



SNZ UMPIRES ANNUAL RULES TEST 2016

Level 1 to 3

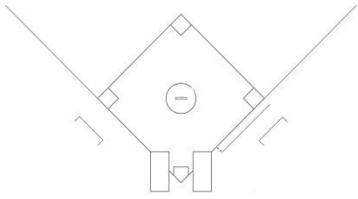
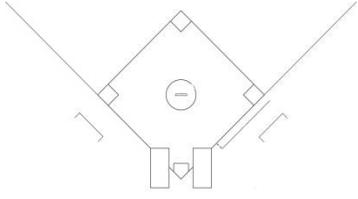
PRE-AMBLE: This Annual Rules Test is based on the New Zealand Rule Book - as revised August 2014 and relates to Fast Pitch only.

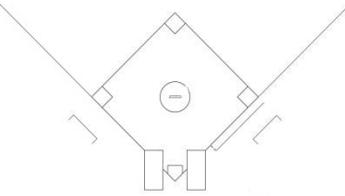
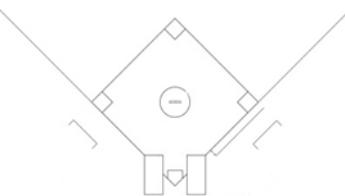
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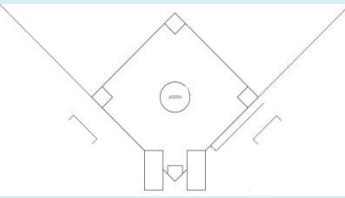
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| FOR FIELDERS: | F1 = Pitcher; | F2 = Catcher; | F3 = 1st Base; | F4 = 2nd Base; | |
| | F5 = 3rd Base; | F6 = Shortstop; | F7 = Left Field; | F8 = Centre Field; | F9 = Right Field. |
| FOR RUNNERS: | R1 is always the lead runner, followed by R2, 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 st Base; 2B = 2 nd base; 3B = 3 rd base; HP = Home plate | | | | |
| FOR THE UMPIRES: | PU = Plate Umpire; BU = Base Umpire; U1 = 1 st base Umpire; U3 = 3 rd base umpire | | | | |

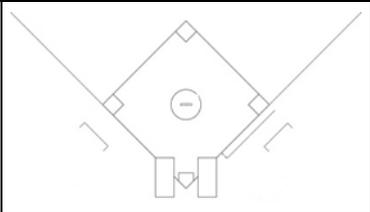
INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) This Rules Test is an **Open Book Test**. You may use the New Zealand Rule Book to answer the questions. We highly recommend you do so. Answer strictly according to the New Zealand Rule Book and **NOT** local bylaws and/or ground rules.
- 2) Only the answer sheet (page 6) of this Rules Test is to be returned for marking. You should retain the question portion for your records and further study.
- 3) There are 25 questions in total.
- 4) Writing of this test is to be done by individuals and not as a group to ensure the test is beneficial to the individual.
- 5) All answers are either TRUE/FALSE and are worth (1) mark each (a total of 25 marks).
- 6) Please indicate your answer by writing on the answer sheet **T** or **F**
- 7) Copy your answers to the true/false column on the question paper for your own reference later, and use the diamonds for plays.
- 8) Answer sheets can be typed in or scanned and emailed to spendennis@outlook.co.nz, or can be posted to Dennis Smith. 9 Botany Lane, Whitby. If sending by post, where possible please provide an email address as your mark will be emailed to you.
- 9) The Rules Test will close **Monday May 16th 2016**. Answers will be posted on the SNZ Umpires Website **Friday May 20th 2016**.

| | Question | Answer | Diamond |
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| 1 | A fielder catches a batted ball in the glove and drops the ball while transferring to the throwing hand. Ruling: This is not a legal catch and the batter is called SAFE. | |  |
| 2 | B5 hits a short fly ball to right field that lands on the foul line and bounces slowly into foul territory. Ruling: FAIR ball | | |
| 3 | A batter-runner is a player who has finished his turn at bat but has not yet been put out or has touched first base. | | |
| 4 | When a batter has two strikes and he bunts the next pitch which goes foul, he is automatically out, this does not apply to a slap hit.. | | |
| 5 | R1 is on 1B. B2 hits a sharp ground ball to F3, who first touches 1B and then touches R1 who is standing on 1B. Ruling: The umpire rules two out on the double play. | |  |
| 6 | A fielder is defined as any defensive player of the team on the field. | | |
| 7 | A force out can be accomplished by either tagging the runner or tagging the base the runner is forced to.. | | |
| 8 | A batter-runner over runs first base and then in returning to first base, turns left and returns in the fair territory. He will be declared out if tagged before returning to first base. | | |
| 9 | B3 hits a line drive up the middle that hits the pitching plate and bounces back untouched by any fielder in foul territory between home and 1B. Ruling: FAIR ball. | | |

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| 10 | <p>B5 hits a long fly ball in left field that bounces off the foul pole above the fence line and returns back onto the playing field in fair territory. Ruling: This is a homerun.</p> | | |
| 11 | <p>R1 on 1B attempts to steal 2B and takes off when the ball leaves the pitcher's hand. B1 swings and nicks the ball that deflects back into the catcher's mitt for a foul tip. R1 reaches 2B with no throw attempted by the catcher. Ruling: Umpire signals foul ball and R1 must return to 1B.</p> | |  |
| 12 | <p>One out with R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B. B3 hits a high fly ball inside the diamond towards the shortstop. The plate umpire signals "Infield Fly", batter out. The ball is now dead and runners may not advance to the next base regardless if the ball is caught or not.</p> | | |
| 13 | <p>A legally batted ball hits the batter's foot while he is still in the batter's box. It rolls towards 1B and comes to rest on the line between Home & 1B. Ruling: Dead ball</p> | | |
| 14 | <p>B5 hits a sharp ground ball to the shortstop F6 who bobbles the ball before recovering it and making a rushed throw to F3. The ball hits the ground and bounces over the fence into dead ball territory. B5 had not reached 1B when the throw was made. RULING: Dead ball, B5 is awarded 2B.</p> | | |
| 15 | <p>B6 swings and just manages to hit the ball that deflects on the foul side of the 1st base line between home and 1B. There is a huge amount of spin on the ball and suddenly it bounces back into fair territory where F1 picks it up and throws to 1B. B6 thinks this is a foul ball and is still standing in the batter's box. Ruling: FOUL ball as it first touches the ground on foul territory.</p> | |  |

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| 16 | <p>R1 on 3B and R2 on 2B with 2 outs. B4 hits a slow ground ball towards the shortstop F6 who charges in on the play. R2 who is a fast runner reaches home plate before F6 makes the throw to F3 to retire B4 on 1B. Ruling: As the third out is on the force play, the run doesn't score.</p> | |  |
| 17 | <p>A legal touch (Tag) is the action of the fielder touching (Tagging) a batter-runner or runner who is not in contact with a base, with the ball or the glove in which the ball is held, or a fielder touching a base with any part of his body, as long as the ball is firmly held in the hand(s) or glove.</p> | | |
| 18 | <p>R1 on 2B, 1 out, B8 hits a long fly ball to F9. Expecting a catch, R1 tags up on 2B waiting for the catch. F9 manages to get under the ball, and as it drops in his glove, he bobbles the ball and nearly drops it before securing it with his other hand before it hits the ground. The base umpire now out in the field signals the out. In the meantime, R1 leaves the bag on 2B when first touched by F9 but before he actually caught it. The defence now appeals for R1 leaving early. Ruling: R1 is safe on 3B.</p> | | |
| 19 | <p>B5 hits a line drive directly back to the pitcher and the ball deflects off his chest and rolls into foul territory between home and 3B. B5 reaches 1B safely and stays on the bag. Ruling: FOUL ball.</p> | | |
| 20 | <p>If a player over slides any base except first base, he places himself in jeopardy and can be tagged out..</p> | | |
| 21 | <p>A pitched ball enters the batter's box and touches the batter's sleeve as he is trying to avoid being hit. The umpire would award the batter 1st base. Runners will advance only if forced.</p> | | |
| 22 | <p>When 1st base is occupied and there is less than two outs, the batter is automatically out when the third strike is dropped by the catcher.</p> | | |

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| 23 | <p>The double base at 1B (Also known as the safety base) is designed to prevent an accident. For this reason the fielder must use the fair portion and the batter-runner must use the foul portion when a play is made at 1B.</p> <p>The exception to this rule is when the throw is coming from the 1st base foul area. The fielder and the batter-runner may then use either portion.</p> | |  |
| 24 | <p>In order to call a strike, the entire ball must be over the home plate and must be at such a height as to be between the batter's knees and his armpits.</p> | | |
| 25 | <p>If the batter makes contact with the bat on ball, with any part of his foot on the ground, out of the batter's box, he is automatically out.</p> | | |

SNZ RULES TEST ANSWER SHEET 2016

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Check your answers – Send **ONLY THIS SHEET** for marking – this is an OPEN BOOK TEST

A reminder this Rules Test closes Monday 16th May.

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