



SNZ UMPIRES ANNUAL RULES TEST 2018 – Levels 1, 2, 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-Amble: 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 = 1st Base; 2B = 2nd base; 3B = 3rd base; HP = Home plate

INSTRUCTIONS:

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.
4. All answers are either **True** or **False** (Yes = True, No = False) and are worth one (1) mark each for a total of 50 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
9. The Rules Test will close on Friday 31 August. Answers will be posted on the SNZ Umpires website shortly after the closing date.

If you require a reader/writer to complete the test please contact your local chief umpire to arrange this.

If you are unable to complete the test online please complete the answer sheet on page 8 and send to:
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		T/F	Rule Reference
1	1 st base fielder (F3) may use a catcher's mitt.		
2	3 rd base fielder (F5) has a hearing aid and requests to wear a helmet while fielding. The umpire allows this.		
3	A batter may use a helmet with one ear flap provided the ear flap is on the side of the head facing the pitcher.		
4	The batter is out when the catcher catches a called, swinging or foul tip third (3 rd) strike.		
5	Only the catcher (F2) can take warm up pitches at the beginning of the 1 st inning.		
6	The pitcher must have their back (non-pivot) foot in contact with the pitcher's plate to begin their pitch.		
7	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.		
8	A pitcher returning to pitch in the same half inning is allowed three (3) warm up pitches.		
9	Top of the 1 st innings, women's game. Two out, B3 in the batter's box. It is discovered that F1 is pitching off the men's mark. RULING: The umpire should correct the pitching distance immediately.		
10	A pitch crosses the plate with the top of the ball just under the armpits. RULING: Ball.		
11	A pitch crosses the plate with the bottom of the ball just above the bottom of the batter's kneecap. RULING: Strike.		
12	A waist high pitch clips the front inside corner of the plate and is caught on the batter's box line. RULING: Strike.		
13	A change up pitch crosses the front of the plate above the top of the knee, drops and bounces off the back corner of home plate. The batter does not swing at the pitch. RULING: Strike.		
14	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).		

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15	<p>A batted ball first touches the outfield in fair territory, then rolls over the line into foul territory where it comes to rest.</p> <p>RULING: Foul ball.</p>			
16	<p>A batted ball hit into 3rd base foul territory spins back towards the infield and comes to rest with a quarter of the ball on the 3rd base line and the rest of the ball in foul territory.</p> <p>RULING: Fair ball.</p>			
17	<p>A batted ball hits the fair (white) portion of 1st base, rolls and comes to rest in foul territory.</p> <p>RULING: Fair ball.</p>			
18	<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>			
19	<p>A batted ball hits the foul (coloured) portion only of 1st base, rolls back into the infield and comes to rest.</p> <p>RULING: Foul ball.</p>			

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20	Runner on 3 rd base (R1 on 3B). A batted ball hits R1 leading off from 3 rd base in foul territory. RULING: Foul ball, R1 is safe on 3 rd base.		
21	R1 on 1B. On the first pitch the batter hits a foul tip . R1 steals from 1 st to 2 nd base. RULING: R1 is safe on 2 nd base.		
22	Only the head coach of a defensive team can notify the plate umpire to give a batter an Intentional Base on Balls.		
23	When a batter is issued an Intentional Base on Balls the ball is dead, and runners may only advance if forced.		
24	A batter-runner may run outside the one metre line to avoid a fielder attempting to field the batted ball.		
25	When a thrown ball hits an umpire, the ball is live.		
26	The batter hits the ball to shortstop (F6) and runs to 1 st base. In the umpires judgement the throw from F6 and the runner arrive at 1 st base at the same time . RULING: The runner is out.		
27	The plate umpire can overrule a safe/out decision made by a base umpire.		
28	The batter hits a fly ball to left outfield (F7) who makes the catch. When reaching into their glove to retrieve the ball F7 drops the ball. RULING: Legal catch, batter is out.		
29	The batter hits to F6 who throws the ball to 1 st base. F3 catches the ball with a quarter of her foot on the fair (white) portion of 1 st base and the rest of her foot on the foul (coloured) portion before the batter-runner reaches the base. RULING: The batter is out.		
30	The batter hits into the outfield. F3 stands on 1 st base watching the hit. The batter-runner rounds 1 st base using the outside corner to avoid hitting F3 and continues to 2 nd base safely. The umpire should signal a delayed dead ball for the obstruction at 1 st base and take no further action at the end of the play.		

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31	<p>A runner is caught up in a run-down halfway between 3rd base and home. 3rd base fielder (F5) throws the ball to the catcher (F2), the runner turns and bumps into F5 on their way back to 3rd base. F2 throws the ball to shortstop (F6), seeing this the runner turns and advances towards home plate. F6 throws the ball to F2 who tags the runner well before they reach home plate.</p> <p>RULING: Dead ball, obstruction, runner is safe on 3rd base.</p>		
32	<p>R1 on 1B. The batter (B2) hits a ground ball to F4. The ball rolls out of F4's glove. F4 is reaching down to pick up the ball when R1 collides with them.</p> <p>RULING: Dead ball, R1 is out for interference, B2 is safe on 1st base.</p>		
33	<p>The run ahead rule is 15 runs after three (3) innings, 10 runs after four (4) innings or seven (7) runs after five (5) innings.</p>		
34	<p>If a fielder appeals for a runner not tagging up on a catch, they must be standing in the infield when making the appeal.</p>		
35	<p>If an umpire sees a runner miss a base, after all play is finished, they should call that runner out, regardless of whether the fielding (defensive) team make an appeal or not.</p>		
36	<p>The batter hits the ball to the-outfield and only touches the foul (coloured) portion of 1st base as they run safely around to 3rd base. The defence legally appeal for the batter missing 1st base.</p> <p>RULING: The umpire denies the appeal. The batter is safe on 3rd base.</p>		
37	<p>A team has a designated player (DP) in their line-up batting for the pitcher (F1). In the 3rd innings the DP fields for the shortstop (F6).</p> <p>RULING: The umpire allows this, the DP can field for any player.</p>		
38	<p>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.</p>		
39	<p>Hoani (5th in the batting line up) bats in place of Andrews (4th in the batting line up). With a 2 ball, 1 strike count on Hoani the defensive coach appeals for batting out of order.</p> <p>RULING: Andrews replaces Hoani at bat and assumes the 2-1 count.</p>		

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40	R1 on 2B. The batter has a 2 ball, 2 strike count. On the next pitch the base umpire calls R1 out for leaving their base too early. The plate umpire calls the pitch a strike. RULING: Dead ball, R1 is out for leaving early and the batter's count remains at 2-2.		
41	One out. R1 on 1B. The batter swings and misses the 3 rd strike which the catcher drops. RULING: The batter is out.		
42	Runners may advance at their own risk when an infield fly is declared.		
43	One out. Runners on 1 st and 2 nd base (R1 on 2B, R2 on 1B). The batter hits a fly ball to F4. The umpire/s call "Infield Fly". F4 misses the catch, quickly picks the ball up from the ground and tags R2 advancing from 1 st base. RULING: Both the batter and R2 are out.		
44	No outs. Loaded bases (R1 on 3B, R2 on 2B, R3 on 1B). The batter hits a fly ball to shortstop (F6). The umpire/s call "Infield Fly". All runners remain in contact with their base. F6 botches the catch, drops the ball, picks it up and throws to the catcher standing on home plate. RULING: The batter is out on the Infield Fly and R1 (still standing on 3 rd base) is out on the force play at home.		
45	Fenced Diamond. R1 on 1B. The batter hits to the outfield and the ball bounces over the outfield fence. R1 touched 2 nd base before the ball bounced over the outfield fence. RULING: R1 is awarded home and the batter is safe on 2 nd base.		
46	Open diamond. The batter hits a foul fly ball between home plate and 1 st base. F2 catches the ball with both feet inside the dead ball line and their catching arm stretched over the line in dead ball territory. RULING: The batter is out.		
47	Open diamond. R1 on 3B. The batter hits a foul fly ball between home plate and 1 st base. F2 catches the ball with both feet inside the dead ball line and their catching arm stretched over the line in dead ball territory. The act of stretching for the ball causes F2 to stumble into dead ball territory with the ball securely held in their glove. RULING: The batter is out and R1 is awarded (safe) home.		

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48	<p>One out, R1 on 3B. The batter hits the ball to F3 who fields the ball and runs toward the batter. The batter-runner stops and takes one step back towards home plate. R1 crosses home plate. After R1 has scored the batter-runner is tagged by F3. RULING: Dead ball, batter is out, the run does not count and R1 must return to 3rd base.</p>		
49	<p>The batter hits to the outfield and is running to 2nd base when they pull a muscle. The batter-runner limps to 2nd base, touches the base, calls time and immediately starts walking off the diamond. The throw comes in from the outfield and shortstop tags the batter-runner. RULING: The batter-runner is safe because they had called time, even though the umpire had not.</p>		
50	<p>R1 on 1B. 2 balls, 1 strike count on the batter. The next pitch is called a ball. The batter mistakenly thinks they have a walk and starts running to 1st base. R1 advances to 2nd base. The catcher throws the ball to F4 who tags R1 before they reach 2nd base. The batter-runner reaches 1st base safely. RULING: R1 is out and the batter returns to bat with a 3-1 count.</p>		

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