



## SNZ UMPIRES ANNUAL RULES TEST 2020 – Levels 1 to 3

**Note:** If you are a Level 3 umpire being assessed for Level 4 in the coming season you are required to sit the 100 question Level 4-7 rules test.

**Pre-Ambles:** This Annual Rules Test is based on the New Zealand Rule Book 2018-2021 and relates to Fast Pitch only. You may also use the WBSC 2018-2021 rule book.

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 = 1<sup>st</sup> Base; 2B = 2<sup>nd</sup> base; 3B = 3<sup>rd</sup> base; HP = Home plate


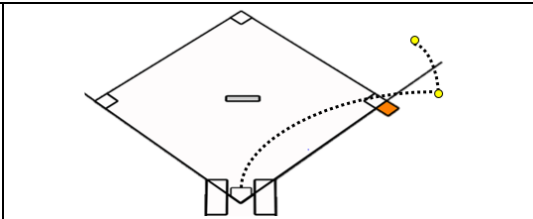
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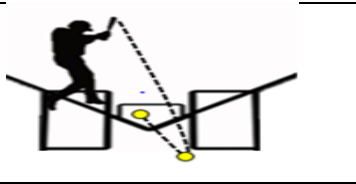
1. This Rules Test is an Open Book Test. You may use the 2018-2021 New Zealand Rule Book or WBSC Rule Book to answer the questions. We highly recommend you do so and have included a Rule Reference column (optional to use). Answer strictly according to the Rule Book and NOT local bylaws and/or ground rules.
2. The question may be long, but is written in full for clarity. If the Umpires ruling is only partially correct, the answer is FALSE.
3. This Rules Test is now offered as an online test and includes 50 questions. Please provide your answers online and you will get your score result immediately after you press submit.
4. All answers are either **True** or **False** (Yes = True, No = False) and are worth one (1) mark each for a total of 100 marks.
5. Please select your answer by clicking on the **True** or **False** button options.
6. At the end of the test, press **Submit** and you will see your score immediately. You can only take the test once.
7. Completion of this test is to be done individually and **not as a group** to ensure the test is beneficial to the individual.
8. If you have any questions, please email: [debeau12@gmail.com](mailto:debeau12@gmail.com)
9. The Rules Test will close on **Sunday 13 September 2020**. Answers will be posted on the SNZ Umpires website shortly after the closing date.

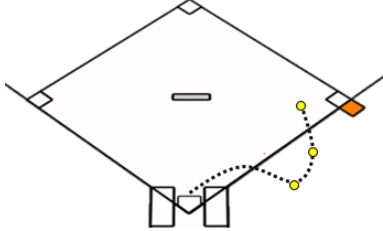
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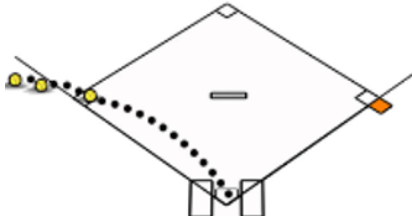
If you are unable to complete the test online please complete the answer sheet on page 8 and send to:  
Dave Beaumont C/- 33 Marriotts Road, North New Brighton, Christchurch 8083 before the closing date.

		T/F	Rule Reference
1	Once the umpire calls "play ball", the pitcher has 20 seconds to release the next pitch.		
2	The distance to the home run fence from home plate for adult female play is 67.06m (220ft).		
3	R1 on 2B and B3 at bat with a 2-2 count. F1 delivers the next pitch as R1 is called out for leaving the base too early. The pitch is called a strike so this a double play.		
4	R1 is on 3rd and R2 on 2nd with none out when F1 pitches a ball to B3. At this point F1 advises the umpire that he wishes to intentionally walk B3. The umpire should agree to the request and send B3 to 1st, even though a pitch has already been thrown.		
5	R1 on 1st Base. B2 hits a hard grounder that goes untouched through the legs of F3 and hits R1 who is advancing toward 2nd Base. RULING: R1 is out and the ball is Dead. B2 is awarded 1st Base.		
6	It is necessary for the umpire to be notified when a Withdrawn Player returns to the game after receiving treatment for an injury that caused bleeding.		
7	The batter is out if any part of their foot touches home plate even if they swing and miss the ball.		
8	After completing the top of the 4th inning, Southland team has 1 run and Wellington (batting second) has 10 runs. Wellington are declared winners on the run ahead rule and the bottom 4 <sup>th</sup> inning does not need to be played out.		
9	A pitch hits the ground before it reaches home plate, bounces up off the ground and crosses the plate above the knee. The batter does not swing at the pitch. RULING: Ball.		
10	Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. <a href="https://youtu.be/LbT2vRnozt8">https://youtu.be/LbT2vRnozt8</a> R2 on 2B, 1 out. B7 hits long flyball to F9 near the outfield fence. F9 makes an attempt to catch the ball which deflects off his glove to the top of the fence and over into the stands. RULING: Ball is dead, B7 is awarded a ground rule double (2 bases from time of the pitch)		
11	An offensive team coach at 3rd base may request, and be granted "Time" to discuss tactics with the 1st base coach, without an offensive charged conference being declared.		

12	The runner is not out when a fielder makes a play on a runner while using an illegal glove. The manager of the offended team has the option of (a) having the entire play nullified, or (b) taking the result of the play.		
13	Count is 1 ball, 2 strikes. A batted ball hits the batter standing in the batter's box. RULING: Dead ball, strike 3 on the swing, batter is out.		
14	If the pitch slips or drops from the pitcher's hand during the delivery, the plate umpire shall declare a ball on the batter, the ball remains live and runners may advance at their own risk.		
15	Any player may wear a glove when playing defence, but only the catcher and first base player may use mitts.		
16	A batted ball first touches the outfield in foul territory, but then rolls over the line into fair territory where F9 comes in and picks the ball up and throws back to F4 standing on 2B. RULING: Fair ball.		
17	R1 on 1B. On the first pitch, the batter hits a <b>foul tip</b> . R1 steals from 1 <sup>st</sup> to 2 <sup>nd</sup> base. RULING: Dead ball, R1 must return to 1B.		
18	R1 is on 1B with one out, when B3 hits a fly ball to F4. R1 advancing to 2B stops in front of F4, who is attempting to catch the ball. R1 waves his/her hands in F4's face, but makes no physical contact, causing the fielder to drop the fly ball. The umpire calls R1 out for interference.		
19	All starting players (including the DP and the Flex player) may be substituted and re-enter the line-up once. The starting player must re-enter the line-up in the same batting position.		

20	<p>Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.</p> <p><a href="https://youtu.be/4xZdxTzM_14">https://youtu.be/4xZdxTzM_14</a></p> <p>R2 is caught in a rundown between 1B and 2B. If this scenario is ruled as an obstruction, it will be up to the umpire's judgment to decide which base will be awarded to R2 after time is called.</p>		
21	<p>A thrown ball touching a base coach accidentally (in or out of the coach's box) is not a blocked ball.</p>		
22	<p>A batted ball first touches the ground in foul territory, spins back and comes to rest on home plate.</p> <p>RULING: Foul ball.</p>		
23	<p>One out. R1 on 2B, R2 on 1B. The batter swings and misses the 3rd strike, which the catcher drops.</p> <p>RULING: The ball is dead and runners may not advance beyond their current base at time of pitch.</p>		
24	<p>The base coach may leave the coach's box to signal a runner to slide.</p>		
25	<p>B1 enters the batter's box wearing a bicycle helmet without earflaps or full skull protection. This is legal.</p>		
26	<p>A player who has not yet arrived at the diamond may not be listed on the starting line-up.</p>		
27	<p>It is considered a legal tag when a fielder touches a runner with the ball, while held in the bare hand and not the glove.</p>		
28	<p>In the top of the third inning, the offensive team coach requests a conference with a batter. In the bottom half of the inning, the same coach (now on defence) requests "Time" to talk to F1. This is allowed.</p>		
29	<p>A player wearing a cast can be permitted to play on the field.</p>		
30	<p>Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.</p> <p><a href="https://youtu.be/clezHTZgouc">https://youtu.be/clezHTZgouc</a></p> <p>B5 steps behind the line in the batter's box and returns inside the box before making contact with the ball.</p> <p>RULING: this is NOT a batting out of the box violation because B5 was inside the box when contact was made.</p>		

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31	A strike can be called on the batter when he deliberately erases the lines of the batter's box during his turn at bat.		
32	A pitcher who relieves another is allowed a maximum of five warm-up pitches, provided he has not previously pitched in the same inning.		
33	A batter-runner may run outside the one metre line to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball.		
34	A fielder who is in possession of the ball pushes a runner off a base in an attempt to tag the runner off base. This action is considered a form of obstruction and is a delayed dead ball.		
35	R1 on 3B with one out. B1 hits a high fly ball to (F7) and R1 is tagging up to attempt to score on the catch. F7 sees this and wants to make the throw home as soon as he makes the catch. R1 takes off. When reaching into the glove to retrieve the ball, it drops on the ground. RULING: This is a legal catch.		
36	A batted ball hitting either part of the double base is always a fair ball.		
37	A batted ball hit into foul territory before passing 1st base spins back into the infield and comes to rest next to F3 on the fair side. RULING: Fair ball.		 <p>The diagram shows a baseball diamond with bases 1B, 2B, 3B, and home plate. A dashed line indicates a ball's path starting from foul territory (to the right of 1B), crossing the foul line, and then curving back into the infield to land near the pitcher's mound. A fielder (F3) is positioned near the pitcher's mound. The ball is shown as a yellow dot with a trail of smaller yellow dots indicating its path.</p>
38	A runner, who abandons his base and does not attempt to advance to the next base while the ball is alive, should be called out as soon as he crosses the foul line on his way back to the dugout.		
39	The batter is out if any part of their foot is outside the lines of the batter's box when they hit the ball (fair or foul).		
40	Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. <a href="https://youtu.be/C75wXbBg-Gw">https://youtu.be/C75wXbBg-Gw</a> This is a legal catch as the fielder held the ball long enough to have control.		
41	If a team is using a designated player (DP), they must have ten (10) players listed in their starting line-up.		

42	<p>A team has a designated player (DP) in their line-up batting for the pitcher (F1). In the 6th inning, the coach notifies the plate umpire that F1 will bat in place of the DP. In the 7<sup>th</sup> inning, the coach wishes to return the DP to bat again and reinstate the Flex.</p> <p>RULING: This is a legal change.</p>			
43	<p>It is considered a catch if a fielder catches a fly ball with one foot touching foul territory and the other entirely in dead ball territory.</p>			
44	<p>Obstructed runners may be called out, on a proper appeal, if they fail to touch awarded bases in legal order, providing the obstruction did not prevent the runner from touching the base (s).</p>			
45	<p>Runners may advance at their own risk during a live ball appeal play.</p>			
46	<p>A batted ball hits 3rd base, rolls and comes to rest in the outfield foul territory.</p> <p>RULING: Foul ball.</p>	 <p>The diagram shows a top-down view of a baseball diamond. A dashed line represents the path of a batted ball starting from the pitcher's mound, hitting 3rd base, and rolling into the outfield foul territory. The bases are labeled with diamonds, and the pitcher's mound is marked with a horizontal line. The catcher's position is indicated by a small square at home plate.</p>		
47	<p>All team caps must be alike, worn properly and are mandatory for male players.</p>			
48	<p>The batter is out when the catcher catches a called, swinging or foul tip third (3<sup>rd</sup>) strike.</p>			
49	<p>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 makes no attempt to leave 1B to go to 2B.</p> <p>RULING: The umpire does not call interference.</p>			
50	<p>Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.</p> <p><a href="https://youtu.be/mBjEOd-ouuE">https://youtu.be/mBjEOd-ouuE</a></p> <p>R1 takes off on a hit to F7 and is obstructed by F6 while attempting to score from 2B. As he was obstructed between 2B and 3B, he is only protected between those 2 bases.</p> <p>RULING: R1 should be called out at home plate on the tag.</p>			

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## ANSWER SHEET

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