Softball New Zealand Scorers Theory

Examination 2017

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Final Mark	
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The entire exam will be answered in this booklet.

Marks:

Section 1: Theory questions - 35 Marks

Some of these questions are multiple choice questions.

Section 2: Game Scoring - 35 Marks

You are asked to score one side of a game - you will need to do the end of innings analysis. The commentary for this game is at the end of the booklet. Detach it and use the scoresheet on page 8.

Section 3: Analysis - 25 Marks

You will need to analyse a game – The end of innings analysis has been done for you along with some other analysis.

Section 4: Neatness - 5 marks

The pass mark is 70%.

Time:

You will have 3 hours to complete the examination.

Scorers may have up to 10 minutes reading time before the exam. Ensure that you leave enough time for the whole exam.

General Information:

If there is something you don't know, leave it and move on - you may have time to come back to it.

This is an open book exam which means that you may use Softball New Zealand Scorers Manual and/or the Softball New Zealand Rule Book to refer to during the exam.

Please complete the details below:

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Section 1 Theory Questions

Where you are given two options either circle your answer OR delete the incorrect answer.

1. Give the full symbols for: (batter numbers not required).

a	Illegal Pitch	IP
b	Catchers Obstruction	COE2
c	Fair ball which bounces over the fence midway between centre and left-field	+ 78A
d	Foul fly ball dropped by third base	FFE5
e	Batter OUT for running into own hit ball	H2
f	Baserunner tagged out at home on throw from the pitcher	1T2
g	Missed turn at bat	MTB
h	Infield fly caught by third base	IF5
j	Running outside 90 cm line to avoid a tag by second baseman	AT4
k	Intentional Walk	IBB

(5 Marks)

2. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE?

a	If the tie-breaker runner scores, it is an Earned Run against the pitcher.	~~TRUE~~/FALSE
b	If there are no Errors or Passed Balls in the innings, all runs must be earned.	TRUE/~~FALSE~~
c	The third OUT in the 7th innings becomes the tie-breaker runner in the 8th.	~~TRUE~~/FALSE
d	The Designated Player cannot be re-entered.	~~TRUE~~/FALSE
e	A Designated Runner can be replaced by a substitute.	TRUE/~~FALSE~~
f	If a baserunner is called OUT for leaving early, it is a strike on the batter.	~~TRUE~~/FALSE
g	A 'KA' can only happen with 0 or 1 down.	TRUE/~~FALSE~~
h	Batting out of the box is an appeal play.	TRUE/~~FALSE~~

(4 Marks)

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3   Should the batter get a Sacrifice on the following plays?

a	1 out, runner from 3 scores after a deep FF9	YES/~~NO~~
b	No outs, batter bunts, pitcher throws out the lead runner at 2nd base	~~YES~~/NO
c	2 outs, batter bunts and makes base on E3, runner advances from 2 to 3	~~YES~~/NO
d	No outs, runner from 3 scores after a deep FE8	YES/~~NO~~
e	1 out, batter bunts, runner from 3 is out at home but catcher drops the ball	~~YES~~/NO
f	1 out, batter drives to second base for out (43), runner from 3 scores	~~YES~~/NO
g	1 out, runner goes from 2nd to 3rd after a deep FF9	~~YES~~/NO
h	1 out, batter bunts, pitcher takes the runner out at first, runner goes from 2nd to 3rd	YES/~~NO~~

(4 Marks)

4   Explain the use of the brackets around a fielder's number – for example (2)E3.

Brackets are used to show advance errors. A throw is made which would not have resulted in an OUT. However, the player who should have received the throw makes an error, which allows a runner to advance one or more extra base.
Show the number of the fielder who made the throw in brackets – e.g. (2)E3 – to show that the thrower doesn't get an assist.

(2 Marks)

5   If a runner scores on a Passed Ball, could this possibly be an Earned Run - if no explain why not, if yes explain how.   YES/NO

Yes - if the run would have scored on a following play, (provided that under reconstruction there would still have been less than 2 out). Eg if the next batter comes up and hits a home run, provided that under reconstruction, there still would have been less than 2 out, then under reconstruction, that runner would have scored.

(2 Marks)

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6   Length of a base hit.

a)	In your own words, how do you determine the length of a base hit?	
	The number of bases he would have made, without the aid of an error, if the ball was played directly on him.	
b)	If a batter overslides 3rd base, and is tagged out trying to return how many bases do you award him on the hit?	**2 Bases**
c)	If a batter overruns 2nd base, and is tagged out trying to return how many bases do you award him on the hit?	**2 Bases**

(3 Marks)

7   Name four different situations where a fielder can get a putout without touching the ball. (If you're not sure if they are different, name more than 4 - you will be given 1 mark for each different correct answer up to 4)

There were enough different answers. Answers in brackets are considered the same.

a	Strike-out	(KFB, KA. - not K, Kc these must be caught to be out)
b	Illegal batting	(IG2)
c	Hit by batted ball	(H2, H4 etc)
d	Missed base	(MB3 etc - on appeal)
	Left base early	(CS3)
	Batting out of order	(L2)
	Illegal running	(IR6)
	Runners Interference	(RI2 including Teams Interference - TI2)
	Infield Fly not caught	(IF6)

(4 Marks)

8   In a game that East played against West, East win 4-3 in the tiebreaker innings.

a	West replace their starting pitcher after 5 innings in the top of 6th, when the team is winning 3-0. Who is the losing pitcher?	~~STARTING~~ / **REPLACEMENT**
b	East changes their pitcher after 6 innings when the team is trailing by 2-3. Who is the winning pitcher?	~~STARTING~~ / **REPLACEMENT**

(2 Marks)

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9   Give the formulas for, and work out the following averages. There is 1 mark for each formula and working, and 1 mark for each correct average written in the correct format.

a) A batter comes into the batters box 22 times for 4 Hits, 1 BB, 1 IBB and 2 SHs.
         His batting average is....

Formula	Working	Average
$\frac{H}{AB}$	$\frac{4}{18}$	.222

(2 Marks)

b) A pitcher pitches 28 innings and gives up 6 Earned Runs. The Earned Run Average is.....

Formula	Working		Average
$\frac{ERx7}{IP}$	$\frac{6x7}{28}$	$\frac{42}{28}$	1.50

(2 Marks)

10   List at least 10 things you should check or cross-check at the end of a game to ensure that your analysis is accurate.

a	Prove the box score - this will pick up most errors (but not all errors). Most important - remember that the POs figure is found by adding up the PO column in the fielding analysis from the opposite side of the scoresheet.
b	The Box Score total should equal the total BF by all pitchers on the opposing team, and also the total of the IB column. (If the box score doesn't balance this check will show you which side of the box score total is wrong).
c	The PO's should equal the number of times the team batted, times the number of out per innings (be careful with partly completed innings).
d	If there have been any batting changes, make sure that all the batting analysis has been split (and don't forget PRs and DRs).
e	If there have been any fielding changes, make sure that the fielding analysis (especially pitching and catching), has been split.
f	Check RBIs by counting the runs in the body of the scoresheet that qualify as RBIs, and then make sure that this equals the total of the RBI column.
g	Count the dots in the Earned Runs in the body of the scoresheet, and make sure that the correct number have been charged against the pitchers.
h	The total BB, HP, H, 2B, 3B, HR and Ks in the pitchers stats should equal the total of the BB, HP, H, 2B, 3B, HR and K columns on the other side of the scoresheet.
j	The total BB, H and Ks in the pitchers stats should also equal the total of the BB, H, and Ks at the bottom of the innings columns on the other side.
k	Check that all Assists and Errors have been transferred to the bottom of the innings and then to the fielding stats (It is a good idea to count the E's in the body of the scoresheet).
	RAB (Reach At Bats) should equal the box score totals minus any SH's (not counting SHE or SHFC).
	Make sure you have recorded the Umpires names, and your name.
	Make sure you have recorded the start and finish times.
	Make sure you have the team names, venue and date information on both sides. (The reason for this is that games are often photocopied on A4 paper).

(5 Marks)

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Section 2

The game is the Stars versus Astros, on Diamond 1 at Galaxy Stadium. Stars will field first. You will only score Astros side of the game.

Fill out the lineup from the roster supplied on the right.

You are only scoring the Astros batting, however you will need to do the end of innings analysis, including the ball and strike counts. The pitches are marked in italics.

Assume that all fouls are to the catcher unless indicated by a notation after it (1B = 1st base line, 3B = 3rd base line, LF = Left Field, RF = Right field)

There will be times that you may need to make assumptions and make judgement calls about what to score. This should be based on your knowledge of game situations.

"Batter" will mean the batter in the box at the time of the play. "Baserunner" will mean baserunner(s) on base at the time of the play. "Batter/Baserunner" will mean the batter who then becomes a baserunner as a result of the play and making 1st base safely.

Substitutions and Fielding Changes notified by the coaches are indicated in italics. Changes are made using shirt numbers eg #3. Exception is for fielding changes where positions may be used.

The game commentary for answering this section is at the back of this answer booklet in the appendix. Detach it and use to answer on the scoresheet provided in this booklet.

Batting Order.	Shirt No.	NAME (First)	(Surname)	Pos.
1	8	Daniel	NEWTON	9
2	12	Aaron	WINTER	6
3	11	Jackson	MURPHY	3
4	21	Taylor	WHITE	8
5	1	Paul	MADISON	2
6	22	Simon	FOX	5
7	24	Kyle	McKENNA	DP
8	15	Brad	ROBERTSON	4
9	27	Charlie	ELLIOTT	7
10	20	Max	GALLAGHER	1
11	18	Rick	BROWN	DR
		SUBSTITUTES		
A	16	Tyson	CASTLE	
B	28	Ethan	WILLIAMS	
C	23	Josh	PATTERSON	
D	3	Lyall	HALL	

Rangers Vs. Aces

VENUE Galaxy Stadium Dia 1 DATE 28 May 2017

No	PLAYERS	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 / 8	Daniel Newton	9	FC SB 53 / BB	FC2 b / 7		T6 HP 2 / E1		2 / IF5			
2 / 12	Aaron Winter	6 5 4	1 / Kc	2 / K		a / HP		TE6 / FE7			
3 / 11	Jackson Murphy	3	FC FC 46 5	3 / 63		3 / 63		7E+ / FC 6			
4 / 21	Taylor White	8	2 / 8	46 / 78A			2 / BB	CS3 — E7 c / 7			
5 / 1	Paul Madison	2	a FC 46	a E63	.77.77.		1 / F7	a / 9			
6 / 22	Simon Fox	5	3 / F8	1 / F4			3 K 23	game			
7 / 24	Kyle McKenna	DP		1E6 / 7				7E WP / 8			
7 / 20	Max Gallagher	1	!99	2 / Ka							
8 / 15	Brad Robertson	4	FC 72 c / FC16	3 / 53				1 / 63			
9 / 27	Charlie Elliott	7									
9 / 3	Lyall Hall	7 (5)		1 / F6		1 / D4		6E 7E / BB			
9 / 18	Rick Brown	DP									

		Runs	Total
10 / 16	Tyson Castle		2 2	1 3	1 4	– 4	– 4	4 8			
11 / 28	Ethan Williams	Hits LOB	1 1	2 2	1 1	– 1	– –	3 2			
12 / 23	Josh Patterson	K BB	1 1	1 –	1 –	– –	1 1	– 1			
13 / 3	Lyall Hall	WP PB IP	– – –	– – 1	– – –	– – –	– – –	1 – –			
14		B S	8 15	5 16	7 15	1 8	5 5	10 13			
15		A	4	1 6	5	6	2 6	5			
16		PO	2 6 5	6 2 3	4 2 3	4 6 3	7 3 3	3 5			
17		E	6	6	1		7 6 7				

Section 3 Analysis

Analyse the game on the next pages in this booklet.

The end of innings analysis and part of the batting, pitching and fielding analysis has already been done for you. You will need to analyse the rest of the game, including the necessary batting, fielding, pitching and end of innings summaries.

If you are running short of time at this point, don't panic. If you rush you are likely to make silly mistakes. It is better to get most of it done with very few mistakes, than to finish it with lots of mistakes.

You can get more than half the marks allocated to this section by analysing one side of the scoresheet completely, because this gives you the chance to prove that you are able to do each part of the analysis.

The white dot in the middle of each run, is there for you to indicate earned runs. Colour it in if you work the run out to be an Earned Run.

	Analysis Mark
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JETS vs. TIGERS, VENUE Queens Stadium Dia 1, DATE 28-5-2017. Scorer: Master Answer. Officials: Plate E. Brown, 1st G. Davies.