



## SNZ UMPIRES ANNUAL RULES TEST 2020 – 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 = 1<sup>st</sup> Base; 2B = 2<sup>nd</sup> base; 3B = 3<sup>rd</sup> base; HP = Home plate

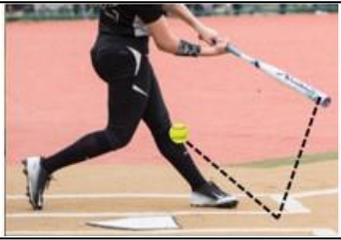
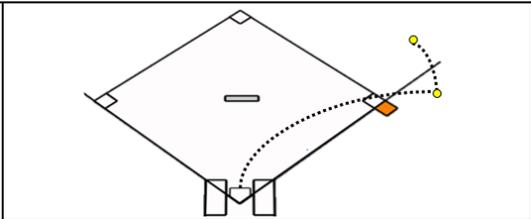
### INSTRUCTIONS:

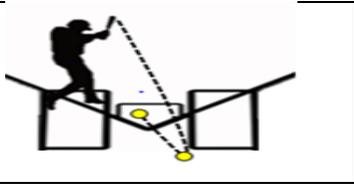
1. This Rules Test is an Open Book Test. You may use the 2018-2021 New Zealand Rule Book or WBSC Rule Book to answer the questions. We highly recommend you do so and have included a Rule Reference column (optional to use). Answer strictly according to the Rule Book and NOT local bylaws and/or ground 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 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](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.

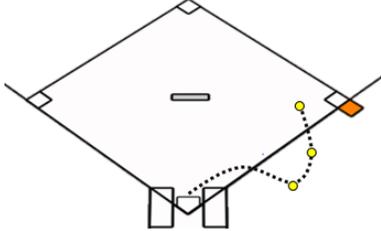
If you require a reader/writer to complete the test please contact your local chief umpire to arrange this.

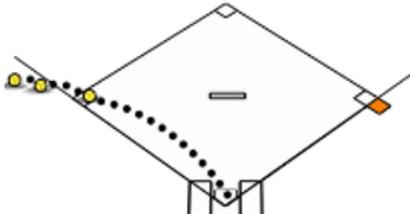
If you are unable to complete the test online please complete the answer sheet on page 8 and send to:  
Dave Beaumont C/- 33 Marriotts Road, North New Brighton, Christchurch 8083 before the closing date.

		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>		

		T/F	Rule Reference
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 labeled 1B, 2B, 3B, and 4B. A dashed line indicates the path of a batted ball starting from the batter's box, going into foul territory, and then spinning back into the fair side 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 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 then rolling into the outfield foul territory. The bases are labeled with diamonds, and the pitcher's mound is marked with a circle. The foul territory is indicated by a line extending from 3rd base.</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>			

51	After he has been declared out, a batter-runner interferes with a player's opportunity to make a play on another runner. The runner being played on at the time of the interference should be called out.		
52	A runner fails to touch a base in regular order, or leaves a base illegally on a caught fly ball. If a legal appeal is made and this is the third out of the inning, any succeeding runner can also score.		
53	F1, a sling shot pitcher, pitches the ball without stepping forward simultaneous with the release of the ball. RULING: The umpire should call an illegal pitch.		
54	The position of the ball at the time of the interference determines whether the ball is fair or foul, regardless if the ball rolls untouched to foul or fair territory.		
55	When a runner collides with an umpire, while running bases, it is possible for the umpire to declare interference and return the runner to the last legally held base.		
56	The batter takes running steps (within the batter's box) toward the pitcher and lets the ball hit the bat. This is a slap hit.		
57	F6 runs onto the field to play shortstop while wearing a helmet. When questioned by the umpire, F6 states he is required to wear the helmet for medical reasons. RULING: the umpire should not allow him to wear the helmet while fielding.		
58	R1 on 1B. 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. RULING: Dead ball, R1 is out for interference, B2 is safe on 1 <sup>st</sup> base.		
59	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.		
60	Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. <a href="https://youtu.be/EqqWs6emobA">https://youtu.be/EqqWs6emobA</a> Bases loaded with 1 out. B9 hits a sharp line drive to F5 who drops the ball intentionally. RULING: Dead ball, the runner closest to home is called out.		
61	A team has a designated player (DP) in their line-up batting for the pitcher (F1). In the 3 <sup>rd</sup> inning, the umpire makes a change and the DP is now fielding for the shortstop (F6). RULING: This is not a legal change, the DP and the flex cannot be playing defence on the field at the same time.		
62	Team "A" protests a misinterpretation of a rule in the third inning. They go on to win the game but submit the protest to the committee anyway. This is a valid protest.		
63	R1 on 3B. A batted ball hits R1 leading off from 3 <sup>rd</sup> base but on the foul territory side. RULING: Dead ball, R1 is out for interference.		
64	A pitcher returning to pitch in the same half inning is allowed up to three (3) warm up pitches.		

65	Beaumont (5 <sup>th</sup> in the batting line up) bats in place of Fortin (4 <sup>th</sup> in the batting line up). With a 2 ball, 1 strike count on Beaumont, the defensive coach appeals for batting out of order. RULING: Fortin is called out and Beaumont carries on at bat with the 2-1 count.		
66	B5 reaches up to catch an inside pitch as R1 attempts to steal 2B. The batter is out for interference.		
67	R7 holds his base and tags up on a high fly ball to F7 and then advances when the fielder first touches the ball that is juggled for a few seconds before being caught. The defence then appeals for R7 leaving early. Ruling: R7 is out for not waiting for the catch to be completed before taking off.		
68	The batting order is B1, B2, B3, B4, B5. B3 bats in place of B1 and the infraction is not noticed until after one pitch has been thrown to B4. The defense appeals for batting out of order. Ruling: Appeal is declined, B4 continues to bat and B1 and B2 have missed their turn at bat.		
69	The count is 2 balls, one strike. B1 swings at a pitch, misses and the ball hits him on the arm. The offensive coach asks for time and wants the plate umpire to award B1 a “hit by pitch” and the batter should be entitled to 1B. Ruling: Deal ball, the count is now 2 balls 2 strikes, play on.		
70	Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. <a href="https://youtu.be/pamnfc1yxYk">https://youtu.be/pamnfc1yxYk</a> R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B with 1 out. B5, with a 1-1 count, hits a high fly ball in the infield that is ruled as an infield fly “if fair”. R2 interferes with F3 attempting to field the ball. The ball drops on fair side but rolls foul untouched by the catcher. RULING: R1 is called out for interference, R2 returns to 2B and B5 returns to bat with a 1-2 count.		
71	B1 attempts to avoid being hit by a pitched ball, but inadvertently moves into the pitch he is trying to avoid and is hit by the pitched ball. Ruling: The ball is dead.		
72	The ball become dead when a runner is called out for positioning himself behind, and not in contact with, a base in order to get a running start on a fly ball. This is not an appeal play.		
73	B1 hits a fair line drive that 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. RULING: B1 is not out and the ball remains alive.		
74	When the ball is in play and is overthrown beyond the boundary line or is blocked, all runners are awarded two bases from the time of the throw.		
75	B5 swings at and foul tips the third strike. The ball first tips F2’s glove, hits his chest and is then caught in his bare hand before touching the ground. The catcher is required to throw the ball to 1B or tag the batter to complete the out.		
76	The umpire shall forfeit the game if any player disputes his call, after having given a team warning.		

77	After taking the signal, the pitcher must come to a full and complete stop with the ball in either hand in front of the body, prior to pitching the ball.		
78	A catch will still be considered as valid if a fielder (while gaining control) of the ball, collides with another player, umpire or a fence, or falls to the ground and then drops the ball as a result of the collision or falling to the ground.		
79	R1 on 3B, R2 on 1B, with two outs. F4 fields a ground ball and tags R2 prior to reaching 2B. R1 scored prior to the tag. The run scores since it was NOT a force out at 1B.		
80	Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation. <a href="https://youtu.be/6V1P7R3FM5k">https://youtu.be/6V1P7R3FM5k</a> R1 on 1B, B5 hits a grounder to F4 who attempts to field the ball and is clearly impeded by R1. Ruling: R1 is out for interference and B5 is safe on 1B.		
81	Runners may advance at their own risk when an infield fly is declared.		
82	R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B. On the next pitch, the ball gets away from F2 and rolls near the on-deck batter, who remains in the on-deck circle. R2 takes off and before reaching 2B, F2 in throwing to 2B to pick off R2, hits the on-deck batter who is still standing on the on-deck circle. The runners reach 2B and 3B safely. Ruling: The Umpire rules interference by the on-deck batter. The ball is dead and R1 is out, R2 must return to 1B.		
83	After taking the signal, the pitcher can legally bring his whole body to a full and complete stop for more than 5 seconds, before commencing his delivery.		
84	R1 is on 3B and advances home on B2's hit. R1 misses home plate and enters the dugout. F2 makes an appeal play while the ball is still live and tags home plate. The umpire rules R1 out. This is a legal appeal and is the correct decision.		
85	Game tied at 6-6 after 7 complete innings of play. The player that is scheduled to run as the tiebreak runner in the eighth inning can be legally substituted in accordance with the substitution rule.		
86	With one out, R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B, B3 hits a ground ball directly to F1 who throws to F5 for a force on R1 at 3B. F6 obstructs R1 in his advance toward 3B. Ruling: The umpire should allow the out to stand.		
87	B1 hits the ball to F6 who fields and throws to F3. The ball is high and deflects from F3's glove into the dugout. The umpire awards B1 two bases from the last base touched at the time of the throw, which is 2B.		
88	It is not interference when a batted ball is misplayed, and the ball bounds away or past the fielder, and then the fielder and runner collide.		
89	R1 on 1B. B2 hits a high fly ball to the centre field and the ball bounces over the outfield fence. R1 touched 2 <sup>nd</sup> base <b>before</b> the ball bounced over the outfield fence. RULING: R1 is awarded home while B1 stands on 2B on a regulation double.		

90	<p>Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.</p> <p><a href="https://youtu.be/wNBL-g2GwKA">https://youtu.be/wNBL-g2GwKA</a></p> <p>B4 drops a bunt and the bat makes contact with the ball in fair territory. F2 still manages to pick up the ball and make a play on 1B. The batter-runner should always be called out when the bat makes contact with a batted ball on fair territory.</p>		
91	<p>A Temporary Runner is used to replace the F2 of record from the previous defensive inning who is now on base with two out. This must be reported to the PU.</p>		
92	<p>The Head Coach of a team is ejected from the game for using abusive language to an umpire. Is it a requirement for the Head Coach to provide the umpire with the name of the person who is to assume the Head Coach role for the rest of the game?</p>		
93	<p>A runner is out if he runs bases in reverse order, either to confuse the fielders, or to make a travesty of the game.</p>		
94	<p>R1 on 1B with no outs. B3 bats in place of B2 and hits into a fielder's choice, forcing R1 out at 2B. After the play, the defense now properly appeals batting out-of-order. Ruling: R1 remains out, B2 who should have batted is out, and B3 is taken off 1B and is now starting his turn at bat to reinstate the proper batting order.</p>		
95	<p>Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.</p> <p><a href="https://youtu.be/w4ib2lO69og">https://youtu.be/w4ib2lO69og</a></p> <p>R1 on 1B, B7 hits a ground ball to F3, which deflects and hits R1 while running toward 2B. RULING: Dead ball, R1 should be called out for interference and B7 is awarded 1B on the play.</p>		
96	<p>The ball remains alive when the runners have reached the bases to which they are entitled after a fielder has illegally fielded a batted, thrown or pitched ball.</p>		
97	<p>R1 is on 2B with two outs, B4 hits a high fly ball, which F6 can catch with little effort. R1 advancing to 3B collides with F6 who still manages to complete the catch. Interference is ruled against R1, which results in the third out. The fact that F6 caught the ball is nullified and B4 is awarded 1B. The leadoff batter in the next inning will then be B5.</p>		
98	<p>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 to get B2 on a bang-bang play. Ruling: The umpire can ignore the interference by R1 as the defense was not disadvantaged and turned a double play.</p>		
99	<p>A 'Fake Tag' is a form of obstruction on a runner, while advancing or returning to a base, by a fielder who is not in possession of the ball and impedes the progress of the runner.</p>		
100	<p>Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.</p> <p><a href="https://youtu.be/pACiZjp9jus">https://youtu.be/pACiZjp9jus</a></p> <p>B2 hits a sharp line drive that deflects off the foot of F1 and is caught by F6. The out called on 1B is an appeal play.</p>		

# SNZ UMPIRES ANNUAL RULES TEST 2020 – Levels 4-7

## ANSWER SHEET

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Q	T/F	Q	T/F	Q	T/F	Q	T/F	Q	T/F
1		21		41		61		81	
2		22		42		62		82	
3		23		43		63		83	
4		24		44		64		84	
5		25		45		65		85	
6		26		46		66		86	
7		27		47		67		87	
8		28		48		68		88	
9		29		49		69		89	
10		30		50		70		90	
11		31		51		71		91	
12		32		52		72		92	
13		33		53		73		93	
14		34		54		74		94	
15		35		55		75		95	
16		36		56		76		96	
17		37		57		77		97	
18		38		58		78		98	
19		39		59		79		99	
20		40		60		80		100	

Return **this page only** if you are submitting written answers (instead of completing test online) to:

Email: [debeau12@gmail.com](mailto:debeau12@gmail.com) OR send to: Dave Beaumont  
C/- 33 Marriotts Road  
North New Brighton  
Christchurch 8083