



USA SOFTBALL UMPIRE EXAM

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The abbreviations used in the questions follow the following: B (N) = Batter; R1 = runner closest to home; R2 is the succeeding runner; R3 is the runner on first base when the bases are full; S (N) = substitutes; CR (N) = courtesy runner(s); PC (N) = physically challenged player; and F (N) = fielder by number. F1 is pitcher; F2 is catcher; F3 is first baseman; F4 is second baseman; F5 is third baseman; F6 is shortstop; F7 is left fielder; F8 is center fielder; and F9 is right fielder. If F10 is used it would be the extra fielder in the slow pitch game.

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

- 1) (FP and SP with Stealing) With bases loaded, one out and a 1 ball 1 strike count, B5 swings and misses the pitch. F2 catches the pitch but as B5 follows through on their swing, they hit F2's glove and knock the ball out of the glove as F2 is attempting a pick off at 3B. What is the call?
 - a. The umpire allows the defense and offense to reset without a penalty.
 - b. The umpire calls dead ball, B5 is guilty of interference and ruled out.
 - c. All runners return to the base occupied at the time of the interference.
 - d. Both b. and c. are correct.

- 2) With 2 outs, R1 on 3B, B4 has a count of 3 balls and 1 strike, the next pitch is ruled a ball. The umpire calls ball but does not recognize it as ball four. The next pitch to the same batter is fouled off and the umpire gives the count as 3 balls and 2 strikes. Time is called and the offense appeal before the foul ball the count should have been ball 4.
 - a. The umpires get together, discuss the situation and discover that the count was indeed wrong.
 - b. B4 should be placed on 1B because B4 should have been awarded a base on balls.
 - c. The count stands since another pitch is thrown.
 - d. Umpires decide to go back to 3 balls and 2 strikes.
 - e. a and b are correct

- 3) With R1 on 1B and 1 out, B3 has a count of 2 balls and 1 strike. B3 hits a routine fly ball towards 1B. As the F3 moves to catch the batted ball, R1 interferes with F3 resulting in the ball falling untouched in foul territory. What is the correct ruling on this play?
 - a. Dead ball, R1 is out for interfering with F3. B3 is awarded 1B.
 - b. Dead ball, R1 is out for interfering with F3. Since the batted ball was a routine fly ball that would have been caught with ordinary effort, B3 is also ruled out for the third out of the inning.
 - c. Since the ball was in foul territory when the interference occurred this is a foul ball. R1 is returned to 1B and B3 returns to bat with a 2 ball 2 strike count.
 - d. None of the above.

- 4) A courtesy runner who has already run in that half inning may also be used as a substitute in the same half inning. Which of the following statements are true?
 - a. This is allowed in slow pitch.
 - b. This is not allowed in fast pitch.
 - c. This is not allowed in any game.
 - d. Both a. and b. are true.

- 5) With no outs, R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B, B3 hits a line shot that hits the pitcher's plate and goes directly up into the air high enough that F4 can catch it with ordinary effort. What is the proper ruling?
 - a. Infield fly should be declared and B3 is out.
 - b. This is not an infield fly since it hit the pitcher's plate; however, B3 is out since F4 caught the ball.
 - c. The ball remains live and B3 is not out. Hitting the pitcher's plate is the same as hitting the ground.
 - d. This is a dead ball, B3 is awarded 1B and R1 and R2 are advanced one base since they were forced.

- 6) With R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B and one out, B4 hits a ball in the right center field gap that F8 makes a great diving catch. F8 gets up and makes a throw to 1B to appeal R2 leaving early on a caught fly ball, the throw goes out of play. At the time of the throw, R1 is between 2B and 3B heading back toward 2B and R2 is between 2B and 3B, about to touch 2B returning toward 1B. When the ball enters dead ball territory, R1 has reached 2B and R2 is between 1B and 2B. What bases should the runners be awarded?
 - a. R1 is awarded home and R2 is awarded 3B.
 - b. R1 is awarded 3B and R2 awarded 2B since these are the bases they were going to plus one more.
 - c. Both runners are awarded home, since at the time of the throw both were at or past 2B.
 - d. Since neither runner had tagged up at the time of the catch, both runners are ruled out.

- 7) Team A is playing shorthanded when a substitute arrives. Which of the following is true?
 - a. The substitute can remain on the bench to be utilized as a courtesy runner later in the game.
 - b. The substitute can remain on the bench to be utilized as a substitute for the pitcher later in the game.
 - c. The substitute must be inserted immediately into the vacant spot. If they refuse to enter for any reason that player becomes ineligible for the remainder of the game.
 - d. All of the above are true.

- 8) The official score of a forfeited game shall be that the winning team is credited with 1 more run than the team that is at fault.
 - a. True.
 - b. False.

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- 9) Under umpire supervision, the use of all forms of resin, including rock resin, is legal and can be applied to the ball without penalty.
- True.
 - False.
- 10) The Extra Player (EP) may be used in which of the following games:
- Men's SP.
 - Junior Olympic FP.
 - Women's SP.
 - All of the Above.
- 11) A quick pitch is illegal in all games and is penalized with a ball on the batter, and in Men's FP the runner is advanced one base if the pitch is not put into play:
- True.
 - False.
- 12) When can a player that has left the game return to the game?
- If substituted for and they have not previously re-entered the game.
 - An injured player who has left the game can return anytime they are able.
 - Any player that has left due to the blood rule.
 - All of the above are true.
 - Both a. and c. are true.
- 13) Which of the following events results in a game being forfeited?
- A male player leaves a Coed game due to injury with no available substitute, leaving females batting back to back.
 - A pitcher is removed from the pitching position for excessive conferences and there is not a substitute available.
 - An illegal substitute is entered into the game and there is not a legal substitute available to replace the illegal substitute.
 - A runner deliberately and flagrantly runs over a defensive player holding the ball ready to apply the tag on the runner, and there is no available substitute.
 - All of the above.
- 14) When using an Extra Player (EP), the EP may bat in any batting position and can change to another batting position after the game begins.
- True.
 - False.
- 15) Which of the following Classifications of Play can use either on deck circle by the on deck batter as long as they are behind the batter?
- Men's Fast Pitch.
 - JO Boys Slow Pitch.
 - All JO and Women's Fast Pitch.
 - Men's Modified Pitch.
 - a., c. and d. are all correct.
- 16) If a player is disqualified a team can play shorthanded, however if a player is ejected and the team does not have enough players, play cannot continue, and the game is forfeited.
- True.
 - False.
- 17) Which of the following are true when an infield fly is declared, and the fair batted ball hits the batter-runner before reaching first base?
- The ball is dead.
 - The infield fly is invoked.
 - The batter-runner is out for interference, the ball remains live, and all runners can advance at their own risk.
 - Both a. and b. are correct.
- 18) Which of the following are types of protests?
- Ineligible Player.
 - Illegal Player.
 - Misinterpretation of a playing rule.
 - All of the above.

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- 19) Team A is playing shorthanded with the tie-breaker rule in effect. At the beginning of the next inning, the absent player is the player that should begin the half inning at second base. The correct ruling is:
- Team A starts the inning with 1 out and no runner at second base.
 - The player who made the last batted out is placed on second base.
 - A courtesy runner may be placed at second base.
 - The player whose name precedes the absent player's name in the line-up is placed on second base.
- 20) With R1 on 1B and 1 out, B3 comes to bat and hits a ground ball to F4 who throws to F3 in time to retire B3 at 1B. R1 advances safely to 2B. Before a pitch to B4, the offensive team protests that F3 is an unreported sub. After checking the line-up, the umpire rules that F3 is an unreported sub. What is the correct ruling?
- All play stands, F3 is now officially in the game and a warning is issued to the defensive team.
 - As an unreported substitute F3 is removed from the game and an eligible substitute is allowed to take their place in the line-up. B3 remains out and R1 is returned to 1B.
 - The offensive team has the option to take the result of the play or return R1 to 1B and bring B3 back to bat with the same ball/strike count before the last pitch. F3 is now officially in the game.
 - The offensive team has the option to take the result of the play or leave R1 at 2B and B3 is awarded 1B. F3 is now officially in the game.
- 21) Team A is batting the required number of players with no substitutes. B4 of Team A enters the batter's box with a non-approved bat. The defensive team informs the umpire that B4's bat is non-approved. After inspecting the bat, the umpire agrees the bat is non-approved. What is the correct ruling?
- B4 is out, but remains in the game.
 - B4 is out, ejected, and the game is now a forfeit.
 - B4 is out, ejected, and an out is declared each time their turn at bat is reached for the remainder of the game.
 - B4 has not received a pitch so they can change their bat to an approved bat with no penalty.
- 22) In order for a run to score in all games, a runner must touch first, second, third base and home plate, or when using the tie-breaker rule, a runner starting at second base, touches third base and home plate.
- True.
 - False.
- 23) With no runners on base, a ball is awarded to the batter whenever the catcher does not return the ball directly to the pitcher after each pitch, except after a strikeout, a put out or an attempted put out made by the catcher.
- True.
 - False.
- 24) Which of the following would NOT result in the batter being called out:
- The batter hindered the catcher from catching or throwing the ball by stepping out of the batter's box.
 - The batter actively hinders the catcher while in the batter's box.
 - The batter accidentally makes contact with the catcher's return throw to the pitcher.
 - The batter interferes with a play at home plate.
 - All of the above would result in the batter being called out.
- 25) An obstructed runner may never be called out between the two bases where they were obstructed.
- True.
 - False.
- 26) Team A, the home team, starts the game with one less player than is required. In the bottom of the first inning B6 causes the third out of the inning. Team A completes the top of the second and as B7 is coming to the plate in the bottom of the second inning a substitute arrives. Which of the following is true?
- The substitute cannot enter the game until after the vacant position in the batting order has recorded at least one out. Team A must be penalized at least one out for starting the game with one less player than required.
 - The substitute must be inserted immediately into the vacant spot.
 - Team A can choose when to enter the substitute in the vacant spot.
 - None of the above are true.
- 27) Once a courtesy runner is designated for that half-inning, the player they are running for may not return to run while that courtesy runner is on base, and a courtesy runner may not run for an existing courtesy runner, except for injury.
- True.
 - False.

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- 28) F1 is wearing a defensive face mask. In order for it to fit properly F1 has turned their cap around backwards. What is the proper ruling?
- The umpire does not allow this and makes F1 take the cap off.
 - The umpire makes F1 turn their cap around even if it causes the defensive face mask to fit improperly.
 - If required to make sure the defensive mask fits correctly, the umpire allows the cap to be worn backwards.
 - None of the above are a proper ruling.
- 29) With R1 on 1B and 1 out, B3 hits a ball deep in the gap. As R1 rounds 3B they trip over a defensive face mask that F5 took off and discarded. R1 is able to regain their footing and continues home where they are tagged out on a very close play at the plate. What is the proper ruling?
- A discarded defensive face mask becomes part of the playing field, R1 remains out at home.
 - Once R1 tripped on the mask discarded by F5 the umpire should signal a delayed dead ball and verbalized obstruction. Once R1 is put out the umpire should signal and verbalize a dead ball and award R1 and B3, if needed, the bases they would have reached had there been no obstruction.
 - Once R1 tripped on the mask discarded by F5 the ball becomes dead and R1 is awarded the base they would have reached if they had not tripped on the mask, and B3 is awarded 1B.
 - R1 remains out at home, but F5 is ejected for creating a safety hazard by carelessly discarding their face mask.
- 30) A defensive player intentionally contacts a ball with detached equipment. What bases are runners awarded?
- One base from the time of the pitch on a pitched ball.
 - Two bases from the time of the throw on a thrown ball.
 - Three bases from the time of the pitch on a batted ball.
 - All of the above are correct.
- 31) With no outs and R1 on 1B, B2 hits the ball deep to the outfield. As R1 rounds 2B they are obstructed, the umpire signals a delayed dead ball and verbalizes "obstruction" R1 then attempts to advance to 3B and is tagged out prior to reaching 3B. The umpire judges that R1 would not have reached 3B had there not been obstruction; however, B2 is standing on 2B at the end of the play. What is the proper placement of the runners?
- B2 has obtained 2B so R1 must be placed on 3B.
 - The umpire judged that R1 would not have obtained 3B so they are placed on 2B and B2 is placed back on 1B.
 - The umpire judged that R1 would not have obtained 3B and 2B is occupied by B2 so R1 is ruled out.
 - The umpire judged that R1 would not have obtained 3B so they are placed on 2B and B2 is ruled out since 2B belongs to R1 and both cannot occupy the same base.
- 32) (Fast Pitch and Slow Pitch with Stealing) With no outs, R1 at 2B and R2 at 1B, B3 has a 2-2 count and both runners attempt to steal. R2 is obstructed between 1B and 2B, but arrives safely at 2B, the umpire signals and verbalizes the obstruction. R1 seeing F2 retrieve the ball does not feel they can reach 3B safely and retreats to 2B. F2 throws the ball to F6 who tags both runners as they are in contact with 2B. What is the proper ruling?
- R1 is entitled to 2B so when R2 is tagged they are ruled out.
 - Both runners were touching a base when tagged so neither is out, R2 is placed back on 1B and play continues.
 - R2 was obstructed between 1B and 2B, unless one of the exceptions are met they cannot be ruled out. When R2 is tagged the umpire should signal and call dead ball and award R2 the base they would have reached had there been no obstruction. Placing R1 at 3B and R2 at 2B or R1 at 2B and R2 back to 1B based on umpire judgement of the bases that would have been reached had there been no obstruction.
 - Obstruction is always a two base award, R1 is awarded home and R2 is awarded 3B.
- 33) With 1 out and R1 on 1B, B3 hits a line drive to F1 who catches the ball in the air. R1 left on contact and was on their way to 2B when the ball was caught. F1 throws the ball to F3 at 1B who catches the ball and steps on the orange portion of the base just prior to R1 returning to 1B. What is the proper ruling?
- R1 is safe at 1B; F3 must use the white portion to make a live ball appeal.
 - F3 used the white portion of 1B which confused R1 impeding them as they returned to 1B so R1 is awarded 1B.
 - Only a dead ball appeal is allowed for a runner leaving a base too soon on a caught fly ball, R1 is safe at 1B.
 - This is a proper live ball appeal and R1 is ruled out for leaving the base too soon on a caught fly ball.
- 34) Which of the following are true about a batted ball that hits the bat a second time?
- If the ball rolls against a stationary bat in fair territory, there is no violation, and the ball remains live.
 - It is a foul ball if the bat and ball make contact in foul territory.
 - It is a dead ball and the batter is out if the bat rolls against the ball in fair territory.
 - All of the above are true.

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- 35) In the second inning, the proper batting order is B8 followed by B9 and B10. Instead of B8, B9 leads off the inning and hits a single. B8 now bats, hitting a triple and scoring B9 from 1B. B10 comes to bat and has a 2 ball, 1 strike count when the defense appeals batting out of order. The correct ruling is:
- Once a pitch was thrown to B10 it legalized B8's time at bat making B9 the proper batter. Since B10 is at bat they remain at bat with a 2 ball, 1 strike count; B9 is ruled out for not batting in their proper position and their run is nullified.
 - Once a pitch was thrown to B10 it legalized B8's time at bat making B9 the proper batter. B9 is brought to bat with a 2 ball, 1 strike count. All previous play stands.
 - Once a pitch was thrown to B8 it legalized B9's time at bat making B10 the proper batter. Since B8 batted instead of B10, B8 is ruled out for batting out of order and removed from 3B. B10 is ruled out for not batting in their proper place. B1 is now the proper batter and comes to bat with 2 outs.
 - Once a pitch was thrown to B10 it legalized B8's time at bat making B9 the proper batter. Since B9 has already batted this half inning, their time at bat is skipped and B10 remains at bat with a 2 ball, 1 strike count.
- 36) With no outs and R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B, B3 hits a ball in the gap between F8 and F9. F8 retrieves the ball and throws to F5 making a play on R2 at 3B. F5 misplays the ball and it goes into foul ground in the left field area. F7 gains possession of the ball then loses it out of play. B3 is at 2B and R2 is at 3B when the ball enters dead ball territory, but R2 was between 2B and 3B and B3 was between home and 1B when F8 threw the ball. What is the proper placement of R2 and B3?
- The award is two bases from the time of the throw. R2 is awarded home plate and B3 is awarded 2B.
 - The award is two bases from the time the ball enters dead ball territory. R2 and B3 are both awarded home plate.
 - The award when a fielder loses possession of the ball is one base from the last base touched at the time the ball entered dead ball territory. R2 is awarded home plate and B3 is awarded 3B.
 - The award when a fielder loses possession of the ball is one base from the last base touched at the time of the throw that enters dead ball territory. R2 is awarded home plate and B3 is awarded 1B.

SLOW PITCH QUESTIONS

- 37) In a Coed Open game, Team A has hit 8 home runs. B1 hits a long fly ball that F8 unintentionally touches prior to it going over the fence. What is the proper ruling?
- The ball was touched by a defensive player prior to clearing the fence, this is considered a four base award and is not counted toward the team's home runs.
 - To be considered a four base award the ball must be touched intentionally by a defensive player. This is counted as a home run, B1 is out for exceeding the team's home run limit.
 - This is considered obstruction by F8 and they are ejected.
 - None of the above are correct.
- 38) (Slow Pitch with stealing) The ball remains live and base runners can steal at their own risk when a pitched ball passes the plate and hits the umpire prior to being caught or hitting the ground.
- True.
 - False.
- 39) In Slow Pitch, a courtesy runner can only run for the pitcher or the catcher, no other player, and only once per inning.
- True.
 - False.
- 40) In Slow Pitch, the pitch starts when the pitcher makes any motion with the ball after the required stop.
- True.
 - False.
- 41) When, in the judgement of an umpire, all immediate play is apparently completed, the umpire will call time.
- True.
 - False.
- 42) How long does the pitcher have to release a pitch after receiving the ball or after the umpire indicates "play ball"?
- 3 seconds.
 - 5 seconds.
 - 10 seconds.
 - There is no time limit.

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- 43) With R1 at 2B, no outs and B2 coming to bat the offensive team reports that B4 is going to courtesy run for R1 at 2B. B2 is intentionally walked and B3 flies out to F7 not allowing any runners to advance. The offensive team requests to enter a sub for B4 on 2B to allow them to take their turn at bat. What is the proper ruling?
- The substitution is allowed since it was made prior to a player entering the batter's box for B4's turn at bat.
 - R1 is allowed to reenter the game at 2B to allow B4 to take their turn at bat.
 - B4 is ruled out and removed from 2B, B5 now becomes the proper batter.
 - R1, the player who B4 is running for is called out, B4 is removed from 2B to take their turn at bat.

MECHANIC QUESTIONS

- 44) When calling a violation by runners that require a signal and verbal call during a "live ball" the Base Umpire should make the required signal and wait for the play to end before making the verbal call.
- True.
 - False.
- 45) In a Two-Umpire System, with R1 at 3B, R2 at 2B and no outs, B3 hits a ground ball to F6 who throws to F3 to retire B3 while R1 scores easily. F3 then throws to F5 to make a play on R2 at 3B. The throw gets away from F5 and R2 advances toward home where F2 is awaiting a throw from F7 to make a play on R2. What is the proper coverage for this play?
- The initial play at 1B is the base umpire's responsibility. Plate umpire moves from the holding zone into fair territory to cover the play at 3B, when the ball is overthrown and R2 advances to home, the plate umpire stays in fair territory and moves parallel to the baseline to cover the play at the plate.
 - The initial play at 1B is the base umpire's responsibility. Plate umpire moves from the holding zone into fair territory to cover the play at 3B. As R2 attempts to advance to home, the base umpire rotates home to cover the play at the plate.
 - The initial play at 1B is the base umpire's responsibility. Once the call at 1B is made the base umpire should get the best angle and distance possible for the call at 3B on R2. The plate umpire moves to the holding zone and as R2 advances to home they should move back toward home to cover the play at the plate.
 - The initial play at 1B is the plate umpire's responsibility. The base umpire should take the play at 3B and as R2 advances to home the plate umpire should be in position to cover the play at the plate.
- 46) In a Three-Umpire System with R1 on 1B and a base hit to the outfield that no umpire chases, as R1 approaches 2B the plate umpire should:
- Move to the holding zone and be prepared for a play at 3B on the lead runner or any play at the plate.
 - Move directly to 3B in fair territory working to obtain a distance of 10-12 feet from the play. Responsible for any play at 3B. If R1 advances to home, ensure U1 has rotated home.
 - Move to the holding zone, if a play develops at 3B move inside the diamond 90 degrees to the path of the runner, responsible for any play at 3B.
 - Move back to home plate to the farthest back corner of the right-hand batter's box. Responsible for any play at the plate.
- 47) What is the proper positioning for the base umpire on plays at 1B on the batter-runner?
- 45 degrees from the foul line.
 - 90 degrees to the path of the throw, no more than 45 degrees from the foul line.
 - 90 degrees to the starting position of the fielder that fielded the ball.
 - No more than 3 steps into fair territory.

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- 48) With no runners on base in a Two-Umpire System and a base hit to the outfield, which of the following are the proper mechanics for the umpires?
- Base umpire should stay on the outside of the diamond and is responsible for any play at 1B or 2B and rotating to home plate if the plate umpire has a play at 3B. Plate umpire should trail the batter-runner no more than 1/3 of the way to 1B and move toward the holding zone as the runner approaches 2B, if the runner continues to 3B and a play develops move into fair territory 10-12 feet from 3B, responsible for any play at 3B.
 - Base umpire should pick up the ball and glance at the runner as they buttonhook inside the diamond and move parallel with the baseline keeping all 4 elements in front of them, responsible for any play at 1B, 2B or 3B. Plate umpire should trail the batter-runner no more than 1/3 of the way to 1B and move toward the holding zone as the runner approaches 2B, if the runner continues to 3B begin to move back toward home plate, responsible for any play at the plate.
 - Base umpire should stay on the outside of the diamond and is responsible for any play at 1B or 2B. Plate umpire should trail the batter-runner no more than 1/3 of the way to 1B and move toward the holding zone as the runner approaches 2B, if the runner continues to 3B and a play develops move into fair territory 10-12 feet from 3B, responsible for 3B or any play at the plate.
 - Base umpire should pick up the ball and glance at the runner as they buttonhook inside the diamond and move parallel with the baseline keeping all 4 elements in front of them, responsible for any play at 1B or 2B. Plate umpire should trail the batter-runner no more than 1/3 of the way to 1B and move toward the holding zone as the runner approaches 2B, if the runner continues to 3B and a play develops move into fair territory 10-12 feet from 3B, responsible for 3B or any play at the plate.
- 49) Which of the following are times after the ball has been batted that a base umpire will always make a call at 3B?
- On the batter-runner on a triple with no runners on base.
 - On the last runner into 3B.
 - On a lone runner on a fly ball advancement.
 - On any return throw from the plate area or cut-off by a player.
 - All the above are times the base umpire will make a call at 3B.
- 50) What are the proper mechanics when a runner is obstructed, and that obstructed runner is put out prior to reaching the base they would have reached had there been no obstruction?
- When the obstruction occurs, signal a delayed dead ball and verbalize "obstruction". Once the obstructed runner is put out, signal and verbalize "out" and let the play continue. Once the play is over, award the obstructed runner the base they would have reached had there been no obstruction.
 - When the obstruction occurs, signal a delayed dead ball and verbalize "obstruction". Once the obstructed runner is put out, signal and verbalize "out" and let the play continue. Once the play is over, award the obstructed runner and all other runners the bases they would have reached had there been no obstruction.
 - When the obstruction occurs, signal a delayed dead ball and verbalize "obstruction". Once the obstructed runner is put out, signal dead ball and verbalize "Time" then award the obstructed runner and all other runners the base they would have reached had there been no obstruction.
 - When the obstruction occurs, signal a delayed dead ball and verbalize "obstruction". Once the obstructed runner is put out, signal dead ball and verbalize "Time" then award the obstructed runner and all other runners two bases due to the obstruction.

ALTERNATIVE FAST PITCH QUESTIONS

- 51) With R1 on 2B and B2 in the right hand batter's box, F1 is in contact with the pitcher's plate and takes the signal from F2 who is in position to receive the ball. After taking the signal but prior to F1 bringing their hands together, B2, without requesting time, steps across the plate into the left hand batter's box. What is the correct ruling?
- Eject the batter.
 - No violation since F1 has not taken a position on the pitcher's plate.
 - The ball is dead, the batter is out and runners by not advance.
 - Illegal pitch is called, R1 is advanced to 2B and B2 starts with a 1 ball 0 strike count.
- 52) To maintain the game flow, an intentional walk not requiring the pitcher to throw any pitches may be allowed if both coaches agree at the pre-game coaches meeting with the umpires.
- True
 - False.
- 53) Which of the following it NOT true when the ball slips from the pitcher's hand during the deliver?
- The ball remains live.
 - It is a ball on the batter.
 - Runners may advance at their own risk.
 - It is an illegal pitch.

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- 54) Which of the following are true about a dropped third strike?
- With two outs, a pitched ball swung at that hits the ground prior to F2 catching it is a dropped third strike.
 - With no runners on 1B a dropped third strike is possible.
 - With two outs, a dropped third strike is possible even if 1B is occupied at the time of the pitch.
 - All of the above are true.
- 55) In Fast Pitch, when a pitched ball, not swung at nor called a strike, touches any part of the batter's person including the hands or clothing, the ball is dead and the batter is ALWAYS awarded first base.
- True.
 - False.
- 56) In all Fast Pitch games, runners are advanced one base when a pitcher makes an illegal pitch, provided the offensive coach does not take the result of the play.
- True.
 - False.
- 57) With bases loaded and two outs B6 hits a deep fly ball that F8 is in position to catch but it is just out of reach for an over the fence home run. As R3 is one-step from 1B watching the ball, after the ball has cleared the fence B6 physically passes R3. What is the proper ruling?
- R3 is out for being passed by another runner, but the other 3 runs are allowed to score.
 - The ball is dead on an over the fence home run so there is no violation for physically passing a runner.
 - B6 is out for passing R3 and the inning is over, if R1 and/or R2 had scored prior to the out for passing their runs would count.
 - R3 is out for being passed by another runner, if R1 and/or R2 had scored prior to the out for passing their runs would count.

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NOTE: Each answer should be marked solid, i.e. ● DO NOT CIRCLE.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

2 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

3 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

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SLOW PITCH QUESTIONS

37 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

38 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

39 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

40 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

41 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

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43 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

MECHANIC QUESTIONS

44 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

45 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

46 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

47 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

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50 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

ALTERNATIVE FAST PITCH QUESTIONS

51 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

52 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

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 * Cap Sizes: (6 1/2, 6 5/8, 6 3/4, 6 7/8, 7, 7 1/8, 7 1/4, 7 3/8, 7 1/2, 7 5/8, 7 3/4, 7 7/8, 8)\$18.00

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USA SOFTBALL UMPIRE POLO

- #1020 Official USA Softball umpire shirt. White with navy side flank panel.
- #1030 Official USA Softball umpire shirt. Powder blue with navy side flank panel.
- #1040 Official USA Softball umpire shirt. Navy with powder blue side flank panel.

Self styled collar with navy trim accent. Performance polyester fabric wicks sweat away from your skin to keep you dry. Wrinkle free for easy care.

- Size: S,M,L,XL.....\$32.00
- Size: 2XL.....\$34.00
- Size: 3XL.....\$36.00
- Size: 4XL.....\$38.00
- Size: 5XL.....\$40.00
- #250 Official USA Softball umpire shirt. Pink with navy side flank panel. Self styled collar with navy trim accent. Performance polyester fabric wicks sweat away from your skin to keep you dry. Wrinkle free for easy care.
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- Size: 2XL.....\$34.00
- Size: 3XL.....\$36.00
- Size: 4XL.....\$38.00

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Pro Style umpire shirt. Shirt features Polyester Air Mesh fabric for moisture wicking, soil release fabric, 3 button placket, extended length cut, left chest pocket.

- #118 Black
- #128 Red
- #138 Powder Blue
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- Size: S, M,L,XL.....\$25.00
- Size: 2XL.....\$27.00
- Size: 3XL.....\$29.00

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 - #PGW Gray Women's Base pants - Size: 4-20
 - #PB Navy Men's Base pants - Waist size: 28-54
 - #PBW Navy Women's Base pants - Size: 4-20
\$45.00

UMPIRE PLATE PANTS - WOMEN'S SIZES ALSO!

- Same as Umpire Base Pants (description above) with fuller cut to accommodate shin guards.
- #PPG Gray Men's Plate pants - Waist size: 28-54
 - #PPGW Gray Women's Plate pants - Size 4-20
 - #PPB Navy Men's Plate pants - Waist size: 28-54
 - #PPBW Navy Women's Plate pants - Size 4-20
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UMPIRE SHORTS

- #T Navy Umpire shorts. Features lightweight moisture wicking twill fabric, comfort grip waistband, metal zipper, two button front snap, two back pockets and 9" inseam. Sizing every two inches 28" to 48"
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ULTRAJOC

- #CPJ Black short combines traditional jock with a 90/10% Nylon/LYCRA® support girdle. Features comfortable form fitting pouch, that can be used with or without athletic cup, provides support for hamstring, groin and abdominal muscles.
 Size: M 30-34, L 34-38, XL 38-42, 2XL 42-46.....\$29.00
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 Size: M 30-34, L 34-38, XL 38-42, 2XL 42-46.....\$39.00

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USA SOFTBALL PULLOVER JACKET

- #2005 Microfiber shell with Stripes over the shoulder. Nylon tricot lining, stand-up collar with elastic waistband, two slash pockets.
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- Size: 3XL.....\$61.00
- Size: 4XL.....\$63.00
- Size: 5XL.....\$65.00
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 Size: 28-58\$18.00
- #RFB Rubberized, adjustable flex belt. Worn inside pant to hold in shirt tail. Fits sizes up to 45"\$19.00

SOCKS

- #CA100 Navy crew sock, 80% Orlon/20% Nylon, reinforced heel and toe. Size: 10-13.....\$6.95
- #CA202 Ankle Socks w/navy USA logo, 80% Acrylic/20% stretch nylon. Shoe size 8 1/2 to 12.\$6.95

DIAMOND EQUIPMENT BAG

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LIGHT WEIGHT EXTENDED FRAME MASK

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 - #3350 Navy (No Logo)
 - #3420 Gray USA Softball Logo
 - #3450 Gray (No Logo)
\$11.00
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 - #530 3/2 Umpire Indicator\$4.00
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 - #530S Steel Umpire Indicator.....\$6.95
 - #530SI Steel Umpire Indicator w/innings.....\$6.95
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