



# 2014 ASA 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. With no outs and R1 on 1B, B3 bats out of order in the spot occupied by B2. B3 hits into a fielder's choice which causes R1 to be called out. The defense then properly appeals that B3 batted out of order. What is the correct ruling?
  - a.) R1 is out on the fielder's choice and B3 remains on 1B. B4 is the next batter.
  - b.) R1 is out on the fielder's choice and B3 is out for batting out of order. B3 is now the next batter.
  - c.) R1 must return to 1B and B3 is out for batting out of order. B4 is the next batter.
  - d.) The force out on R1 remains, B2 is called out for batting out of order and B3 is the next batter.
  
2. The Blood Rule only applies to players and coaches, who are bleeding or have blood on their uniforms and treatment is required.
  - a.) True
  - b.) False
  
3. With R1 on 1B, B2 hits the ball past F3 untouched and strikes R1 who is advancing to 2B behind F3. In the umpire's judgment, no other fielder had a chance to make an out on the ball. What is the correct ruling?
  - a.) Dead ball, R1 is out for interference and B2 is awarded 1B.
  - b.) Dead ball, R1 is out for interference and B2 returns to the plate to bat again assuming the same ball and strike count prior to the batted ball.
  - c.) No infraction, play on.
  - d.) Dead ball, R1 is out for interference and B2 is also called out.
  
4. If a player re-enters the game a second time or a player re-enters the game in a position in the batting order other than their original starting or substitute position, it is considered an illegal re-entry.
  - a.) True
  - b.) False
  
5. Which of the following is not allowed as a fourth out appeal:
  - a.) An appeal on a runner who left a base too soon and has scored.
  - b.) An appeal on a runner who missed a base and has scored.
  - c.) An appeal on a runner who missed a base and has not scored.
  - d.) Both A and B.
  
6. A runner is out when running in front of a fielder and out of the base path, in order to avoid interfering with a fielder attempting to field a batted ball.
  - a.) True
  - b.) False
  
7. The following is true about numbers except:
  - a.) No player on the same team may wear identical numbers.
  - b.) Players without numbers will not be permitted to play.
  - c.) Numbers must be at least six inches high on the back of the uniform.
  - d.) 00 and 0, 01 and 1 are examples of the same numbers.

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8. With R1 on 3B, B2 hits a ball that strikes 3B and then ricochets and hits R1 over foul territory, several steps toward home plate. F5 had no opportunity to make an out. What is the correct ruling?
- No infraction and the ball remains live.
  - R1 is out and the ball remains live.
  - R1 is out and the ball becomes dead.
  - The ball is dead and R1 returns to 3B.
9. When a runner passes a base, the runner is considered to have touched that base.
- True
  - False
10. With R1 on 2B, B2 hits a line drive to right field. R1 rounds 3B and bumps into F5 on the way home. Seeing the throw to the plate, R1 changes directions and gets in a rundown on the way back to 3B and is tagged out by F6. What is the correct ruling?
- The umpire should call "obstruction" and award R1 home plate since this is the base R1 was originally advancing to at the time of obstruction.
  - The umpire should ignore the obstruction since R1 changed directions to return to 3B when the rundown occurred.
  - The umpire should call "obstruction" and signal a delayed dead ball. The umpire should award R1 and B2 the base or bases they would have reached had there been no obstruction.
  - The umpire should ignore the obstruction at home plate because R1 chose to change direction instead of continuing to home plate.
11. B1 swings and misses the pitch for strike three. F2 misses the ball and it lodges in F2's chest protector. While F2 hunts for the ball, B1 continues safely into 2B, what is the correct ruling?
- The ball is dead and B1 is awarded 2B.
  - The ball remains live and B1 is entitled to advance with liability to be put out.
  - The ball is dead and B1 is out.
  - The ball is dead and B1 is awarded 1B.
12. In order to properly manage a line-up card, an umpire should understand the principles of substitution and re-entry as well as the shorthanded rule.
- True
  - False
13. What specific duties should an umpire crew perform when entering the field of play prior to the pre-game with the coaches?
- Inspect the field by walking the perimeter.
  - Check for any hazards that may create a dead ball situation.
  - Inspect all equipment together.
  - All the above.
14. The batter must have both feet within or partially within the lines of the batter's box at the time the pitch begins.
- True
  - False

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15. A team is charged with a defensive conference if a team representative requests a suspension of play or delays the game for the purpose of delivering a message to another team member, unless the pitcher is removed from the pitching position.
- a.) True
  - b.) False
16. With two outs and R1 on 3B, B4 gets a base hit. R1 should score easily but is knocked down by F5. B4 tries to stretch a single into a double and is tagged out before reaching 2B for the third out. Does the run count?
- a.) Yes
  - b.) No
17. When two runners occupy the same base at the same time, the trail runner is entitled to that base unless forced to advance. The lead runner may be put out by being tagged with the ball.
- a.) True
  - b.) False
18. It is a foul ball when the batter intentionally hits the ball a second time in fair territory while out of the batter's box.
- a.) True
  - b.) False
19. Eligible roster members may be added to the available substitute list at any time during the game.
- a.) True
  - b.) False
20. A bat that was once legal, but has been structurally changed is by definition:
- a.) A non-approved bat
  - b.) An illegal bat
  - c.) A warm-up bat
  - d.) An altered bat
21. With one out, R1 on 3B, R2 on 1B and B4 hits a ground ball to F3 who tags B4. F3 then throws the ball home to try and retire R1 advancing from 3B. The ball is thrown out of play and R2 is awarded 3B, but fails to touch 2B. An appeal was properly made on R2 and called out. Does the run score?
- a.) Yes
  - b.) No
22. With no one on base and a batted ball, the plate umpire should always exit to the left of the catcher to trail the batter-runner:
- a.) Approximately a 1/4 of the way to first base.
  - b.) Approximately a 1/3 of the way to first base.
  - c.) Approximately 1/2 of the way to first base.
  - d.) Should simply step out from behind the plate and not trail at all.
23. A team may have one less than the required number of players present in the dugout or team area to start a game.
- a.) True
  - b.) False

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24. During a live ball situation when a player becomes injured, and in the umpire's judgment requires immediate attention, the umpire shall call "DEAD BALL" and:
- Award all runners effected one base.
  - Award all runners effected two bases.
  - Award all runners effected any bases that would have been reached.
  - Put runners back to the last base touched.
25. With one out, B2 comes to bat and flies out to F8. B2 picks up the bat and instead of going to the dugout, steps back into the batter's box as the next batter. B2 now grounds out to F6 for the third out. Before all defensive players leave the playing field, the coach appeals that B2 batted twice. What is the ruling?
- B2 is charged with the second out and B3 is charged with the third out. B4 will be the first batter in the next inning.
  - B2 is charged with the second and third out. B3 will be the first batter in the next inning.
  - B2 is charged with the second and third out. B4 will be the first batter in the next inning.
  - It is too late to appeal since there are now three outs. B3 is the first batter in the next inning.
26. All of the following are true about the inside/outside theory except:
- If the ball is hit inside the diamond, stay outside the diamond.
  - If the ball is hit outside the infield, move inside the infield.
  - If the ball is hit outside the infield, stay outside the infield.
  - Keep all four elements in front of you.
27. With no outs and R1 on 1B, B2 hits F2's glove on a base hit that advanced R1 to 3B where R1 is put out. The offense appeals to the umpire that catcher obstruction should be enforced. What is the correct ruling?
- R1 is awarded 3B and B2 remains at 1B.
  - R1 is put back on 2B and B2 remains at 1B.
  - R1 remains out and B2 remains at 1B.
  - None of the above
28. It is legal for all team members to wear long sleeve undershirts the color of the ball?
- True
  - False
29. In the 2 Umpire System with no runners on base, B6 hits a line drive which goes all the way to the fence in left field. The base umpire stays outside the diamond to watch the runner touch 1B and also takes the batter-runner to 2B. Is this the correct mechanic?
- Yes
  - No
30. With one out and R1 on 1B, B2 hits a pop fly in foul territory. While trying to get to the ball, F3 contacts R1 who is standing on 1B and trying to avoid contact. This causes F3 to miss the ball, which falls untouched in foul territory.
- Dead ball and R1 is out.
  - Dead ball and R1 is awarded 2B and B2 awarded 1B.
  - Dead ball and B2 is out and R1 remains at 1B.
  - Foul ball and R1 remains at 1B.

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31. In the bottom of the 7th inning with two out and bases loaded, the home team is trailing 5-4. B6 gets a hit to score the runners from 2B and 3B. Seeing this, R3, who started at 1B, runs toward the dugout to celebrate with teammates and does not advance to 2B. The defense throws the ball to 2B and appeals that R3 did not touch 2B. What is the correct ruling?
- R1 does not have to touch 2B, both runs score and the home team wins 6-5.
  - R1 is out on a force play for the third out of the inning, no runs score and the visiting team wins 5-4.
32. B1 has a count of 0-1. On the next pitch, B1 swings and misses but the bat hits the ball on the follow through and rolls into fair territory where F3 picks the ball up and throws to 1B in time to retire B1. What is the correct ruling?
- The ball is live and B1 is out at 1B.
  - The ball is ruled a foul ball.
  - The swing and miss is ruled a strike. The ensuing hit is ignored.
  - None of the above.
33. A pitcher is required to pitch until the first batter faced completes their time at bat or the side has been retired.
- True
  - False
34. With two outs and R1 on 1B, B4 hits a triple down the right field line. R1 scores but misses 3B on the way to home. B5 steps into the batter's box and F1 delivers an illegal pitch. The defense now appeals that R1 missed 3B on the way home. What is the correct ruling?
- The umpire rules on the appeal that R1 is out for missing home plate.
  - The umpire awards R1 home on the illegal pitch to B5.
  - The umpire allows the appeal because a "legal" pitch has not been thrown yet and rules R1 out.
  - The umpire does not allow the appeal because a pitch has been thrown.
35. With one out and R1 on 2B, B3 swings and misses a pitch for strike three, but the ball touches the batter in the process. R1 advances on the pitch to 3B. What is the correct ruling?
- The batter is awarded first base because of being hit by the pitch. The advancement by R1 stands.
  - This is a "dead ball" strike. Since it is strike three, the batter is out and R1 must return to 2B.
  - The batter is out and R1's advancement stands.
  - The umpire declares a "no pitch" with R1 returning to 2B and B3 assuming the same ball and strike count as before.
36. On a cold day the manager asks the plate umpire at the pre-game meeting if it would be ok to use a warming sleeve to heat their team bats to a "normal" temperature. What is the correct ruling?
- Legal, just don't go over 70 degrees.
  - Warming devices are not allowed.
  - The plate umpire states that it is "ok" if both teams agree.
  - The plate umpire approves the procedure as long as the bats are examined prior to entering the batter's box.
37. Substitute Davis comes into the game unreported and doubles to left field. Before the next pitch, the defensive team appeals to the home plate umpire. What is the correct ruling?
- No penalty and Davis is now legally in the game.
  - Davis is ejected, the starter is re-entered or a legal substitute enters the game.
  - Davis is called out, removed from 2B and is now legally in the game.
  - Davis is called out, ejected and a legal substitute or starting player takes their place in the lineup.

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38. During the pre-game inspection of equipment, the umpires discover that a bat in Team A's dugout meets all requirements of the ASA but cannot find the words "Official Softball" anywhere on the bat. What is the correct ruling?
- This is an Non-approved bat and may not be used.
  - This is an approved bat and may be used.
39. With one out and R1 on 1B, B3 hits a long line drive to right center field where F8 scoops the ball up and throws to the plate to retire R1. The ball bounces, and ricochets off F2's glove and lands in the plate umpire's bag. What is the correct call?
- The umpire should declare a dead ball and award R1 and B3 the base(s) they would have reached had the ball not become lodged in the umpire's ball bag.
  - The umpire allows the play to continue with no penalty.
  - The umpire rules a delayed dead ball and protects all runners to the next base.
  - The umpire should declare a dead ball and awards all runners one base.
40. While cleaning home plate or the pitcher's plate, move to a position facing the backstop.
- True
  - False
41. R1 is on 2B and R2 is on 1B with the score tied and one out in the bottom of the seventh inning. The offensive coach is granted time and confers with the runners and B5. When play resumes, a pitch is thrown to B5 for a ball and the count is now 2-2. The defensive teams is now granted time and appeals that R1 and R2 have switched bases. The umpires checks with the official scorekeeper and confirms that the runners have switched bases. What is the correct ruling?
- The umpires simply switch the runners back to their proper bases and resume play with no penalty.
  - The umpires eject the manager for unsporting behavior and place each runner back on their proper base.
  - The runners and manager are ejected and two substitutes will replace R1 and R2 on their bases.
  - R1 and R2 are declared out. In addition, the manager is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.
42. In a game using two umpires, R1 is on 2B, with B2 at bat. The ball is hit to right field and caught by the right fielder. R1 tags up and moves toward 3B. The play at 3B belongs to:
- The base umpire.
  - The plate umpire.
43. (FP Only) Bats with the 2013 ASA Certification Mark are allowed in:
- Men's Fast Pitch
  - Junior Men's Fast Pitch
  - Men's Modified Pitch
  - All of the above
44. (FP Only) The Plate Umpire is meeting with the defensive coach during a pitching change. F1 takes six warm-up pitches. The plate umpire then returns and awards a ball to the next batter for throwing an excessive warm-up pitch. Is this ruling correct?
- Yes
  - No

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45. (FP Only) The pitcher steps on the pitcher's plate, takes the signal from the catcher and then holds the ball to the back of the glove for two seconds instead of placing the ball inside the glove. Is this a violation of the pitching rule?
- Yes
  - No
46. (FP Only) In the top of the second inning, R1 is off 1B and is slowly moving to 2B. The ball is thrown to F1 who gains possession and is standing within an eight foot radius circle of the pitcher's plate. R1 may stop and then immediately after the stop go back to 1B or proceed to 2B.
- True
  - False
47. (FP Only) When the Designated Player plays defense for the Flex player, the Flex player is considered to have left the game. The Flex has the right to re-enter the game one time.
- True
  - False
48. (FP Only) In Junior Olympic (JO) pool play 10U through 18U, 16U Gold and 18U Gold, the time limit used is:
- 1 hour: 10 minutes
  - 1 hour: 30 minutes
  - 1 hour: 40 minutes
  - There is no time limit
49. (FP Only) With a 1- 1 count, B1 bunts the ball foul about a foot from home plate. F2 lunges and catches the ball before it touches the ground. The ball did not go higher than the batter's head. The umpire should rule:
- Foul tip and return B1 to the batter's box with a 1-2 count.
  - Dead ball.
  - B1 is out
  - None of the above.
50. (FP Only) In the eighth inning with the score 2-2, the tie-breaker rule is now in effect. The first batter for the visiting team is the batter in the #1 position. Who should be placed on 2B?
- Any person in the line-up not due up to bat.
  - Since B8 was on 1B and was tagged out on a ground ball from B9, B8 should be on 2B.
  - B9 should be placed on 2B because B9 is scheduled to bat last in this half inning.
  - None of the above.

### **ALTERNATIVE SLOW PITCH QUESTIONS**

51. (Coed SP) With two outs, B3, a male batter, receives a walk and is awarded 2B. He misses 1B on the way to 2B. The next batter, a female coaching at 1B, declares that she wants to take the option of not batting and advances to 1B. B5, a male batter, steps into the batter's box and before the first pitch to B5 the defense appeals R1 missing 1B. What is the correct ruling?
- The umpire disallows the appeal because the appropriate female runner is now on 1B.
  - The umpire rules that R1 is out on the appeal.

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52. (SP Only) The pitcher delivers a second pitch with excessive speed after a warning by the plate umpire. The umpire should:
- Call a ball on the batter, remove the pitcher and disqualify them for the rest of the game.
  - Call a ball on the batter, remove the pitcher and disqualify them from pitching for the rest of the game.
  - Call a ball on the batter and give the pitcher a second warning for excessive speed.
  - Call a ball on the batter and eject the coach/manager of the offending team.
53. (SP Only) Team A begins the game with 11 players listed in the batting order. In the third inning Team A takes the field on defense with a pitcher, catcher, five infielders and four outfielders. The umpire should:
- Allow the defensive alignment.
  - Continue play until Team B protests.
  - Require Team A to remove one defensive player.
  - A & C
54. (SP Only) B4 swings slowly and hits the ball slowly into the infield. B4 reaches 1B safely. The defensive team protests that the batter bunted the ball and should be called out. What is the correct ruling?
- Honor the protest and call B4 out.
  - Rule the batted ball was not a bunt and leave B4 on 1B.
  - Return B4 to bat with the same ball and strike count.
  - Rule the protest invalid and award B4 2B.
55. (SP Only) On defense, a Junior Olympic catcher must wear:
- An approved batter's helmet with ear flaps.
  - Catcher's helmet and mask.
  - An approved plastic face mask/guard with catcher's helmet.
  - All of the above.
56. (SP Only) It is legal for F1 to deliver a pitch with one knee on the ground, as long as F1 is in contact with the pitcher's plate.
- True
  - False
57. (JO and Senior SP Only) With R1 on 3B, B7 hits a fly ball to deep left field. The ball touches F7's glove and goes over the fence for a four base award. R1 and B7 are required to run the bases.
- True
  - False
58. (SP Only) In all Junior Olympic Slow Pitch pool play, the time limit shall be:
- 1 hour and 40 minutes
  - 1 hour and 30 minutes
  - 1 hour and 20 minutes
  - 1 hour and 10 minutes

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