rules illegal re-entry, and ejects both the Manager and Jones?	T	R4.7c
19	During the game a player receives an injury which causes bleeding on the jersey. After attending to the wound, the player changes his top which has a number different from his original number. The opposing coach objects to this, stating it would be confusing to himself and the scorer. The Umpire informs the scorer to change the number on the score sheet, while he changes the number on the team card, and the game continues.	T	R4.11 Note
20	Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. The umpires ruled obstruction on F6 and the runner scored. Was this the correct ruling? <a href="https://www.youtube.com/embed/dOlihOEDXgE">https://www.youtube.com/embed/dOlihOEDXgE</a>	T	
21	An unannounced substitute is standing in the batter's box with a count of 3 balls, no strikes. He now realizes he must report and does so to the umpire. Since this was not detected first by the offended team, any appeal by the opposition would be denied.	T	R4.8b
22	R1 on 1B with no outs. B3 bats in place of B2 and hits into a fielder's choice, forcing R1 out at 2B. The defense properly appeals batting out-of-order. R1 remains out, B2 who should have batted is out, B3 is taken off 1B and now bats.	T	R7.2c Effect 2 a/c
23	R1 is on 3B and R2 on 1B with one out. B4 hits a long fly ball to F7 who is an unreported substitute.	T	R4,8g Effect defence a

	<p>F7 drops the ball, recovers the ball and throws to F6, who then throws to 3B in time to get R2 out.  B4 advances to 2B, and R1 scores.  The defense (offence) appeals that F7 is unreported, so he is ruled ineligible. The defensive (offensive) manager is given the option to have the batter bat again assuming the ball and strike count, or take the result of the play.</p>		<p><b>NOTE:</b> This question should have read with what appears in yellow to be T. As it appeared in the exam, the answer would be F.</p>
24	<p>In the top of the eighth, Wilson is listed to bat 9th for Team "A" and will be the runner to start at 2B.  Their coach notifies the plate umpire that Jones, a legal substitute, will run in place of Wilson.  The opposition argue that the runner cannot be changed in a tie-breaker.</p>	F	R5.6
25	<p>R1 on 3B and R2 on 1B with two out.  B6 hits a ground ball to F4 who attempts to tag R2, but misses the tag as R1 scores.  Eventually R2 is put out between first and second.  The umpire rules R1 scores.</p>	F	R5.7b 2
26	<p>R1 on 3B and R2 on 1B with one out.  B4 hits a line drive to the short stop who catches the ball, then throws to 1B to double up R2 who had left base on the hit. R1 tags up and scores when the ball is overthrown out of play. R2 fails to tag up and goes directly to 3B on a two-base award for the overthrow. When the ball is returned to the infield, the defense appeals that R2 did not tag up and the umpire calls R2 out for the third out.  The umpire rules R1 scores.</p>	T	R5.7a
27	<p>R1 on 3B and R2 on 1B with two outs.  B4 hits a ground ball to the second baseman.  The defensive player chases R2 back to 1B as R1 scores.  R2 is tagged while standing on 1B.  The umpire rules R2 is out and the run does not score.</p>	T	R5.7b
28	<p>R1 on 3B, R2 on 2B, and R3 on 1B with no outs.  B5 hits into a double play forcing out both R3 and B5.  R2 missed 3B as both R1 and R2 scored.  The defense appeals R2 missing 3B.  The umpire rules R2 is out and R1 does not score.</p>	F	R5.7a
29	<p>An offensive team coach requests and is granted "time" to speak to R1 at 2B. In the same inning B4 swings at two high pitches, so the coach insists on another time out to settle him down, even if though the PU informs him he may not do so. The umpire then must eject the coach from the game.</p>	T	R5.8a Effect
30	<p>Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation: the runner between 1B and 2B appears to collide with a fielder without the ball, the right call here should have been interference.  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/embed/-51_AA12pl0">https://www.youtube.com/embed/-51_AA12pl0</a></p>	F	
31	<p>F1 develops a blister on one of the fingers of the pitching hand. To prevent the wound from bleeding, the pitcher is seen applying a thin layer of an artificial repair known as</p>	F	R6.5e

	<p>“new skin” or “second skin” to his finger, or putting a band aid on the finger with the blister. The umpire allows the “new skin” but not the band aid to be applied.</p>		
32	<p>R1 on 3B and R2 on 1B with B3 batting with a 2-1 count. An “illegal Pitch” is called as B3 hits a slow roller to F5. F5 fakes, holding R1, but the throw to F3 is too late to retire B3, and R2 advances to 2B. Since R1 did not advance a base, the coach is given the option of taking the result of the play, or have the batter resume batting with 3 balls and 1 strike count.</p>	T	R6 Effect 1-7 (3)
33	<p>R1 at 2B, with B3 at bat and one out. On a 2-2 count, an “illegal Pitch” is called and the batter swings. F2 drops the ball, but throws B3 out at 1B. R1 advances to 3B. The umpire gives the coach the option of taking the result of the play or the enforcement of the illegal pitch.</p>	T	R6 Effect 1-7 (4)
34	<p>Team “A’s” coach yells from the dugout to the pitcher to walk B4 intentionally, and F2 informs the plate umpire that B4 is to be given 1B. The Umpire ignores the Catchers request as the option to intentionally walk the batter must come from the pitcher.</p>	F	R6.8
35	<p>Runner at 3B and the batter has a 3-ball, no strike count. The manager of the defensive team yells to the pitcher to walk the batter intentionally. Since the batter has a count already, an intentional walk cannot be given?</p>	F	R6.8
36	<p>S1 replaces F1 in the bottom of the 5th inning Five throws are permitted for his warm-up, but he may have more if the Umpire is still busy notifying the scorer of the changes.</p>	T	R6.9a
37	<p>F1 changes places with the right fielder in the second inning. Later the same inning, he returns to pitch. He may not have any warm-up pitches, unless play has been suspended for any reason.</p>	T	R6.9c
38	<p>In the top of the third inning, F1 (Jones) goes to right field and F9 (Smith) leaves the game. S1 (Harvey) comes in to pitch. In the top of the fifth inning Jones returns to pitch and Harvey goes to right field. In the top of the sixth inning Jones goes to right field and Harvey leaves the game. S2 (Brown) comes into pitch. In the bottom of the seventh inning Jones returns to pitch and S2 goes to right field. The opposition appeal that Jones cannot return to pitch so many times in the game.</p>	F	R6.9d
39	<p>B9, the pitcher, is the third out of the inning. Before taking the field, he sits in the dugout for some time, fiddling with his shoes and glove. When he eventually arrives at the pitcher’s plate, the umpire calls “Play Ball.” The pitcher says he is entitled to one warm-up pitch. The umpire does not allow this.</p>	F	R6.9a
40	<p>Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. The batted ball hits R1 between 1B and 2B. The umpires rule dead ball for interference, this is the right call. <a href="https://youtu.be/qdU16bgTfrU">https://youtu.be/qdU16bgTfrU</a></p>	T	

41	B3, a left-handed batter, has a count of ball 3. He is obviously taking a signal from the third base coach as he has his back foot in the batter's box and his front foot out of the box. F1 is not on the pitcher's plate but F2 is in position in the catcher's box. F1 steps on the plate and releases the pitch while B3's foot is still out of the box. The umpire allows this as he thinks the batter is taking too long.	F	R6.10b 1
42	R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B. A pitched ball gets away from the catcher and rolls near the on-deck batter, who remains in the on-deck circle. F2 in throwing to 2B to pick off R2, hits the on-deck batter, who is still in his circle. The runners reach 2B and 3B safely. The umpire rules interference by the on-deck batter. Dead ball, R1 is out and R2 returns to 1B.	T	R7.1f Effect 1a-b
43	With R1 on 2B and two out, B5 appears at bat in place of B4. On the first pitch, a strike, R1 steals 3B and is safe. The defense now brings it to the umpire's attention that the wrong batter is at bat. B4 takes the place of B5 in the batter's box, assumes the count of one strike, and R1 is returned to 2B.	F	R7.2c
44	The batting order is B1, B2, B3, B4, B5. B3 bats in place of B1 and the infraction is not noticed until one pitch has been thrown to B4. B4 continues to bat and B1 and B2 have missed their turn at bat.	T	R7.2c Effect 3
45	R1 on 1B with no outs. B3 bats in place of B2 and hits into a fielder's choice, forcing R1 out at 2B. The defense properly appeals batting out-of-order. R1 remains out, B2 who should have batted is out, B3 is taken off 1B and now bats.	T	R7.2c Effect 2 a/c
46	Roberts on 1B with two outs and Williams at bat with a one ball, two-strike count. Roberts steals on the next pitch (called a ball) and is put out sliding into 2B. When the team comes to bat in the next inning, Williams enters the batter's box. The defense claims Williams should have a 2 ball, 2 strike count (the count when Roberts was thrown out.	F	R7.2e
47	The plate umpire judges the batter to have swung at a pitched ball. The batter requests the plate umpire check with the base umpire. The umpire denies the request as a check is only honoured on a ball call.	T	R7.4b
48	B1 swings at a pitch, misses and the ball hits him on the arm. The coach argues that the batter is entitled to a base. The umpire disagrees, and calls a strike.	T	R7.4f
49	The batter has a 2-ball, 2-strike count, swings at the pitch and the ball strikes his fingers. The umpire rules a hit by pitch and sends the batter to 1B.	F	R7.4f R7.6a 1
50	Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. The right call here should have been obstruction from the fielder. <a href="https://youtu.be/B4ljw3cx4tl">https://youtu.be/B4ljw3cx4tl</a>	F	

51	R1 is on 1B with no outs and B2 is batting with a 1-1 count. During F1's delivery, B2 squares toward the pitcher in a bunting stance. The pitch is high and out of the strike zone and B2 holds the bat within the strike zone. The batter continues to bat with a count of 2 balls and 1 strike.	T	R7.5a 1
52	B3 hits a foul fly ball. F3, in attempting to catch the ball, collides with the 1B coach who is (a) in the coach's box, or (b) not in the coach's box. The batter is not out in (a) but is out in (b) due to coach interference.	F	R8.2k
53	B2 enters the batter's box on the left side, sets, and the umpire signals F1 to pitch. B2 then switches to the opposite batter's box while F1 is in position ready to pitch. The umpire rules a dead ball and the batter is out.	T	R7.6j
54	R1 on 2B. On a passed ball, R1 advances toward 3B. F2 retrieves the ball and throws to 3B. The ball strikes the batter in the batter's box. The umpire rules interference and calls the batter out.	F	R7.6k
55	B5 swings at and misses the third strike. The ball tips F2's glove, hits his chest and is then caught in his glove. The catcher is required to throw the ball to 1B or tag the batter to get an out.	F	R7.6l
56	R1 on 1B, when F2 drops the pitch and the ball rolls to B2's feet. Forgetting R1 was on 1B; B2 picks up the ball and hands it to F2. R1 (a) steals 2B, or (b) doesn't move off 1B. In (a) B2 is out for interference, and R1 returns to 1B. In (b) there is no penalty.	T	R7.6k
57	R1 on 1B and B2 at bat. B2 hits the ball to RCF (right centre field) for extra bases. As R1 rounds 2B, he trips and falls. He is laying on the ground in pain, when B2 picks him up from behind, and carries him back to 2B and then runs back to 1B. The opposition argues that this was an illegal assist by B2.	F	R8.9e
58	R1 on 3B with no outs. B3 bunts the ball to F5 and R1 becomes caught in a rundown play between 3B and home. B3, who is halfway to 1B, sees that R1 is trapped, so turns around and runs back towards home plate. R1 is then tagged, so B3 turns around again and runs safely to 1B. The opposition argues that B3 should be out for running back towards home plate.	F	R8.2i
59	R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B with none out. B6 hits a sharp ground ball to F5, who throws to F4 to force R2 out at 2B. F4 attempts to throw to 1B, but R2 slides into F4, who is standing on the 1B side of 2B and knocks him to the ground, and the umpire judges the collision not intentional R1 advances to 3B and B6 advances to 1B. The opposition claim R2 interfered with the throw to 1B. The umpire denies the request.	T	R8.9o
60	Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. The batter's bat strikes the catcher's glove on the	F	

	swing. The announcers rule “catcher’s interference”, this is correct. <a href="https://youtu.be/xMuzyHt-PzQ">https://youtu.be/xMuzyHt-PzQ</a>		
61	R1 on 3B, when B2 hits a fly ball to F7. F7 misjudges the ball and it hits him on the shoulder. From there it deflects to F8, who legally catches the ball before it hits the ground. R1 tags up at 3B and leaves as soon as the ball hits F7 on the shoulder, but before F8 holds the ball securely in his glove. The opposition appeals R1 leaving early on the catch and the umpire calls R1 out.	F	R8.9g
62	R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B with no outs. The batter swings and misses on a 3- ball, 2-strike count. Both runners run with the pitch as the catcher drops the third strike. The batter seeing the ball on the ground runs to 1B. The catcher picks up the ball and throws to F5 who touches 3B for the force out. The base umpire calls R1 out for the first out.	F	R8.1b 1
63	The catcher is standing in the path of the runner, straddling the base line before the home plate, and awaiting the throw from the infielder. The runner from 3B runs into the catcher, bounces off the catcher and falls to the ground beyond the home plate. The ball arrives and the catcher tags the runner. The Umpire rules the runner out as he could see the plate and could have slid home.	F	R8.7b
64	Team “A” is behind in the 6th inning with B6 on 1B, one out, and B7’s turn to bat. B9 who is a big hitter, comes to bat, and hits into a double play for the second and third outs. If no appeal is made by the defence prior to their leaving the field, in the seventh inning, Team “A” would have B1 lead off.	T	R8.9g-j Effect 4
65	B1 hits a long ground ball to deep right field. He rounds all bases and advances toward home, as F9 relays the ball to F4 who turns and throws to F2 for a possible play at the plate. Meanwhile, B1’s teammates, thinking that he will score a run, leave the dugout and gather at the plate to offer congratulations. F2 takes the throw and attempts to tag B1 sliding for the plate but is unable to do so due to the other offensive players gathering at the plate. The umpire rules interference and calls B1 out.	T	R8.9p
66	R1 on 1B, when B2 hits a ground ball to F4. The ball contacts R1 (before it reaches F4) and deflects straight to F4, who turns a double play by touching 2B and then throwing to 1B. The umpire ignores the interference by R1 as the defence turned a double play.	F	R8.9k
67	R1 on 2B, when B3 hits a slow roller to F4, who fields and throws to F3. F3 loses possession of the ball as R1 rounds 3B and B3 continues to run to 2B. F3 recovers the ball in the 1st base foul territory, and, just as he is about to throw to F2, the coach at first prevents him from throwing by stepping directly in front of him. R1 crosses the plate. The umpire rules coach interference, R1 out on the interference, B3 returns to 1B.	T	R8.9r 2 & Note
68	B2 hits a home run and jogs around the bases.	F	R8.9t

	He stops between 2B and 3B thinking he may have missed 1B. He turns back and retouches 2B and 1B, then turns again and continues to record his home run by touching 2B, 3B and home. B2 did not miss 1B at all and the defence wants an "out" for running the bases in reverse order.		
69	The ball is alive, when a fielder catches a foul fly, with one foot on the ground in dead ball territory.	F	R1, Section 15c
70	Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. On a double play attempt, R1 interferes with F6 in her attempt to retire the batter-runner. As R1 is already out on the play, the batter-runner is allowed to remain on 1B. <a href="https://youtu.be/J1sfQTPef-l">https://youtu.be/J1sfQTPef-l</a>	F	
71	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.	T	Rule 1, Section 17 b Note Rule 5, Section 8 b Note 2
72	"In flight" describes any batted, thrown, or pitched ball that has not yet touched the ground, or some object other than a fielder.	T	Rule 1, Section 52
73	A batted ball that goes directly from the bat, not higher than the batter's head to any part of the catcher's body or equipment and is then caught by another fielder is a foul ball.	T	Rule 1, Section 37 f
74	It is considered to be an Illegal Re-Entry when a starting player returns to the game, but not in his original defensive position in the line-up.	F	Rule 1, Section 46 b
75	A forfeit is the act of the base umpire ruling that the game is over by declaring the non-offending team the winner.	F	Rule 1, Section 36
76	A runner is a player of the team on offense who has finished a turn at bat and reached 1B, and has not yet been put out.	T	Rule 1, Section 88
77	A "Replacement Player" is not classified as a substitute, therefore does not have to be reported to the umpire when he enters or leaves the game.	F	Rule 1, Section 87
78	R1 is on 1B. B2 hits a sharp ground ball to F3, who first touches 1B and then touches R1 who is standing on 1B. The umpire rules two out?	F	Rule 1, Section 35
79	The BR is obstructed by F3 when rounding first base. He continues toward second, where he runs into F4 standing in the Base path and attempting to field a throw from the outfield. The obstruction is nullified, and the interference is enforced resulting in the BR being called out.	F	Rule 1, Section 66 Rule 8, Section 2 g
80	Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. The catcher appears to be blocking access to the plate without having the ball, this is a good example of obstruction. <a href="https://youtu.be/57wzM0E8vzk">https://youtu.be/57wzM0E8vzk</a>	T	
81	Prior to the pitch it is legal for the pitcher to have both heels in contact with the front of the pitcher's plate.	T	Rule 6, Section 3 g
82	It is considered a fair ball, when a legally batted ball first touches 3B before bouncing just outside the foul line, and then rolling into fair territory.	T	Rule 1, Section 29 c

83	R1 is at 3B and R2 at 1B with two outs. B3 grounds to F6 who fields the ball, then drops it. R2 beats the throw to 2B, but over slides the base and is tagged out. R1 scores from 3B prior to the tag. Does the run score?	T	Rule 1, Section 35 Rule 5, Section 7 a
84	A legally batted ball bounds over the foul portion of the 1B and hits the base umpire standing in foul territory. Ruling: Foul ball.	T	Rule 1, Section 37 b Rule 1, Section 37 d
85	A foul tip is a legally batted ball which goes directly from the bat, not higher than the batter's head, to any part of F2's body or equipment and is caught by another fielder.	F	Rule 1, Section 37 f Rule 1, Section 39
86	The penalty for an illegal re-entry is the ejection of both the coach and the player in violation.	T	Rule 4, Section 7 a - c Effect 3
87	B4 bunts the ball just in front of home plate. He then runs toward 1st base in fair territory, heading toward the 0.91m (3 ft) running lane. While in fair territory, and before reaching the 0.91m (3 ft) lane, he is hit in the back by the throw from F2. RULING: Although B4 is running in fair territory, he is not out.	T	Rule 8, Section 2 g 1 (b) & Note
88	There is one out with R1 on 3rd and R2 on 2nd. R2 leads off on the pitch as B5 hits a fly ball to F8. R1 scores. F8 throws to F2 and plays 2nd before R2 can return. If the out is made at 2nd is the out considered to be a force out?	F	Rule 1, Section 35 Rule 8, Section 9 g
89	Runners may advance, when a fielder intentionally drops a bunted fly ball with a runner on 1st and with less than two out.	F	Rule 8, Section 2 l & Effect
90	Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. The fielder in the act of fielding a ball should have right of way so it is the runner's responsibility to get out of the way, interference is the correct call. <a href="https://youtu.be/zsRUwnoi_X4">https://youtu.be/zsRUwnoi_X4</a>	T	
91	A batted ball hits the foul line pole on the fly above the outfield fence level and bounds into the out-of-play in foul territory. This is a foul ball.	F	Rule 1, Section 29 g
92	R1 at 2B, with B3 at bat and one out. On a 2-2 count, an "illegal pitch" is called and the batter swings. F2 drops the ball, but throws B3 out at 1B. R1 advances to 3B. Does the manager have an option here?	T	Rule 6, Section 1-7 Effect 4
93	B4 bunts the ball foul, however the ball spins backwards and comes to rest on home plate. Ruling: This is a foul ball.	F	Rule 1, Section 29 a
94	None out. B4 leads off the inning and picks a walk. B7 hits a safe single, advancing B4 to 2nd. B5 strikes out. B6 bunts and is thrown out at 1st, with both runners advancing one base. An appeal is now made for B7 batting out of order. RULING: B7 is out.	F	Rule 7, Section 2 c-d Effect 3
95	An outfielder, who is still in an outfield position, makes a Dead Ball appeal for a runner missing a base. Should the umpire accept and make a ruling on the appeal?	F	Rule 8, Section 9 h Effect g-j 3
96	B1 hits a long fair fly ball that touches F8's glove, as he is running back attempting a catch. The ball deflects from the glove, hits the top of the home run fence and eventually	T	Rule 8, Section 1 g 2 & Effect

	lands on the ground beyond the fence. RULING: B1 becomes a batter-runner and the hit is declared a home run.		
97	If the third out of an inning is made on a runner prior to the discovery of a batting out of order infringement, can an appeal still be made in order to re-instate the correct batting order?	T	Rule 7, Section 2 c-d Effect 2 e
98	R1 on 2nd with none out. B2 bunts down the 1st base line and moves very slowly forward toward F3, who is waiting, ball in hand, to tag him. B2 stops as R1 reaches 3rd. B2 is then tagged. RULING: B2 is out and R1 is safe at 3rd base.	T	Rule 8, Section 2 c & Effect Rule 8, Section 2 i
99	The batting order is ABCDEFGHI. C is the catcher. There are 2 outs with B on 3rd. C gets a walk, so could be temporarily replaced with A. A is a slow runner so the coach does not want to make the switch. The next pitch is a wild pitch and B scores. Now B becomes the next available replacement (temporary runner). The coach is now allowed to request TIME and put B in as the temporary runner.	T	R1.97, R4.12 b
100	Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. The batter-runner appears to be running on the fair side of the foul line and is hit in the back by a throw by the catcher, the call is interference, this is the right call. <a href="https://youtu.be/dk_D_RDveQQ">https://youtu.be/dk_D_RDveQQ</a>	T	