

2022 Annual Rules exam Levels 1 to 3: Warning: Once you press Start, you have 60 mins to complete, good luck!

SNZ UMPIRES ANNUAL RULES TEST 2022 – 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 2022-2025 and relates to Fast Pitch only. You may also use the WBSC 2022-2025 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:

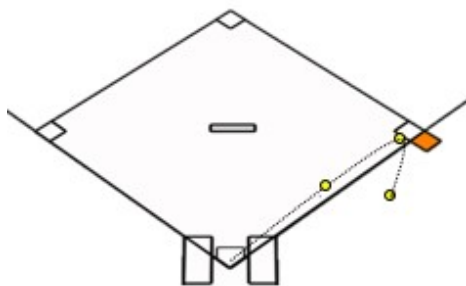
Welcome to the 2022 SNZ Rules Exam for umpires at Levels 1-3.

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. As in 2021, we are using a 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 60 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 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 may be randomized.
4. Please select your answer by clicking on one of the 3 button options. **Once you begin, you will have 60 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

8. **The Rules Test will close on Sunday 4 September 2022 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. The ball is considered to be "outside of the playing field", when it touches: (2 points)
- the ground, or a person on the ground outside the playing area
 - an object outside the playing area.
 - both those scenarios are considered as "outside of the playing field".
2. 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.
3. In the top of the 5th inning, the coach advises the plate umpire that #3 (David Brown) will bat for starting player #80 (Walter Jones). (2 points)
- illegal substitution
 - only legal if #3 was the FLEX at the start of the game
 - this is allowed by the umpire
4. A pitched ball that is deemed a passed ball: (2 points)
- is a delayed dead ball.
 - remains alive and the ball is in play.
 - is considered a blocked ball.
5. After completing the top of the 4th inning, the Otago team has 1 run and Hawkes Bay (batting second) has 10 runs. (2 points)
- Hawkes Bay are declared winners on the run ahead rule and the bottom 4th inning does not need to be played out.
 - Hawkes Bay wins on run ahead rule but still have to play the inning.
 - the game must continue into the bottom of the 4th inning
6. A batted ball hits the fair (white) portion of 1st 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

7. Click on the link below to watch a video clip of a match situation.

(2 points)

Q30: batter in box

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B5 steps behind the back line in the batter's box and returns inside the box before making contact with the ball.

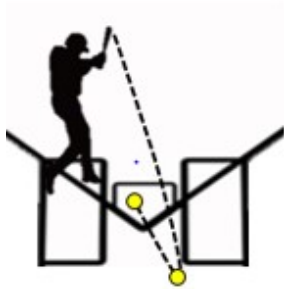
RULING:

- this is NOT a batting out of the box violation because B5 was inside the box when contact was made.
- B5 is called out for batting outside the box but only if the batted ball is in fair territory, not on a foul.
- B5 is called out for batting out of the box if they make contact with the ball, whether it is fair or

foul.

8. F1 throws the first two pitches with a legal windmill delivery, and the next pitch is thrown (2 points) with a "slingshot" delivery.
- this is an illegal pitch
 - the pitcher cannot change his delivery during a turn at bat, declare a ball on the batter.
 - this is a legal delivery.
9. The base distance is found to be incorrect part way through an inning. Can the umpire (2 points) have the distance corrected at that point?
- too late, the game must be completed with the current field setup.
 - the distance between the bases should be corrected immediately.
 - the base distance can be rectified but only at the top of the next inning
10. A batted ball first touches the ground in foul territory, spins back and comes to rest on (2 points) home plate.

RULING:



- Foul ball
 - Fair ball
 - Dead ball
11. When a coach intentionally interferes with a thrown ball, while in the coach's box, and (2 points) there are multiple runners on base:
- the ball is dead and the coach is ejected
 - the ball is dead and the runner being played on at the base where the interference occurred is called out
 - the ball is dead and the runner closest to home is called out
12. A batted ball is fielded by 3rd base (F5) over the foul line with both their feet inside the (2 points) diamond.

**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.

13. 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 F3 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 3rd base.
- Batter is out for avoiding a tag, ball remains live, and R1 scores, we now have 2 outs.

14. 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 1st 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.

15. Watch this video of a match situation:

(2 points)



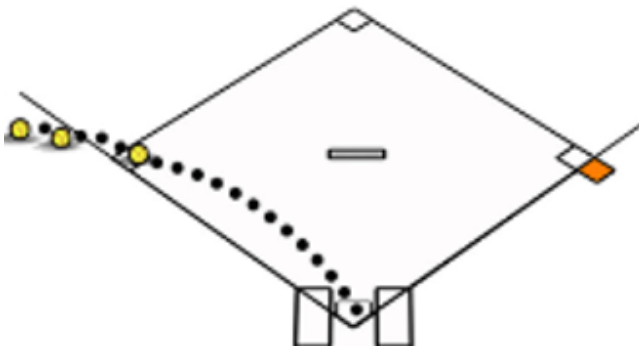
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RULING:

- 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.

16. 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, excluding 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

17.



(2 points)

A batted ball hits the batter standing in the batter's box.

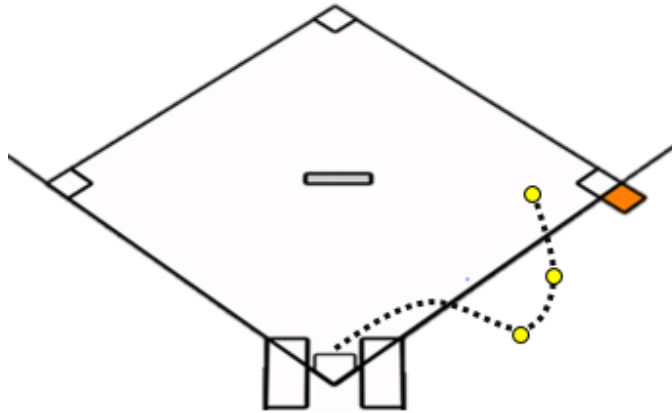
RULING:

- Foul
- Dead ball.
- Fair ball, play on.
18. 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.
19. 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).
20. A batted ball hit into foul territory before passing 1st base spins back into the infield and (2 points) comes to rest.

**RULING:**

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

21. 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 outfielder (F7).

RULING:

- Legal catch, batter is out.
- Fair ball, no catch, ball is live.
- Legal catch and runners on base can tag up but only after the catch is secured in F7's glove.

22. 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.

23. Once the umpire calls "play ball", the pitcher: (2 points)



- has 10 seconds to release the next pitch.
 - has 20 seconds to release the next pitch.
 - can release the next pitch anytime without a time limit
24. 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.
25. 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.
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