

# Softball New Zealand Scorers Theory

Marks

## Examination 2016

The entire exam will be answered in this booklet.

### Marks:

Section 1: Theory questions - 35 Marks

Some of these questions are multiple choice questions.

Section 2: Game Scoring - 35 Marks

You are asked to score one side of a game - you will need to do the end of innings analysis.

Section 3: Analysis - 25 Marks

You will need to analyse a full game - with the exception for the end of innings analysis.

Section 4: Neatness - 5 marks

The pass mark is 70%.

Section 1	/35
Section 2	/35
Section 3	/25
Section 4	/5
Final Mark	%

### Time:

You will have 3 hours to complete the examination.

Scorers may have up to 10 minutes reading time before the exam. Ensure that you leave enough time for the whole exam.

### General Information:

If there is something you don't know, leave it and move on - you may have time to come back to it.

This is an open book exam which means that you may use Softball New Zealand Scorers Manual and/or the Softball New Zealand Rule Book to refer to during the exam.

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## Section 1 Theory Questions

Where you are given two options either circle your answer OR delete the incorrect answer.

1. Give the full symbols for: (batter numbers not required).

a	An illegal substitute discovered at first base	IS3
b	A pop up bunt caught by the catcher	<del>∞</del> F2
c	Batter hitting a ball to right field who takes the batter/runner out at first	93
d	A hit which hits the ground midway between centre and right field and goes over the fence	+ 89A
e	Batter runs into second base fielding a ball - OUT.	IR4
f	Fly ball caught by shortstop in foul territory	FF6
g	On a good throw from shortstop the baserunner is called safe at 2nd base, because the second baseman dropped the ball.	6E4
h	The batter/baserunner is safe at first, on the same play.	FC 64
j	Catchers Obstruction	CO E2
k	Fair ball which bounces over the fence midway between centre and left-field.	+ 78A

(5 Marks)

2. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE?

a	A runner called out for running outside the 90cm line to avoid a tag is scored as AT.	TRUE/ <del>FALSE</del>
b	A fly ball caught with less than two down and a runner on 1st is an Infield Fly.	<del>TRUE</del> /FALSE
c	A player used as a blood bin replacement for only two outs may not play again in the game.	<del>TRUE</del> /FALSE
d	Where two players advance on one wild pitch, only one wild pitch is credited against the pitcher.	TRUE/ <del>FALSE</del>
e	A short stop who throws a ball to first base, who drops it, resulting in the runner making base safely cannot get an assist.	<del>TRUE</del> /FALSE
f	A batter who gets hit with a pitch with loaded bases gets an RBI.	TRUE/ <del>FALSE</del>
g	If there are no Errors or Passed Balls in the innings, all runs must be earned.	TRUE/ <del>FALSE</del>
h	If a baserunner is called OUT for leaving early, it is a strike on the batter	<del>TRUE</del> /FALSE

(4 Marks)

3 Do these plays result in a Reach Base for the batter?

a	FC where a preceding runner is taken out	<del>YES</del> /NO
b	FC where no runner is taken out	YES/ <del>NO</del>
c	SHFE9	YES/ <del>NO</del>
d	Ka	<del>YES</del> /NO
e	KWP	YES/ <del>NO</del>
f	MTB	<del>YES</del> /NO
g	BB	YES/ <del>NO</del>
h	HP	YES/ <del>NO</del>

(4 Marks)

4 Are the following situations OUT errors or ADVANCE errors

a	9E2	<del>ADVANCE</del> /OUT	c	(2)E3	ADVANCE/ <del>OUT</del>
b	E72	ADVANCE/ <del>OUT</del>	d	FFE9	<del>ADVANCE</del> /OUT

(2 Marks)

5 What is the difference between Advance and Out Errors in respect to Earned Runs?

An out error is one in which the batter/runner would have been out had errorless play occurred. An advance error is one which prolongs the life of the runner – ie the runner would not have been out. Therefore even though an advance error occurs on a runner, that run MAY still result in being earned, whereas whenever there is an out error on a runner, that run can never be earned.

(1 Mark)

6 What would you score on the following plays?

a)	Runner on 3rd, pitcher pitches a wild pitch, ball is picked up and retrieved by the catcher who throws the ball back to the pitcher covering home plate for the OUT.	2T1
b)	With no runners on base, and 3 balls on the batter, the umpire calls an extra ball on the catcher for failing to directly return the ball to the pitcher resulting in a walk.	BB
c)	A wild pitch on the batter on the fourth ball, allowing the batter to go to 2nd – what do you score for the batter going to 1st?	BB
d)	And in the same play in (c) above going to 2nd?	WP

(2 Marks)

- 7 Name four different situations that the Illegal Running (IR) symbol covers.

Any Four of these	Running outside the 1 metre line, thus interfering with the throw. (Note: This has no connection with 'AT')(Rule 8, Sec. 2 g)
	Running bases in reverse(Rule 8, Sec. 9 r)
	Passing Preceding Runner(Rule 8, Sec. 9 e)
	Failure to return after suspension of play(Rule 8, Sec. 9 d)
	Removing batting helmet(Rule 3, Sec. 6 e)
	Off base when the pitcher has the ball(Rule 8, Sec. 9 v) (unless stealing – see 3.L.3)

(4 Marks)

- 8 The starting pitcher is replaced in the bottom of the 7th innings, when the team is winning with loaded bases. There are no outs and the count on the batter in the box is 3 balls and 0 strikes.

a	If the batter gets a walk, which pitcher gets charged with the walk?	<del>STARTING</del> ≠ <del>REPLACEMENT</del>
b	If the batter hits a home run who is credited with the loss?	<del>STARTING</del> ≠ REPLACEMENT
c	If the batter gets a walk, and then the next batter hits a home run how many runs are credited against the first pitcher?	3 RUNS
d	In the situation above how many runs are credited against the 2nd pitcher?	1 RUNS

(2 Marks)

- 9 Give the formulas for, and work out the following averages. There is 1 mark for each formula and working, and 1 mark for each correct average written in the correct format.

- a) A batter comes into the batters box 43 times, and gets 8 Hits, 5 Walks, and 2 SH's. The batting average is.....

	Formula	Working	Average
a	$H/AB$	$\frac{8}{43-5-2}$	$\frac{8}{36}$ .222

(2 Marks)

- b) A pitcher pitches 35 innings and gives up 6 Earned Runs. The Earned Run Average is.....

	Formula	Working	Average
a	$\frac{ER \times 7}{INN}$	$\frac{6 \times 7}{35}$	$\frac{42}{35}$ 1.40

(2 Marks)

10 What three things are recorded in the Catching Summary?

a	Passed Balls
b	Stolen Bases
c	Caught Stealing

(3Marks)

11 Where should you find each of the following information when proving the box score?

a	Runs	Total Runs scored by the team.
b	LOB	Total Runners left on base.
c	POS	Total Putouts made by the opposing team. Add up the PO column in the fielding analysis from the opposite side of the sheet.
D	-TB	Subtract 1 for each innings that started with a runner on base.
e	AB	Add up the AB column.
f	BB	Add up the BB column (include IBBs).
g	SH	Add up the SH column.
h	HP/CO	Add up the HP and CO columns

(4 Marks)

Total Section 1 Mark

/35

Page Mark

/7

## Section 2

The game is the Rangers versus Aces, on Diamond 1 at West Stadium. Rangers will field first. You will only score Rangers side of the game.

Fill out the lineup from the roster supplied on the right.

You are only scoring the Rangers batting, however you will need to do the end of innings analysis, including the ball and strike counts. The pitches are marked in italics.

Assume that all fouls are to the catcher unless indicated by a notation after it (1B = 1<sup>st</sup> base line, 3B = 3<sup>rd</sup> base line, LF = Left Field, RF = Right field)

There will be times that you may need to make assumptions and make judgement calls about what to score. This should be based on your knowledge of game situations.

"Batter" will mean the batter in the box at the time of the play.

"Baserunner" will mean baserunner(s) on base at the time of the play.

"Batter/Baserunner" will mean the batter who then becomes a baserunner as a result of the play and making 1<sup>st</sup> base safely.

Substitutions and Fielding Changes notified by the coaches are indicated in italics. Changes are made using shirt numbers eg #3. Exception is for fielding changes where positions may be used.

The game commentary for answering this section is at the back of this answer booklet in the appendix. Detach it and use to answer on the scoresheet provided in this booklet.

Batting Order.	Shirt No.	NAME		Pos.
		(First)	(Surname)	
1	8	Debbie	NEWTON	9
2	12	Ashleigh	WINTER	6
3	11	Jasmine	MURPHY	3
4	21	Tayla	WHITE	8
5	1	Paula	MADISON	2
6	22	Danielle	FOX	5
7	24	Kayla	McKENNA	DP
8	15	Breanna	ROBERTSON	4
9	27	Charlie	ELLIOTT	7
10	20	Mandy	GALLAGHER	1
11	18	Rebecca	BROWN	DR
		SUBSTITUTES		
A	16	Michelle	THOMPSON	
B	28	Lucy	HALL	
C	23	Emma	WILLIAMS	
D	3	Reece	FOX	

RANGERS

Vs. OCEANS

VENUE WEST STADIUM Dia 1 DATE 15/5/2016

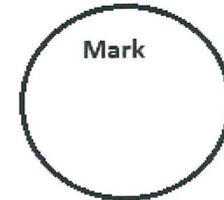
TOP	BOTTOM	Inn	Inn	S	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No	PLAYERS	Pos	Pos	Pos										
1	Debbie NEWTON	9				1	1		46					
12	Ashleigh WINTER	6				36	2		63					
11	Jasmine MURPHY	3				5	3		9					
21	Taylor WHITE Emma WILLIAMS	9			4	5			9					
1	Paula MADISON Lucy HALL	2			4	6			3					
21	Danielle FOX	5				3			Game					
24	Kayla McKENNA	1												
20	Mandy GALLAGHER	1												
15	Breanna ROBERTSON	4												
27	Charlie ELLIOTT	7												
18	Rebecca BROWN													
16	Michelle THOMPSON													
28	Lucy HALL													
23	Emma WILLIAMS													
3	Reece FOX													
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Game Scoring Section

Fill in the scoresheet with the lineup provided to you.

Score the game.

You are required to complete the end of innings analysis.



NAME: MASTER ANSWER.



### Section 3 Analysis

Analyse the game on the next pages in this booklet.

The end of innings analysis and part of the batting, pitching and fielding analysis has already been done for you. You will need to analyse the rest of the game, including the necessary batting, fielding, pitching and end of innings summaries.

If you are running short of time at this point, don't panic. If you rush you are likely to make silly mistakes. It is better to get most of it done with very few mistakes, than to finish it with lots of mistakes.

You can get more than half the marks allocated to this section by analysing one side of the scoresheet completely, because this gives you the chance to prove that you are able to do each part of the analysis.

The white dot in the middle of each run, is there for you to indicate earned runs. Colour it in if you work the run out to be an Earned Run.

Analysis Mark
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/25
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STARS			Vs. ASTROS			VENUE LUNAR PARK										Dia 1		DATE 15-5-2016																								
TOP	BOTTOM		Inn	Inn	Inn	S	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	PA	AB	BB	SH	CO	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	K	SB	CS	DE	FC	R	RA	RA	A	PO	E	Pos				
1	3	Mark SMITH	2					FC 2 a <sub>r</sub> 2 BB		FC 5 BB		2 H3					3	1	2																							
2	7	Dave JACKSON	6	5				1 4-3		2 53		3 K					3	3																								
3	17	Ash LEWIS	9	3				9 BB		FC 7 C							2	2				1																				
	2	Simon FINDLAY	1					6 BB		FC 7 C																																
4	15	Rick MCKENZIE	1	3				3 F6		3 F1							2	2																								
5	5	Mason WILLIAMS	3					CX-2		2X-3-2							2	2																								
6	1	Ben CHALMERS	9	3				2 F7				1 63					2	2																								
7	11	Luke HOKIANGA	4					2 BB				2 K					2	1	1																							
8	6	Kawiri STEVENS	5	6				3 63				1 13					1	1																								
	9	Adam LYONS	9	1				3 63				1 13																														
9	4	Shawn CARR	8					5 HP		5 WP		5 63					2	1																								
9	9	Logan CARTER	4					5 HP		5 WP		5 63																														
10	8	Aidan MITCHELL															3	20	16	3		1	1				1	3	2	1	1	6	20	7	2	5						
11	13	Ben PETERSON																																								
12	4	Garth STREAT																																								
13	19	Adam LYONS																																								
14	8	Paul MURRAY																																								
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Findlay		11	-	1	2	1	1	4	4	5	-	1	1	-	-	1	Smith	-	1	-																						
Lewis		15	-	-	3	3	2	4	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-																										
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## Appendix - Section 2 Game Scoring Commentary.

Use this commentary to score the game in Section 2. It may be useful to detach this sheet.

### 1st innings

*Change: As the Rangers team goes out into the field, the Rangers Coach advises that the Designated Player will be coming in to pitch.*

- 1) Batter ONE: *ball, ball, called strike*, grounds the ball out to the third base who throws it to first base for the OUT.
- 2) Batter TWO: *called strike, swung strike, ball, foul (LF), ball*, hits safely to left field, safe at 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 3) Batter THREE: *foul ball*, bunts to first base who picks up the ball and throws to shortstop at 2<sup>nd</sup> base for the OUT. Batter/baserunner safe at 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4) Batter FOUR: *ball, ball, called strike, ball, ball*.
- 5) Batter FIVE: *called strike, foul ball*, hits safely to centre/right field. Baserunners safely advance two bases each. Ball is relayed from the right field into second base fielder. Seeing the second baserunner leading off 3<sup>rd</sup> base towards home plate, second base throws the ball to catcher to hold the runner, but the throw goes way over the catcher's head and the runner scores. The batter/baserunner goes to 2<sup>nd</sup> base on the throw. *Designated Runner replaces baserunner at 2<sup>nd</sup>*.
- 6) Batter SIX: *ball (wild pitch), called strike, foul ball (RF), Swung at Strike* OUT.

### 2nd Innings

- 7) Batter SEVEN: *ball, swung at strike* which is then called an illegal pitch by the umpire, *ball, ball*
- 8) Batter EIGHT: *called strike, swung at strike, foul ball, foul ball (1B), ball*, hits the ball to third base who throws to second base fielder at 2<sup>nd</sup> for the out, but the fielder drops the ball as she's trying to turn the double. Both safe.
- 9) Batter NINE: *called strike, foul*, hits a long fly ball out to centre field which bounces over the fence. *Replaced by Designated Runner*
- 1) Batter ONE: *ball, swung at strike which is called an illegal pitch by the umpire, foul ball, foul ball (RF), called strike* OUT.
- 2) Batter TWO: *foul ball*, fly ball caught by rightfield for the OUT. Baserunner advances a base after the catch.
- 3) Batter THREE: Hits the ball to second base who throws to first base for the OUT.

### 3rd Innings

- 4) Batter FOUR: foul ball, is hit by the pitch - safe at first. *Designated Runner replaces Batter/Baserunner at 1<sup>st</sup> base.*
- 5) Batter FIVE: *called strike*, runner takes for 2<sup>nd</sup> base on a steal attempt and is called OUT for leaving base early. Hits three base hit to left field.
- 6) Batter SIX: *ball, called strike, foul ball, foul ball, ball, ball* which eludes the catcher. Catcher seeing runner heading for home flicks the ball up to the pitcher covering home plate for the OUT. Batter/baserunner scampers to 2<sup>nd</sup> base on the throw back from the catcher.
- 7) Batter SEVEN: *called strike, swung at strike*, hits the ball to short stop who holds the runner at second, safe at 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 8) Batter EIGHT: *ball, called strike*, both baserunners steal - catcher throws to 3<sup>rd</sup> base - baserunner called safe. Hits a long ball over the right field fence for a home run.
- 9) Batter NINE: *swung at strike, foul ball (LF)* hits fly ball to left field for the OUT.

*Change: As the Rangers team goes out to field, the Rangers Coach advises that Williams will be replacing White, but will be taking the field at left field with Elliott moving to centre field.*

### 4th Innings

*Change: Aces coach advises that Taylor will be replacing Lewis on the pitching mound.*

- 1) Batter ONE: *called strike, ball*, bunts safely along third base line to reach base.
- 2) Batter TWO: *ball, ball, called strike, foul ball (RF)*, hits the ball to the second base fielder who flicks the ball to the short stop at 2<sup>nd</sup> base for the OUT, who then throws to 1<sup>st</sup> base to take the batter OUT.
- 3) Batter THREE: hits safely to right field. *Designated Runner replaces baserunner.*
- 4) Batter FOUR: *called strike, ball, ball, swung at strike, ball, ball.*
- Change: Rangers coach advises that Hall will be coming in for Madison.*
- 5) Batter FIVE: *Ball, called strike, foul ball, Swung at strike* OUT.

*Change: Rangers coach advises that Madison will be re-entering.*

### Fifth Inning

As Rangers are ahead, the mercy rule is invoked.

Game Over.