



# SNZ UMPIRES ANNUAL RULES TEST 2018

## Levels 4- 7

## ANSWERS

Thank you for sitting this year's Level 4-7 test. We hope you learned some rules by doing this test.

The Annual Rules Test answers are based on the WBSC and New Zealand Rule Books 2018-2021 relating to Fast Pitch only.

The following answers include rule references from both the 2014-2017 rules (in black) and the 2018-2021 rules (in Red).

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<p><b>1</b> B1 hits a triple. When touching 1B, B1 only touches the foul portion. On a dead ball appeal, the defense appeals a missed 1B. The umpire denies the appeal as the Batter-runner may touch either portion of first base on an extra base hit.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R2.4h Note e  5.6a (v)</p>
<p><b>2</b> 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?</p>	<p><b>F</b> R1.15e  5.1.9e</p>
<p><b>3</b> The batter hits a fly ball to F8 who gets the ball in his hands but drops it when he attempts to throw to the infield. This is a valid catch?</p>	<p><b>T</b> R1.15a/b  5.1.9a/b</p>
<p><b>4</b> On a high fly ball, F3 and F4 collide attempting to make the catch. After the contact, F3 catches the ball, but the glove comes off. F4 catches the glove with the ball inside and has possession of both. This is a valid catch?</p>	<p><b>T</b> R1.15a  5.1.9a</p>
<p><b>5</b> R1 on 1B. F6 comes across 2B to attempt 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.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R1.15a  5.1.9a</p>
<p><b>6</b> B1 hits the ball to F6. F6 throws the ball to F3. The throw to 1B arrives before the batter-runner, but the ball rolls up the arm of F3 where it is clamped against his body. B1 reaches 1B after the ball is clamped in this manner, but before F3 gets the ball in his hand or glove.  The umpire rules B1 safe as the ball was not securely held by F3 before B1 touched 1B</p>	<p><b>T</b> R1.15b  5.1.9b</p>
<p><b>7</b> A player coach requests “Time” to talk to F1. The umpire informs the coach that this is a charged conference.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R5.8. Note 6c  4.2.2e</p>
<p><b>8</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R1.15d  5.1.9d</p>
<p><b>9</b> A pop fly ball lands one meter beyond the 1B, 2B, base line. The ball then spins back and enters the 1B 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.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R1.29e  5.1.16e</p>
<p><b>10</b> Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. <a href="https://youtu.be/MWlpgO34Dng">https://youtu.be/MWlpgO34Dng</a>  College World Series: RULING: delayed dead ball, runner safe home on catcher’s interference.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R1.60a R1.66b  5.1.30a 5.1.32b</p>

<p><b>11</b> 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 B1 who is running just inside the fair territory. The umpire rules B1 out on an interference.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R2.4h Note c Exception  5.6a (ii)</p>
<p><b>12</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R1.29c  5.1.16c</p>
<p><b>13</b> B1 hits a fair ball to the outfield. B1 touches the fair portion and continues to 2B. The defense appeal that the batter-runner should have touched the foul portion. The Umpire upholds the appeal.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R2.4h Note e  5.6a (v)</p>
<p><b>14</b> Between innings a team member is wearing a plastic face mask guard when taking warm-up pitches from the pitcher. The catcher then enters the diamond wearing a regular face mask before the first pitch to the batter. Is this acceptable?</p>	<p><b>F</b> R3.6a/c &amp; Notes  2.4.3a/b</p>
<p><b>15</b> The on-deck batter is waiting in the on-deck circle with his batting helmet on the ground while he puts on his batting gloves, or stands just outside the dugout without a helmet, waiting to put it on when his turn at bat arrives. In both cases, the umpire shall hold up play, instruct the on-deck batter to put on his helmet or return to the dugout.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R3.6f (ii)  5.3c (ii)</p>
<p><b>16</b> A batter enters the batter's box with a softball bat with a cone-shaped handle, eliminating the ¼-inch knob. The umpire rules this an altered bat and ejects the player?</p>	<p><b>T</b> R3.11 2.1.1 5.4.4b (iii) Appendix 2.A 13</p>
<p><b>17</b> 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 when he removes the helmet.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R3.6f Effect 2  5.8a 5.8b (ii)</p>
<p><b>18</b> The pitcher delivers a change up and the batter swings and misses, but has time to reset and swing again, making contact the second time with the ball going fair or foul. The umpire declares a foul ball.  <i>True answer applies to Slow Pitch. The question should not have been included in test</i> <i>The NUS Rules Committee apologise for this oversight</i></p>	<p>R7.4b <b>T</b> 5.4.3c (ii) <b>OR</b> R1.37 5.1.20</p>
<p><b>19</b> Jones takes the field wearing a knee brace that is padded. Two innings later the umpire notices that part of the metal hinge has worn through the padding. The umpire allows Jones to continue as the game is already in progress?</p>	<p><b>F</b> R3.8f Note  2.5.1f</p>
<p><b>20</b> Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. <a href="https://youtu.be/Kyt5ggeMKS4">https://youtu.be/Kyt5ggeMKS4</a> Runners on 1B and 2B, nobody out. Infield fly is called but fielder drops the ball, runners must advance to the next base to avoid the force out.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R8.2e Effect 5.1.26 5.5.2a (v) Effect</p>

<p><b>21</b> B3 has a 2-2 count when he requests and is granted “time.” He then changes from a wooden bat to a metal bat. This is permissible.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R3.1b-c Appendix 2.A 1/3/4</p>
<p><b>22</b> The shortstop is using a white glove and catches a yellow-optic ball. The opposition protests that this is an illegal glove. The Umpire denies the appeal.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R3.4b  2.4.1c</p>
<p><b>23</b> On defense, a female team has three players wearing visors, two players wearing caps, three wearing a headband, and one wearing a helmet. It is not necessary for the head covering to be the same colour, if they are all the same style.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R3.8a 2  2.5.1 a(ii)</p>
<p><b>24</b> A youth competition player is discovered wearing metal cleats.  The Umpire instructs him to remove the cleats.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R3.5 SNZ Note 2.4.2 SNZ Note Page 114</p>
<p><b>25</b> The on-deck batter carries three (3) legal bats into the on-deck circle and uses all three to warm up at the same time. This is permissible?</p>	<p><b>F</b> R7.1d  5.3c (iii)</p>
<p><b>26</b> A player is discovered wearing; (a) A neck chain under their playing uniform; or (b) Looped ear rings which are taped to the ear lobe. Jewelry is permitted, if in the umpire’s judgement, the neck chain and earrings are not distracting. Should the umpire decide it is distracting, the player cannot play until they are removed.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R3.8g  2.5.1g</p>
<p><b>27</b> The Coach advises the umpire of a change in pitcher. S1 (Harvey) is to substitute F1 (Jones) as the pitcher. Three innings later, the coach advises the umpire that S2 (Williams) will substitute F3 (Wainui). The coach then advises, Williams will pitch, and Harvey will move to 1B. Two innings later the coach advises the umpire that Jones will re-enter to the pitching position in place of Williams. All of these changes are legal.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R4.7a Note  3.2.8b</p>
<p><b>28</b> In the 3rd inning, #2 (Tommy English) replaces # 44 (Geoff Alexander) in the field without advising the umpire. After 1 pitch, he is considered in the game without having to be announced.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R4.8b  3.2.8 c &amp; d</p>
<p><b>29</b> F1 takes his position on the rubber while the batter B1 starts with a foot outside the lines of the batter's box or touching home plate.  The umpire allows this to continue.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R7.3c  5.4.2d</p>
<p><b>30</b> Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. <a href="https://youtu.be/Wh5-0OULhXw">https://youtu.be/Wh5-0OULhXw</a> High fly ball hit to left field bounces off the top of the foul pole into foul territory. RULING: Foul ball.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R1.29g  5.1.16g</p>

<p><b>31</b> The line-up card, consisting of all starters and available substitutes, was given to the umpires at the pre-game manager's meeting. In the sixth inning, the manager adds a registered player's name to the line-up and uses him to substitute a starting player. This is a legal substitution.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R4.2a.3  3.2.1c</p>
<p><b>32</b> Team "A" has 9 players and is ready to play, but Team "B" has only 8 players. It is necessary for Team "A" to take the field and throw one pitch to make the forfeit legal.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R4.3b  3.2.2c &amp; Effect</p>
<p><b>33</b> B9 injures herself running to 1B in the second inning. The team only has nine players, so when they take the field on defense, they carry the injured player to her position in RF and lean her against the fence in fair territory. This is legal.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R4.3a Note  3.2.2b</p>
<p><b>34</b> Jones is listed as the starting F6 and batting 5th when the line-up was submitted to the chief umpire thirty minutes before game time. At the pre-game managers meeting the coach wants to change Jones with Akers because Jones was injured while warming up.  The umpire should allow the change without it being considered a substitute.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R4.4b-c  3.2.3c</p>
<p><b>35</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R4.5h  3.2.5c</p>
<p><b>36</b> The game starts with Jones as the DP and Harvey as the FLEX. In the third inning Jones plays defense 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</p>	<p><b>T</b> R4.5 Effect g-i 3.1.8b 3.2.8 Effects Illegal Reentry e) a (i) &amp; b</p>
<p><b>37</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R4.7b Exception  3.2.6e (ii) 3.2.8f</p>
<p><b>38</b> 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?</p>	<p><b>T</b> R4.7c 3.1.8b 3.2.3e Effects Illegal Reentry e) a (i) &amp; b</p>
<p><b>39</b> R1 on 3B and R2 on 1B, when B5, an "illegal re-entry", steps into the batter's box. On the first pitch, taken for a ball, R2 steals 2B. On the next pitch B5 hits a single, scoring both runners. The "illegal batter" is discovered prior to a pitch to B6.  B5 is declared out and ejected, with the manager also ejected. The advance by R2 to 2B is nullified The runners are returned to 1B and 3B.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R4.7 &amp; 4.8g Effect Offence b 3.2.8 Substitute Effect d (iii) III. Reentry Effect b, e</p>

<p><b>40</b> Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.  <a href="https://youtu.be/-pBTmfVXGNO">https://youtu.be/-pBTmfVXGNO</a>  College World Series: the runner coming home deviated from the baseline and should be called out at home plate for avoiding a tag.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R8.9a   2.1.2  5.1.2  5.10.3a (i)</p>
<p><b>41</b> Prior to the game, the umpire locates an illegal warm-up bat in the dugout. The bat is removed from the game and the manager notified accordingly. During the game, the umpire notices that a player of the team is using the illegal warm-up bat that was previously removed.</p> <p>The player using the bat is ejected from the game.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R7.1d   5.3c (iii)  Effect</p>
<p><b>42</b> 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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R4.11  Note   3.2.6b</p>
<p><b>43</b> In the bottom of the 2nd inning, Jones, a legal substitute who entered the game in the top of the 2nd inning, must leave the game due to a bleeding injury. Smith, a listed substitute, takes his place as a “Replacement Player”. After treatment, Jones attempts to return to the game in the bottom of the 4th inning. Jones may re-enter if he is still in the same batting position.</p> <p><i>Note: Incorrect answer “True” was loaded in online test</i></p>	<p><b>F</b> R4.11a/d   3.2.6c</p>
<p><b>44</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R4.8b   3.2.8e</p>
<p><b>45</b> The Defensive Manager has had three defensive conferences when the starting pitcher cuts his hand on a play. The umpire informs the manager that the pitcher must leave the game until the bleeding stops. The “replacement Pitcher” does not pitch very well and the defensive coach is granted time to speak with him. The replacement pitcher is declared an illegal pitcher and excluded from the pitching position.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R5.8b  &amp; Effect   4.2.1a  Effect</p>
<p><b>46</b> B6 hits the ball between LF and CF, for what would have been a triple. B6 twists his ankle rounding 1B and falls to the ground. The umpire calls time, (a dead ball) and has a medical person come from the dugout to look at B6. Seeing B6 cannot continue, substitute S1 is reported and enters to run for B6. The umpire awards 3B on his judgement and S1 goes directly to third. The opposition appeals that S1 missed 2B, the Umpire denies the appeal.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R4.8d   3.2.8g</p>
<p><b>47</b> 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.</p> <p>R1 remains out, B2 who should have batted is out, B3 is taken off 1B and now bats.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R7.2c  Effect 2a/b  &amp;Exception   5.4.1  Effect b  (i-iii) &amp; d</p>

<p><b>48</b> R1 is on 3B and R2 on 1B with one out. B4 hits a long fly ball to F7 who is an unreported substitute. 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 offence appeals that F7 is unreported, so he is ruled ineligible.</p> <p>The 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>T</b> R4.8g Effect Defence a</p> <p>3.2.8 Substitute Effect e</p>
<p><b>49</b> After four completed innings of play, team “B” decides they no longer wish to play, as they are being beaten 16-0.</p> <p>The Umpire rules a forfeit.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R5.5a</p> <p>1.2.3a</p>
<p><b>50</b> Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. <a href="https://youtu.be/O5aZmNztN58">https://youtu.be/O5aZmNztN58</a></p> <p>RULING: runner interference at 2B. Dead ball, runner closest to home is also out, so BR is the 2<sup>nd</sup> out.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R8.9o</p> <p>5.1.19 5.1.30a 5.10.3c (v)</p>
<p><b>51</b> After four completed innings, a thunderstorm is threatening. Team “A” batting first, leads Team “B” 6-4. To complete their half of the 5th inning quickly, and for Team “B” to bat their 5th inning for a regulation game, the “A” coach instructs his batters to deliberately step out of the batter’s box when they hit the ball. The umpire overhears the instruction. The first two batters step out of the box and both hit the first pitch.</p> <p>The Umpire declares a forfeit in favour of team “B”.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R5.3f 4</p> <p>1.2.2e</p>
<p><b>52</b> At the end of six innings the score is 5-5. In the top of the 7th, Team “A” scores two runs and the rains come pouring down. The umpire calls the game. Team “A” protests knowing the game will revert to the last full inning and would have to be replayed from the start.</p> <p>The umpire upholds the protest and declared a waiting period to see if the conditions improve and the field is still playable.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R5.4 a-b R10.8a</p> <p>1.2.1 c/f 3.6.7a</p>
<p><b>53</b> 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 substitute Anaru will run in place of Wilson. The opposition request that the runner cannot be changed during a tie-breaker.</p> <p>The umpire upholds the request.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R5.6</p> <p>1.2.4b</p>
<p><b>54</b> 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.</p> <p>The umpire rules R1 scores.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R5.7b 2</p> <p>1.2.5c (ii)</p>

<p><b>55</b> 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 retire 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.</p> <p>The umpire rules R1 scores.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R5.7a   1.2.5a</p>
<p><b>56</b> R1 on 3B and R2 on 1B with two outs.  B4 hits a ground ball to F4.  The defensive player chases R2 back to 1B as R1 scores.  R2 is tagged while standing on 1B.</p> <p>The umpire rules R2 is out and the run does not score.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R5.7b 2   1.2.5c (ii)</p>
<p><b>57</b> R1 on 3B, R2 on 2B, and R3 on 1B with no outs.  B4 hits into a double play forcing out both R3 and B4.  R2 missed 3B as both R1 and R2 scored.  The defense appeals R2 missing 3B.</p> <p>The umpire rules R2 is out and R1 does not score</p>	<p><b>F</b> R5.7a   1.2.5a</p>
<p><b>58</b> 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.</p> <p>The umpire ejects the coach from the game.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R5.8a  Effect   5.2b  Effect</p>
<p><b>59</b> 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.</p> <p>The umpire allows this as he thinks the batter is taking too long.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R6.10b 1   4.5b (i)</p>
<p><b>60</b> Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.  <a href="https://youtu.be/NKkeUcP9yNE">https://youtu.be/NKkeUcP9yNE</a></p> <p>Bottom 8<sup>th</sup> inning, R1 on 3B and R3 on 1B, no outs. F3 makes the catch and falls into the dugout beyond the dead ball line.  Ruling: Catch, 1 out, R3 awarded 2B and R1 awarded home, final score 1-0.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R1.15c  8.7i Effect   5.1.9c  5.11 Effect  a (ii) 3</p>
<p><b>61</b> 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.</p> <p>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>	<p><b>T</b> R6 Effect  1-7 (3)   4.3.1 to  4.3.7  Effect b</p>



<p>62 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.</p> <p>The umpire gives the coach the option of taking the result of the play or the enforcement of the illegal pitch.</p>	<p>T R6 Effect 1-7 (4)</p> <p>4.3.1 to 4.3.7 Effect c</p>
<p>63 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.</p> <p>The Umpire ignores the Catchers request as the option to intentionally walk the batter must come from the pitcher.</p>	<p>F R6.8</p> <p>5.5.1c (ii)</p>
<p>64 R1 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.</p> <p>Since the batter has a count already, an intentional walk cannot be given?</p>	<p>F R6.8</p> <p>5.5.1c (ii)1</p>
<p>65 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>	<p>T R6.9a</p> <p>4.4a (ii)</p>
<p>66 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>	<p>T R6.9a</p> <p>4.4a(ii) 4.4c</p>
<p>67 In the top of the second inning, S1 (Harvey) substitutes F9 (Kepa). F1 (Jones) goes to F9 and S1 (Harvey) goes to F1 In the top of the fourth inning F9 (Jones) returns to F1 and S1 (Harvey) goes to F9. In the top of the fifth inning S1 (Harvey) is substituted by S2 (Brown) F1 (Jones) goes to F9 and S2 (Brown) goes to F1 In the bottom of the seventh inning F9 (Jones) returns to F1 and S2 (Brown) goes to F9. The opposition claim that Jones cannot return to pitch so many times in the game.</p> <p>The opposition are correct?</p>	<p>F R6.9d</p> <p>4.7</p>
<p>68 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.</p> <p>The umpire does not allow this.</p>	<p>F R6.9a</p> <p>4.4a (i)</p>
<p>69 F1 is in the pitching position on the pitcher’s plate with his hands together, ready to pitch. During the back swing and prior to the pitch, B1’s bat contacts F2’s glove. F1 then breaks his hands apart, delivers the pitch and B1 flies out.</p> <p>The Umpire declares “no pitch” and allows both players to reset.</p> <p><i>Note: Incorrect answer “True” was loaded in online test. “No Pitch” would only apply if declared when the bat made contact with the glove prior to start of pitch</i></p>	<p>F R6.10a</p> <p>5.5.1d &amp; Effect</p>

<p><b>70</b> Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.  <a href="https://youtu.be/QCYx6mljpn8">https://youtu.be/QCYx6mljpn8</a>  Ruling on the field: catcher obstruction, runner safe. This is the right call.  <i>Note: Dropped shoulder = P3 violation in SNZ Zero Tolerance Policy</i></p>	<p><b>F</b> R4.13a, b2  3.1.4  3.5.1c (ii)  Effect a (i)</p>
<p><b>71</b> 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.</p> <p>The umpire rules interference by the on-deck batter.  Dead ball, R1 is out and R2 returns to 1B.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R7.1f  5.3c (v)  Effect 1a&amp;b</p>
<p><b>72</b> 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.</p> <p>B4 takes the place of B5 in the batter’s box, assumes the count of one strike, and R1 is returned to 2B.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R7.2c  Effect 1a b  5.4.1  Effect a</p>
<p><b>73</b> 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.</p> <p>B4 continues to bat and B1 and B2 have missed their turn at bat.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R7.2c  Effect 3  5.4.1  Effect c</p>
<p><b>74</b> 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.</p> <p>R1 remains out, B2 who should have batted is out, B3 is taken off 1B and now bats.</p>	<p><b>T</b> T7.2c  Effect 2 a/c  5.4.1  Effect b  (i-iii) &amp; d</p>
<p><b>75</b> R1 is on 2B with two outs.  B4 hits a fly ball which F6 should catch with little effort.  R1 advancing to 3B collides with F6, who still manages to make the catch.</p> <p>R1 is the third out on an interference call  B4 will be the first batter in the next inning.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R7.2d  5.4.1b</p>
<p><b>76</b> Two out. Roberts on 1B and Ratu at bat with a one ball, two-strike count.  Roberts steals on the next pitch (called a ball) and is tagged out sliding into 2B.  When the team comes to bat in the next inning, Ratu enters the batter’s box.</p> <p>The defense claims Ratu should have a 2 ball, 2 strike count (the count when Roberts was thrown out).  The defense are correct.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R7.2e  5.4.1c</p>
<p><b>77</b> The 3B coach starts in the coach's box and as a runner approaches 3B, the coach moves down the line toward home to signal the runner to advance or to slide.  This is legal.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R4.1c.2  Exception  3.4.3a (ii)</p>

<p><b>78</b> The plate umpire judges the batter to have swung at a pitched ball. The batter requests the plate umpire check with the base umpire.</p> <p>The umpire denies the request as a called strike remains a strike.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R7.4b</p> <p>5.4.3c (ii)</p>
<p><b>79</b> B1 swings at a pitch, misses and the ball hits him on the arm. The coach requests that the batter is entitled to a base.</p> <p>The umpire denies the request and calls a strike.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R7.4f</p> <p>5.4.3d (ii)</p>
<p><b>80</b> Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.  <a href="https://youtu.be/m-2J1kp13uI">https://youtu.be/m-2J1kp13uI</a>  In both situations involving this catcher without the ball, the ruling on the field is a no call. The right call should be: dead ball, run scores, catcher ejected from the game.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R4.13a, b2  3.1.4  3.5.1c (ii)  Effect a (i)</p>
<p><b>81</b> The batter has a 2-ball, 2-strike count. They swing at the next pitch and the ball strikes their fingers.</p> <p>The umpire rules dead ball, hit by pitch and awards the batter 1B.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R7.4f  R7.6a 1</p> <p>5.4.3d (ii)  5.4.4b (i)</p>
<p><b>82</b> 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.</p> <p>The batter continues to bat with a count of 2 balls and 1 strike.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R7.5a 1</p> <p>5.4.3a (i)</p>
<p><b>83</b> 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.</p> <p>The batter is not out in (a) but is out in (b) due to coach interference.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R8.2k</p> <p>5.5.2b (x)</p>
<p><b>84</b> 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.</p> <p>The umpire rules a dead ball and the batter is out.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R7.6j</p> <p>5.4.4b (vi)</p>
<p><b>85</b> 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.</p> <p>The umpire rules interference and calls the batter out.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R7.6k</p> <p>5.4.4c (ii)  &amp; (iv)</p>
<p><b>86</b> B5 swings at and misses the third strike. The ball tips F2's glove, hits his chest and is then caught in his glove.</p> <p>The catcher is required to throw the ball to 1B or tag the batter to get an out.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R7.6l</p> <p>5.4.4a (i)</p>
<p><b>87</b> 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 steals 2B.</p> <p>RULING: B2 is out for interference, and R1 returns to 1B.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R7.6k</p> <p>5.4.4c (ii)</p>

<p><b>88</b> R1 on 3B, R2 on 2B, and R3 on 1B with no outs. B4 hits a single with R1 scoring and R2 advancing to the plate. The throw comes to the plate and R2 is caught in a rundown between 3B and home. R3 advances to 3B and is standing on 3B while B4 advances to 2B. R2 is obstructed by F5 going back to 3B and is then tagged by the catcher. The catcher then tags R3 standing on 3B.</p> <p>The umpire calls obstruction when the obstruction occurred and calls dead ball when the tag is placed on R2. The Umpire places R2 on 3B due to the obstruction, and calls R3 out on the tag because there cannot be two runners on 3B.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R8.7b Effect 3</p> <p>5.10.2c</p>
<p><b>89</b> R1 on 1B and B2 at bat. B2 hits the ball to right 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, carries him back to 2B and then runs back to 1B. The opposition request that this was an illegal assist by B2.</p> <p>The umpires consider the request as a crew and declare B2 out.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R8.9e</p> <p>5.10.3a (v)</p>
<p><b>90</b> Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. <a href="https://youtu.be/hERbk06MdoM">https://youtu.be/hERbk06MdoM</a></p> <p>The ruling on the field is: catch, ball lost in transfer, play on. After video review, the call should be overturned, no catch as she never had complete control of the ball.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R1.15a</p> <p>5.1.9a</p>
<p><b>91</b> 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 request that B3 should be out for running back towards home plate.</p> <p>The umpire calls B3 out.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R8.2i</p> <p>5.5.2b (xii)</p>
<p><b>92</b> 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.</p> <p>The umpire denies the claim and R2 is out, R1 safe at 3B and B6 is safe at 1B.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R8.9o</p> <p>5.10.3 c(v)</p>
<p><b>93</b> 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.</p> <p>The opposition appeals R1 leaving early on the catch and the umpire honours the appeal.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R8.9g</p> <p>5.10.3a (vii)</p>

<p><b>94</b> 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.</p> <p>The base umpire calls R1 out for the first out.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R7.6m</p> <p>5.4.4a (ii)</p>
<p><b>95</b> 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.</p> <p>The Umpire rules the runner out as he could see the plate and could have slid home.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R8.7b</p> <p>5.1.32b (1)</p>
<p><b>96</b> 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.</p> <p>If no appeal is made by the defense prior to their leaving the field, in the seventh inning, Team “A” would have B1 lead off.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R8.9g-j Effect 4</p> <p>5.4.1 Effect c (iii)</p>
<p><b>97</b> B1 hits a long ground ball to deep right field. He runs and touches all the 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.</p> <p>The umpire rules interference and calls B1 out.</p>	<p><b>T</b> R8.9p</p> <p>5.10.3c (vi)</p>
<p><b>98</b> 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.</p> <p>The umpire ignores the interference by R1 as the defense turned a double play.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R8.9k</p> <p>5.10.3c (i)</p>
<p><b>99</b> 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 first 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.</p> <p>The umpire rules coach interference, R1 out on the interference, B3 returns to 1B</p>	<p><b>T</b> R8.9r 2 &amp; Note</p> <p>5.10.3c (viii)</p>
<p><b>100</b> Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. <a href="https://youtu.be/A-20qJ_kM1g">https://youtu.be/A-20qJ_kM1g</a></p> <p>College world series, bases loaded, 1 out, B5 hits line-drive to centerfield, ball is overthrown and goes into dead ball territory. Ruling: Dead ball, all runners and batter-runner should get 2 bases from time of the pitch.</p>	<p><b>F</b> R8.7f Effect</p> <p>5.1.36 5.11 Effect b (ii)</p>