

# **SNZ Rules Exam for levels 1 to 3 2021:**

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### **SNZ UMPIRES ANNUAL RULES TEST 2021 – 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 Level 4-7 rules test instead.

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

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Welcome to the 2021 SNZ Rules Exam for umpires at Levels 1-3.**

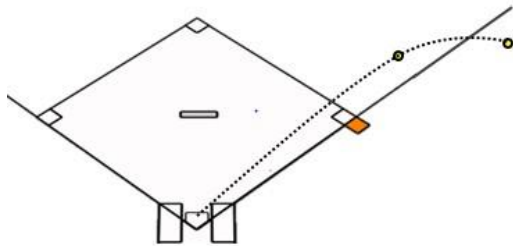
**This exam is designed to assess your rules knowledge ahead of the upcoming season and should be used as a learning tool to uncover areas where you might need more study in the future. That's why we are using a new format this year with fewer questions and a multiple choice exam with 3 possible answers instead of the usual True or False used in the past. Finally, this exam is now only available online and has a time limit of 30 minutes, so once you start you will see the clock timer at the bottom of the screen will be ticking. Good luck!**

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. Answer strictly according to the Rule Book and NOT local bylaws and/or ground rules.
2. **This Rules Test is now ONLY offered as an online test and includes 25 questions.** Please provide your answers using the online test link provided, you will receive your score immediately after you press the submit button.

3. All answers have 3 possible options and are worth 2 marks each for a total of 50 marks. Although everyone will get the same version of the exam, question order will be randomized.
4. Please select your answer by clicking on one of the 3 button options. **Once you begin, you will have 30 minutes to complete the exam**, you will see a countdown timer at the bottom of the screen. If time runs out before you submit, all the answers provided will be submitted automatically for you, you won't lose anything!
5. At the end of the test, press **Submit** and you will see your score immediately. You can only take the test once.
6. Completion of this test is to be done individually and **not as a group** to make sure you can assess your own knowledge. After the exam period has closed, we strongly encourage you to review the exam with your fellow umpires within your local association as a training session for the upcoming season.
7. If you have any questions, please email: [debeau12@gmail.com](mailto:debeau12@gmail.com)
8. **The Rules Test will close on Sunday 12 September 2021 at 23:59.** Answers and results will be emailed to each individual and also posted on the SNZ Umpires website shortly after the closing date.

1. A batted ball first touches the outfield in fair territory, then rolls over the line (2 points) into foul territory where it comes to rest.

RULING:



- Fair ball
- Foul ball
- Will be declared Foul only when a fielder will pickup the ball in foul territory

**Explanation:** 5.1.16

2. R1 on 1B. The batter (B2) hits a ground ball to F4. The ball rolls out of F4's (2 points) glove.

F4 is reaching down to pick up the ball when R1 collides with them.

RULING:

- Obstruction by F4, award R1 2B and B2 1B.
- Interference, Dead ball, declare R1 out, award B2 1B.
- Play on, F4 had a go at fielding the batted ball, ball is live, runners may advance at own jeopardy.

**Explanation:** 5.5.2 b) iii

3. Watch this video of a match situation:

(2 points)

<https://youtu.be/uY11XhEpaJw>

RULING:

- No catch as F7 caught the ball over the fence line and fell into dead ball territory, this is a homerun.
- Legal catch and runners on base may tag up and advance at their own risk when the ball is first touched by F7
- Legal catch but the ball is now dead and any runners on base are awarded one extra base from last base touched at the time the fielder left the field of play.

**Explanation:** catch and carry, 5.11 effect a) ii 3)

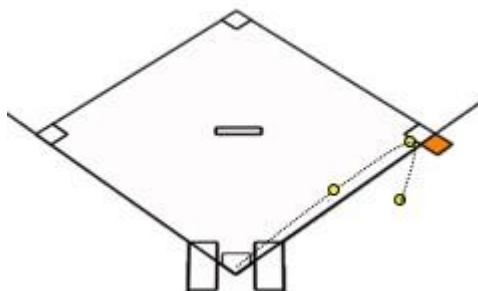
4. If the pitch slips or drops from the pitcher's hand during the delivery, the plate umpire shall declare: (2 points)

- A ball on the batter, the ball remains live and runners may advance at their own risk.
- Illegal pitch, extra ball on the batter, runners advance one base.
- Dead ball, extra ball on the batter's count, runners return to base at time of the pitch.

**Explanation:** 4.6

5. A batted ball hits the fair (white) portion of 1<sup>st</sup> base, rolls and comes to rest in foul territory. (2 points)

RULING:



- Fair
- Foul
- Always a Dead ball when it touches any base, home plate or pitching plate

**Explanation:** 5.1.16

6. One out, R1 on 3B. The batter hits the ball to F3 who fields the ball and runs toward the batter. (2 points)

The batter-runner stops and takes one step back towards home plate while F1 attempts a tag.

R1 crosses home plate. **After** R1 has scored the batter-runner is tagged by F3.

RULING:

- Run scores, batter-runner is out on the force and we now have 2 outs.
- Dead ball, batter is out, the run does not count and R1 must return to 3<sup>rd</sup> base.
- Batter is out for avoiding a tag, ball remains live, and R1 scores, we now have 2 outs.

**Explanation:** 5.5.2 b) xii

7. Watch this video of a match situation: (2 points)

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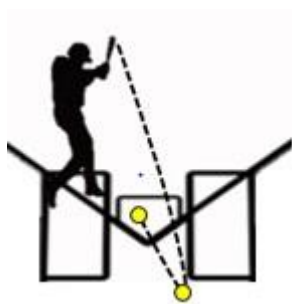
RULING:

- R7 is called safe home, no tag
- R7 ran beyond homeplate so should be called out for running the bases in reverse order.
- Catcher obstructed R7, delayed dead ball, R7 should be called safe on the obstruction.

**Explanation:** 5.10.4 b), R7 did not go outside the 1m base path to avoid a tag.

8. A batted ball first touches the ground in foul territory, spins back and comes to rest on home plate. (2 points)

RULING:



- Foul ball
- Fair ball
- Dead ball

**Explanation:** 5.1.16

9. One out, R1 on 2B, R2 on 1B. B4 hits a fly ball to F4. The umpires call “Infield Fly” (2 points)

F4 misses the catch, quickly picks the ball up from the ground and tags R2 advancing from 1<sup>st</sup> base.

**RULING:**

- Infield fly, batter is out, ball is dead, runners return to base at time of the pitch.
- Both the batter and R2 are out.
- Intentional drop by F4, batter is out on infield fly rule, ball is now dead so runners return to base at time of the pitch.

**Explanation:** 5.5.2 a) v

10. A batted ball is fielded by 3rd base (F5) over the foul line with both their feet inside the diamond (2 points)

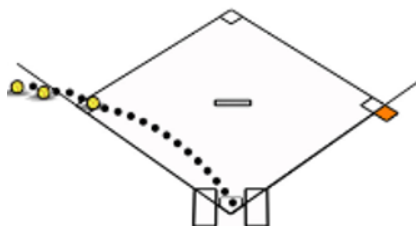


**RULING:**

- Foul ball because the ball is first touched over foul territory.
- Foul ball because F5's hand is touching the ground in foul territory.
- Fair ball because F5's feet are in contact with the ground in fair territory.

**Explanation:** 5.1.16

11. A batted ball hits 3rd base, rolls and comes to rest in outfield foul territory. (2 points)



**RULING:**

- Always a fair ball when it touches any base, including home plate
- Always a Dead ball when it touches any base, excluding home plate or pitching plate
- Foul as it ended up in foul territory

**Explanation:** 5.1.16

12. A batted ball hits the batter standing in the batter's box. (2 points)



**RULING:**

- Foul
- Dead ball.
- Fair ball, play on.

**Explanation:** 5.4.3 d) iv

13. A pitch crosses the plate with the top of the ball at the bottom of the batter's kneecap. (2 points)

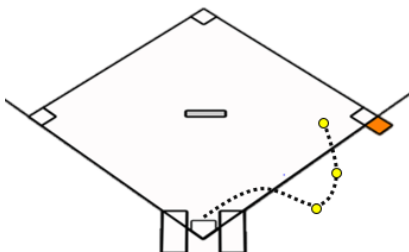


RULING:

- Strike
- Ball
- Dead Ball

**Explanation:** 5.1.41

14. A batted ball hit into foul territory before passing 1st base spins back into the (2 points) infield and comes to rest.



RULING:

- Fair ball
- Foul ball
- Foul because it touched foul territory first

**Explanation:** 5.1.16

15. A team has a designated player (DP) in the 4th slot in their line-up batting for the pitcher (F1). (2 points)

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.
- F1 is listed as the Flex in the original line-up so can only field, not bat.
- This change will be treated as an illegal re-entry if legally appealed by the offense.

**Explanation:** 3.2.3 e)

16. A batted ball is fielded by 3rd base (F5) on the foul line with one foot in foul territory. (2 points)



**RULING:**

- Foul ball
- Fair ball
- Foul ball as one of F5's feet is touching the ground into foul territory

**Explanation:** 5.1.16



17. All fielding players must be standing in fair territory before a pitch is delivered. (2 points)

- True
- True, except the catcher
- There are no restrictions on where the fielding players can be standing as long as they are within the playing field (includes fair or foul territory).

**Explanation:** 4.3.1 a)

18. 1 ball, 2 strike count on the batter. (2 points)

The next pitch is bunted into fair territory.

**RULING:**



- Fair ball
- Batter is out, bunting is illegal with 2 strikes
- Dead ball

**Explanation:** 5.1.8

19. The batter hits a line drive to 3rd base fielder (F5). (2 points)

The ball deflects off F5's glove in flight and is caught by the shortstop (F6).

**RULING:**

- Legal catch, batter is out.
- Fair ball, no catch, ball is live.
- Legal catch and runners on base can tag up only after the catch is secured in F6's glove.

**Explanation:** 5.1.9

20. A batted ball hitting either part of the double base is: (2 points)



- only a fair ball if part of the ball touches the white portion of the bag.
- always a foul ball
- always a dead ball

**Explanation:** 5.6 a i

21. 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: (2 points)

- considered a form of obstruction and is a delayed dead ball.
- is legal and the runner is in jeopardy to be put out if they can't stay in contact with the base.
- considered a form of interference and the ball is dead.

**Explanation:** 5.1.32 b 4

22. Watch this video of a match situation: (2 points)

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B1 has a 2-1 count, 1 out and R2 on 2B. Next pitch is called a strike as R2 attempts a steal.

RULING:

- Live ball, play on
- Batter out, advance R1 to 3B
- Dead Ball. batter out, return R1 to 2B

**Explanation:** 5.4.4 c) ii, batter in box has to "intentionally" interfere with catcher's throw to be called out.

23. When the ball is in play and overthrown by a fielder beyond the boundary line or is blocked, all runners are awarded: (2 points)

- one base from the time of the throw
- two bases from the time of the throw.
- two bases from the time of the pitch.

**Explanation:** 5.11 Effects b) ii

24. It is considered a legal tag when a fielder touches a runner: (2 points)

- with the hand while the ball is held in the glove.
- with the ball, while held in the bare hand and not the glove.
- with the ball, but ONLY when held in the glove.

**Explanation:** 5.1.42 a

25. The catcher retrieves a dropped third strike dribbling on the first base foul territory side, and throws to F4 covering 1B and touching the foul portion of the double base. The throw contacts batter-runner B1 who is running just inside the fair territory side. (2 points)

RULING:

- B1 is out on interference for running outside the running lane.
- Ball is live, play on.
- Ball is dead, B1 is awarded 1B.

**Explanation:** 5.6 a) ii

26. please enter your email address to receive your answer results at the closing date.

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27. Provide the region where you are based as an umpire (i.e Auckland, Canterbury etc)

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