



SNZ UMPIRES ANNUAL RULES TEST 2019 – Levels 4 to 7

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 = 1st Base; 2B = 2nd base; 3B = 3rd base; HP = Home plate

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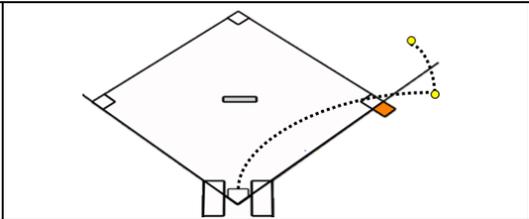
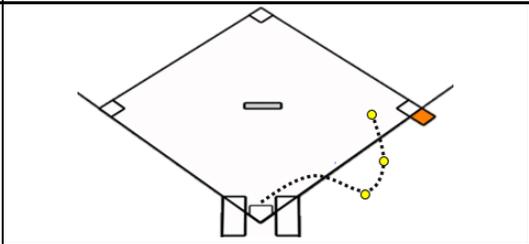
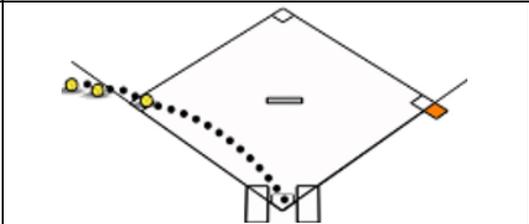
1. This Rules Test is an Open Book Test. You may use the 2018-2021 New Zealand Rule Book or WBSC Rule Book to answer the questions. We highly recommend you do so and have included a Rule Reference column (optional to use). Answer strictly according to the Rule Book and NOT local bylaws and/or ground 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 100 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
9. The Rules Test will close on **Sunday 15 September 2019**. 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	Only pitchers (F1) are allowed to wear facemasks on the diamond.			
2	A softball batter's helmet must have two earflaps (one on each side).			
3	Any defensive team member including coaches, may take warm up pitches provided they wear a catcher's mask.			
4	At the beginning of the 1st inning pitchers are allowed three (3) warm up pitches.			
5	All fielding players, except the catcher, must be standing in fair territory before a pitch is delivered.			
6	A batter may wear protective arm and/or leg guards.			
7	A pitch crosses the plate at waist height with a quarter of the ball crossing the inside edge of the plate and the rest of the ball off the plate. RULING: Strike.			

8	<p>A pitch crosses the plate with the top of the ball above the top of the batter's sternum (chest plate) but below their armpits. RULING: Ball.</p>			
9	<p>A pitch crosses the plate with the top of the ball at the bottom of the batter's kneecap. RULING: Strike.</p>			
10	<p>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: Strike.</p>			
11	<p>Click on the link below to watch the video. The ball does NOT hit the bat. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KhK5trHenms RULING: Dead ball, batter is awarded 1st base.</p>			
12	<p>The batter is out if any part of their foot touches home plate when they hit the ball (fair or foul).</p>			
13	<p>A batted ball hits the batter standing in the batter's box. RULING: Dead ball, strike.</p>			

<p>14</p>	<p>1 ball, 2 strike count on the batter. The next pitch is bunted into fair territory. RULING: Batter is out.</p>		
<p>15</p>	<p>2 ball, 2 strike count on the batter. The batter bunts the next pitch. Watch the video to see what happens next. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqxrDclPNF0 RULING: Batter is out.</p>		
<p>16</p>	<p>A batted ball first touches the outfield in foul territory, then rolls over the line into fair territory where it comes to rest. RULING: Foul ball.</p>		
<p>17</p>	<p>A batted ball hit into foul territory before passing 1st base spins back into the infield and comes to rest. RULING: Foul ball.</p>		
<p>18</p>	<p>A batted ball hits 3rd base, rolls and comes to rest in outfield foul territory. RULING: Fair ball.</p>		

19	<p>A batted ball is fielded by 3rd base (F5) on the foul line with one foot in foul territory. RULING: Foul ball.</p>			
20	<p>A batted ball is fielded by 3rd base (F5) over the foul line with both their feet inside the diamond. RULING: Foul ball.</p>			
21	<p>2 ball, 2 strike count on the batter. On the next pitch the batter tips a ball directly from the bat to the catcher's glove. RULING: Foul tip, batter is out.</p>			
22	<p>R1 on 1B, 1 strike count on the batter. On the next pitch the batter hits a foul tip. R1 runs from 1st to 2nd base. RULING: Strike two (2), R1 is safe on 2nd base.</p>			
23	<p>One out. R1 on 2B, R2 on 1B. The batter swings and misses the 3rd strike, which the catcher drops. RULING: The batter is out.</p>			
24	<p>One out. R1 on 1B. The batter swings and misses the 3rd strike, which the catcher drops. RULING: The batter is out.</p>			
25	<p>The pitcher (F1) can notify the plate umpire to give a batter an Intentional Base on Balls.</p>			

26	<p>A pitch hits the ground before it reaches home plate, bounces up off the ground and is hit by the batter.</p> <p>The batted ball is caught in flight by F1.</p> <p>RULING: Legal catch, batter is out.</p>			
27	<p>The batter hits a line drive to (F5).</p> <p>The ball deflects off F5's glove in flight and is caught by (F6).</p> <p>RULING: Legal catch, batter is out.</p>			
28	<p>The batter hits to (F6) who throws the ball to 1st base.</p> <p>F3 catches the ball with their whole foot on the foul (coloured) portion of 1st base just before the batter-runner reaches the base.</p> <p>RULING: The batter is safe.</p>			
29	<p>On a double (two base) hit to the outfield the batter-runner must touch the fair (white) portion of 1st base as they run to 2nd base.</p>			
30	<p>Fenced Diamond.</p> <p>The batter hits to the outfield.</p> <p>The batted ball bounces over the outfield fence before they reach 1st base.</p> <p>RULING: The batter-runner is awarded 2nd base.</p>			

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31	<p>Fenced Diamond.</p> <p>The batter hits to the outfield.</p> <p>The batted ball bounces over the outfield fence after they have touched 1st base.</p> <p>RULING: The batter-runner is awarded 3rd base.</p>		
32	<p>Open diamond. The batter hits a foul fly ball between home plate and 1st base.</p> <p>The catcher (F2) jumps up from foul territory and catches the ball over dead ball territory with both feet in the air.</p> <p>F2 lands in dead ball territory with the ball securely held in their glove.</p> <p>RULING: Legal catch, batter is out.</p>		
33	<p>Fenced diamond. The batter hits a fly ball close to the outfield fence.</p> <p>F8 catches the ball, then falls over the fence.</p> <p>F8 lands in dead ball territory with the ball securely held in their glove.</p> <p>RULING: Legal catch, batter is out.</p>		
34	<p>Fenced diamond. R1 on 3B, R2 on 2B. The batter hits a fly ball close to the outfield fence. R1 and R2 hold their bases. Watch the video to see what happens next.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/jMfJ-GGOs6g</p> <p>RULING: Legal catch, batter is out, R1 is awarded home and R2 is awarded 3rd base.</p>		

35	<p>R1 on 1B. The batter hits to shortstop (F6) who fields the ball and runs to 2nd base attempting to force out R1 (see picture). In the umpire's judgement, F6's foot and R1's foot touch 2nd base at the same time. RULING: R1 is safe.</p>		
36	<p>Only the plate umpire can eject a coach.</p>		
37		<p>The catcher stands up to catch a pitch blocking the plate umpires view of the batter's swing or no swing. RULING: The plate umpire can ask the base umpire if the batter made an attempt to hit the pitch to assist with a strike/ball call.</p>	
38	<p>After completing the top of the 5th inning, Whero team has 1 run. Kākāriki team (batting second) has 9 runs. Kākāriki team are declared winners on the run ahead rule and the game is over.</p>		
39	<p>If an umpire sees a runner leave a base before a caught fly ball is first touched they should call that runner out immediately, regardless of whether the fielding (defensive) team make an appeal or not.</p>		
40	<p>R1 on 1B. The batter hits a double (two base hit) to right field. R1 advances to 3rd base. After the ball is returned to the pitcher, centre field (F8) appeals, from the outfield, for R1 not touching 2nd base. RULING: The umpire disallows F8's appeal and calls R1 safe.</p>		
41	<p>If a team is using a designated player (DP) they must have ten (10) players listed in their starting line-up.</p>		

42	<p>A team has a designated player (DP) in their line-up batting for the pitcher (F1). In the 6th innings the coach notifies the plate umpire that F1 will bat in place of the DP. RULING: This is a legal change.</p>		
43	<p>Makea starts the game at centre field (F8). In the 3rd innings Makea is substituted by Hoani (S1) fielding at F8. In the 5th innings Makea re-enters the game fielding at F8. In the 7th innings Makea is substituted by Avery (S2) fielding at F8. RULING: All of these changes are legal.</p>		
44	<p>Only the plate umpire can declare an infield fly.</p>		
45	<p>No outs. R1 on 2B, R2 on 1B. The batter hits a fly ball towards the shortstop (F6). The umpires call “Infield fly”. Watch the video to see what happens next. https://youtu.be/WbFDeD6Mup4 SOFTBALL RULING: The batter is safe.</p>		
46	<p>One out. Runners on 1st and 2nd base (R1 on 2B, R2 on 1B). The batter hits a fly ball between 3rd base (F5) and shortstop (F6). The umpires call “Infield fly”. R1 runs to 3rd base on the hit. Both F5 and F6 call for the ball, they collide and the ball falls to the ground. RULING: The batter is out, R1 is safe on 3rd base.</p>		

47	<p>One out, R1 on 3B.</p> <p>The batter bunts the first pitch to attempt a “squeeze play”.</p> <p>The base umpire calls R1 out for leaving 3rd base early.</p> <p>RULING: Dead ball, R1 is out for leaving early, batter returns to bat with no count.</p>		
48	<p>See picture. The runner is out for interfering with a fielder who is attempting to field a batted ball.</p>		
49	<p>R1 on 2B.</p> <p>B2 hits a ground ball towards F6.</p> <p>Watch the video to see what happens next.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/lv1Do7srV5s</p> <p>RULING: Dead ball, R1 is out for interference, B2 is safe on 1st base.</p>		
50	<p>B1 bunts the ball which is fielded by F2.</p> <p>F2 throws to 1st base.</p> <p>The thrown ball hits B1 who is in the “running lane” (see picture).</p> <p>RULING: Dead ball, B1 is out for interference.</p>		

51	<p>R1 on 3B, R2 on 1B. The offense are attempting to advance R1 by means of a squeeze play. The defense are wise to it and fake the throw to 1B, before catching R1 in a hot box. R2 is obstructed by F6 just past 2B, but continues round to stand on 3B to watch for the outcome of the rundown. F3 juggles the ball allowing R1 to scramble back to 3B in a diving play, and R2 is now caught in a second rundown and eventually tagged out by F8. The offense appeal for the obstruction of F6 and request R2 be awarded 2B and B3 returned to 1B.</p> <p>RULING: The umpire declines the appeal, as R2 had reached 3B and was played out in a secondary rundown.</p>			
52	<p>A foul ball shall be declared when a batter runner deliberately kicks a legally batted ball in foul territory, prior to the ball crossing the foul line.</p>			
53	<p>The PU shall declare a batted ball fair or foul depending on the position of the ball relative to the foul line.</p>			
54	<p>When receiving signals from the catcher, the pitcher must be standing on the pitcher's plate with his hands together.</p>			
55	<p>A batter that first leaves the batter's box to get a running start on a slap hit will be declared out if the ball makes contact with the bat.</p>			
56	<p>S1, who has been ruled an Ineligible Player as a result of being an unreported substitute, returns to the game in a later inning as a replacement player on offense. The defense appeals prior to a pitch being thrown.</p> <p>RULING: the umpire shall declare a forfeit to the team not at fault.</p>			
57	<p>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.</p> <p>RULING: Although B4 is running in fair territory, he is not out.</p>			
58	<p>The ball is dead when a thrown ball accidentally strikes a base coach.</p>			
59	<p>A legally batted ball comes to rest in the batter's box. The umpire shall declare a fair or foul ball depending on the location of the ball.</p>			

60	<p>Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.</p> <p>The batter steps out of the box and appears to interfere with the catcher's opportunity to make a play at home plate. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yllc9a9uSes</p> <p>RULING: Dead ball. Batter is out and R1 returns to last base touched at time of the interference.</p>			
61	<p>Tied ball game, bottom of the 7th inning. R1 is on 3B, R2 on 2B, one out. Unreported S1 replaces B3 in the batter's box and hits a long fly to F7. All runners tag up and R1 scores on the close play at home. Thinking the game is over, R2 walks off the base towards home to hug R1. A quick thinking F2 throws to F5 for the tag. The defensive coach then appeals for the unreported S1. RULING: As the game is over when R1 crossed the plate, the umpires should ignore the tag play on R2 and the appeal on S1.</p>			
62	<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 defense) requests "Time" to talk to F1. This is legal.</p>			
63	<p>Offensive obstruction is the act of an offensive player or team member that obstructs or interferes with a defensive player making a play.</p>			
64	<p>A legally batted ball bounds over the foul portion of the 1B and hits the base umpire standing in foul territory. RULING: Foul ball.</p>			
65	<p>Any legally pitched ball that touches the ground before the plate and is not swung at shall be called a ball by the umpire.</p>			
66	<p>An Infield Fly is a legally batted ball, including a line drive.</p>			
67	<p>R2 on 3B with none out. B3 bunts the ball to F5 and R2 becomes caught in a run down play between home & 3B. B3, who is halfway to 1B, sees that R2 is trapped so, in an attempt to draw a throw, turns around and runs back towards, but does not touch, home plate. R2 is then tagged as B3 turns around again and runs safely to 1B. RULING: B3 is not out for running the bases in reverse order or stepping back to avoid a tag.</p>			
68	<p>R2 at 1st and R1 at 3rd base with one out. The batter hits the ball sharply on the ground along the third base line and on the hit R1 and R2 are on the move. R1 heading for home plate, collides with F5 at the same time the ball is touched by F5 and the PU calls "Foul Ball". The PU rules that the contact occurred after the foul ball. R2 and R1 return to their bases at time of pitch and B3 now has one strike.</p>			
69	<p>A base coach may address only his own team members.</p>			

70	<p>Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. 1 out, 3-2 count on B4. R1 on 1B attempting to steal 2B. B4 unintentionally hits the catcher on the backswing as he's attempting to make a throw at 2B.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/YdJKaactpnM</p> <p>RULING: Batter's interference called on B4, as this is strike 3 and he's already out, R1 (closest to home) is also out, inning is over.</p>		
71	A protest may be lodged by any player.		
72	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.		
73	<p>In the 6th inning, the pitcher is hit with the ball and it cuts her leg. Her coach asks if the starting pitcher who has already been twice substituted, may be used as the replacement player.</p> <p>RULING: The Plate Umpire rules that this is acceptable since a starting player who has been twice substituted may be used as a replacement player.</p>		
74	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.		
75	<p>Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/Tw28OYrYelA</p> <p>2019 World Cup grand final, extra innings, B6 hits long flyball that appears to be gloved well over the fence by F8 but then the ball rebounds inside the field of play. RULING on the field is fair ball, play on. After video review, this should have been ruled as a homerun.</p>		
76	The Base umpire can declare a forfeit if the player they ejected remains on the bench		
77	A legally batted fly ball that is caught against a fence with the glove or bare hand is not considered to be a trapped Ball.		
78	<p>The plate umpire interferes with the catcher's attempt to throw to 2B on a steal attempt, but the runner is tagged out on the play.</p> <p>RULING: The out is legal, and the ball remains alive.</p>		
79	The BR is obstructed by F3 when rounding first base. He continues toward 2B, 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.		

80	<p>Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/ b91CUzIJXw</p> <p>R1 on 1B, B7 hits a long flyball in left centre field and R1 takes off thinking it will drop. F8 makes the catch. R1 rounds 2B and realises the catch is made. As she retreats to 1B, she fails to retouch 2B. As the ball is thrown wild but still live, R1 retouches 1B and ends up standing safely on 2B. The defense now make a dead ball appeal that R1 failed to retouch 2B on her way to re-tag. RULING: This is a valid appeal and R1 should be declared out for failing to retouch the bases in reverse order.</p>			
81	<p>None out. B4 leads off the inning and gets a walk. B7 hits a safe single, advancing B4 to 2B. B5 strikes out. B6 bunts and is thrown out at 1B, with both runners advancing one base. An appeal is now made for B7 batting out of order. RULING: B7 is out.</p>			
82	<p>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 legal catch.</p>			
83	<p>A team may commence a game with eleven starting players on the line-up and possibly finish with only nine.</p>			
84	<p>The offensive coach has already been charged with one offensive conference. Later in the same inning, the defensive coach requests "time" for a conference with F1. During the defensive conference, the offensive coach comes out onto the field to talk to one of the runners. The offensive coach leaves at the same time as the defensive conference is over. RULING: The umpire should not charge the offensive coach with a conference.</p>			
85	<p>The OPO and the FLEX may not field at the same time.</p>			
86	<p>If the third out of an inning is made on a runner prior to the discovery of a batting out of order infringement, an appeal can be made in order to re-instate the correct batting order.</p>			
87	<p>S1, who has been ruled an Ineligible Player as a result of being an unreported substitute, returns to the game in a later inning. The umpire declares a forfeit to the team not at fault.</p>			
88	<p>Jones was not a starter and has not played, when F4 is injured and has blood shown on his uniform pants. Jones is inserted as a replacement player. This is legal.</p>			
89	<p>The DP and the FLEX may field at the same time, however the OPO and DP may not bat in the same line up.</p>			

90	<p>Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/MXhQF9yBSKo</p> <p>Under WBSC rules, this would appear as a clear case for obstruction as F5 was blocking access to 3B while not in possession of the ball.</p>		
91	<p>The return to the game (within the permitted time frame) of the withdrawn player, without notification to the plate umpire is an appeal play.</p>		
92	<p>After the pre-game, the offensive coach advises that the #6 (DP) has slipped and cut herself. He advises that #25 (S1) will replace her as the DP. In the top of the 3rd inning, the coach advises #6 will bat for #25. She hits a double, and slides into 2B. However as she stands up she re-opens the graze sustained earlier and begins to bleed profusely again. The coach advises she will use #25 again as the replacement player. At the top of the 6th inning, the offense advise #25 will enter the game as the substitute for #6. The defense appeal that #25 must be replaced with a legal substitute, as #25 has already been substituted in the 1st inning. RULING: The PU should declare #25 an illegal player & apply the correct penalty.</p>		
93	<p>No runs shall score when the 3rd out of the inning is the result of a force play.</p>		
94	<p>With a 3-2 count, B4 attempts to bunt. The pitch deflects from the bat into the batters box where it makes contact with the batters foot. RULING: Foul Ball. Batter is out.</p>		
95	<p>Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/8cbsbVNGgn4</p> <p>The ball comes off the bat and bounces on the catcher's glove and is caught by his bare hand. The ball doesn't touch the catcher's equipment nor the umpire. RULING: This should be called as a foul tip.</p>		
96	<p>Runners may advance when a fielder intentionally drops a bunted fly ball with a runner on 1st and with less than two out.</p>		
97	<p>B1 bunts the ball into fair territory near the 1B foul line. While running to 1B he drops the bat and deflects the stationary ball away from F3. B1 is declared out.</p>		
98	<p>R1 on 3B, one out. B1 hits a fly ball to the outfield. R1 tags up. F5 jumps up in front of R1 so he can't see the catch and is then thrown out in a close play at the plate. The PU rules obstruction and the run scores.</p>		
99	<p>Smith, F1 for Team "A", singles to F7. The coach now requests and is granted "Time" and speaks with Smith as he is putting his warm-up jacket on. The umpire informs the coach that this is a charged conference.</p>		

100	<p>Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/glNO1tsbHJs</p> <p>F9 makes the catch on this foul ball. However, his body appears to have crossed the dead ball line as he bounces off the flexible netting.</p> <p>RULING: This is a valid catch but should be treated as a “catch and carry”. Signal: Out on catch and dead ball. Award any runners on base one extra base from time of the pitch.</p>		
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