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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. A runner is out if a fair untouched batted ball touches them after it passes any infielder and the umpire judges that another fielder has an opportunity to make an out.
   a.) True
   b.) False

2. The visiting team's manager is outside the dugout directing defensive positioning. The umpire warns the manager to remain in the dugout. In the next inning, the manager returns outside the dugout and repeats the offense. The umpire should:
   a.) Confine the manager to the dugout.
   b.) Eject the manager for a repeat offense.

3. A runner is out if a fair batted ball strikes them while not in contact with a base and before the ball passes an infielder, except the pitcher.
   a.) True
   b.) False

4. With R1 on 3B, B2 hits a line drive striking F1 in the face that results in an apparent serious injury. The umpire should rule:
   a.) An immediate dead ball.
   b.) Allow for medical attention.
   c.) The umpire should award the bases that he/she thinks would have been reached.
   d.) All the above.

5. Any runner who misses a base while advancing may not return to touch the missed base if a trailing runner has scored.
   a.) True
   b.) False

6. With one out, R1 on 3B, R2 on 1B, B4 singles to right field scoring R1. R2 misses 2B but arrives safely at 3B and B4 is thrown out at 2B. The defense appeals that R2 missed 2B and the umpire declares R2 out. Does R1's run score?
   a.) Yes
   b.) No

7. A runner is out after sliding past second base without touching it and then is blocked from the base and tagged by a fielder holding the ball.
   a.) True
   b.) False

8. A runner who passes an obstructed preceding runner shall be declared out immediately.
   a.) True
   b.) False
9. Who may wear a mitt?
   a.) The first baseman.
   b.) The catcher.
   c.) Both a. and b.
   d.) Any defensive player.

10. B1 hits a ground ball to F6 who throws to F3. F3 juggles the ball and it rolls up F3’s arm and is clamped to the body by an elbow or forearm when F3 touches 1B, prior to B1 reaching the base.
   a.) B1 is out.
   b.) B1 is safe.

11. B1 steps into the batter’s box with a bat that has a 2000 Certification Mark but appears on the Non-Approved Bat List with ASA Certification Mark.
   a.) The bat is a legal piece of equipment.
   b.) The bat is not a legal piece of equipment.

12. B1 gets a hit with an illegal bat. While on 1B and after a pitch to B2 who is standing in the batter’s box with the same bat, the defense brings the illegal bat to the attention of the umpire. The umpire should rule:
   a.) B1 is out and remove the bat from the game and B2 bats using a different bat.
   b.) B2 is out and remove the bat from the game.
   c.) B1 and B2 are both out remove the bat from the game.
   d.) Neither B1 nor B2 is out and B2 continues to bat since a pitch was thrown.

13. B2 walks and B4 comes to bat skipping B3. A 0-2 count is reached when B3 comes out of the dugout and informs the umpire of the mistake. The umpire should rule:
   a.) B4 out and B5 is the next batter.
   b.) B3 is out and B4 is the next batter.
   c.) No one is declared out, B3 assumes the ball and strike count.
   d.) No one is declared out, B4 continues the term at bat.

14. On a pitched ball that gets away from the catcher and is retrieved with detached equipment, there is no penalty if:
   a.) The runners do not advance.
   b.) No apparent play is possible.
   c.) No advantage is gained.
   d.) All of the above.

15. B2 is at bat and R1 is on 2B. B2 swings at the pitch for strike three, misses the pitch and the ball hits B2’s leg and is not caught by F2. B2 advances to 1B and R1 advances to 3B. The umpire rules:
   a.) All play stands because of the dropped third strike.
   b.) That B2 is out and R1 remains on 3B.
   c.) The ball is dead, B2 is out and R1 must return to 2B.
   d.) The ball is dead, B2 is out and R1 remains on 3B.
16. With two outs, R1 on 3B and R2 on 2B; B5 hits a triple scoring R1 and R2, but R2 misses 3B. B6 enters the batter’s box and before a pitch is thrown the defense appeals R2 missed 3B. The umpire should rule:
   a.) R2 is out and no run scores.
   b.) R2 is safe because B6 entered the batter’s box.
   c.) R2 is out and R1’s run counts.
   d.) R2 is safe because the appeal was made after R2 entered the dugout area.

17. The runner is out and the ball is dead immediately in all of the following, EXCEPT:
   a.) When the runner interferes with a fielder attempting to make a play on a fair batted ball.
   b.) When the runner intentionally interferes with a fielder or thrown ball.
   c.) When a runner physically assists another runner.
   d.) When the runner intentionally contacts a fair ball that an infielder has missed.

18. With no outs, R1 on 1B and B2 scheduled to bat, B4 comes to bat instead and grounds into a double play. The defense properly appeals B4 batting out of order. The umpire should rule:
   a.) B4’s time at bat is negated.
   b.) B2 is ruled out for batting out of order.
   c.) R1’s out stands at 2B.
   d.) All of the above.

19. In the bottom of the seventh inning of a tie game, an unreported substitute for B1 is batting and on the first pitch hits a home run. Before the umpires leave the playing field, the defense notifies the umpires that B1’s substitute did not report. The umpire should rule:
   a.) B1’s substitute is officially in the game, the run is nullified and B1 is declared out.
   b.) B1’s substitute’s run counts because there is no penalty for an unreported substitute and the game is over.
   c.) B1 substitute’s is declared out but the run counts and the game is over.
   d.) None of the above.

20. All of the following are true regarding the ball rotation, EXCEPT:
   a.) A pitcher has a choice of balls at the start of each half-inning if both balls have been in play.
   b.) The pitcher may possess both balls and choose the one they want to start that half-inning
   c.) The unused ball must be put into play in the bottom of the first inning if it is not used in the top of the first inning.
   d.) The current game ball should be used until it goes out of play or becomes unplayable.

21. On the first pitch of the inning, B1’s entire foot is completely out of the batter’s box and in contact with the ground when hitting the pitch. The ball then goes directly into the stands, behind home plate. The umpire should rule:
   a.) A dead ball and B1 is declared out.
   b.) A foul ball and a strike.

22. With no outs, R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B, B3 hits a high pop fly between home and 1B which F3 loses sight of in the sun. The ball lands on foul ground without being touched and rolls into fair territory halfway between home and 1B. F1 picks up the ball and throws to F4 covering 1B who touches R2 with the ball while R2 is off the base. The umpire should rule:
   a.) Infield Fly. Both B3 and R2 are called out.
   b.) Infield Fly. B3 is out and R2 is returned to 1B.
   c.) Foul ball and R1 must return to 2B.
   d.) None of the above.
23. R1 slides coming home, but misses home plate. F2 misses the tag. The proper mechanic is:
   
   a.) After a brief hesitation, the umpire should make an “out” call.
   
   b.) The umpire should make no call and move away from the area so not to tip off the either team.
   
   c.) After a brief hesitation, the umpire should make a “safe” call.

24. In the third inning, the umpire notices that two bats in Team B’s dugout are leaning against the fence with warming sleeves on them. The umpire should:

   a.) Remove those bats for the duration of the game.
   
   b.) Give the manager a warning and remove the warming sleeves.
   
   c.) Eject the manager immediately.
   
   d.) There is no penalty.

25. Without being reported, substitute Jones steps into the batter’s box and before any pitch has been thrown, the coach wants to switch substitute Smith for substitute Jones. Does this count as an entry for Jones?

   a.) Yes
   
   b.) No

26. B1 swings and misses a pitch but has time to reset and swing again, making contact the second time and hits the ball over the fence for a home run.

   a.) If the first swing was strike three, the batter is out and the home run nullified.
   
   b.) This will result in a foul ball.
   
   c.) The first swing is ruled a strike and the ball becomes dead when the batter swung the second time and hit the ball.
   
   d.) None of the above.

27. With one out and R1 on 3B, R2 on 2B and R3 on 1B, B5 hits a ground ball to F5 who steps on 3B for the second out. F5 then throws to F2 who drops the ball allowing R1 to score. R2 continues to run toward 3B even though out and draws the throw from F2. The umpire ruled interference by R2 and called a dead ball with R3 standing on 2B and B5 three steps from 1B.

   What is the penalty?

   a.) B5 is out for the third out and R1's run is nullified.
   
   b.) B5 is out for the third out and R1's run scores.
   
   c.) R3 is out for the third out and R1's run is nullified.
   
   d.) R3 is out for the third out and R1's run scores.

28. A bat that does not meet the requirements of an official bat or warm-up bat is:

   a.) An altered bat.
   
   b.) An illegal bat.

29. Contact is necessary to impede the progress of a runner or batter-runner.

   a.) True
   
   b.) False
30. B1 hits a ball toward F1, hitting the pitcher's plate and rebounding back toward the bat that was dropped in fair territory. The ball hits the bat and then rolls untouched into foul territory where it settles. What is the umpire's ruling?
  a.) Fair ball.
  b.) Foul ball.
  c.) Batter is out for hitting the ball a second time.
  d.) Both a. and c.

31. With one out, R1 on 3B, R2 on 1B, B4 singles to right field scoring R1. R2 rounds second, then becomes confused, retouches 2B while moving back toward 1B where they are tagged out. The Umpires rule correctly that R1's run counts as it was scored before R2 was tagged.
  a.) True
  b.) False

32. With R1 at 1B, F2 is guilty of catcher obstruction during a batted ball by B2. R1 is thrown out at 3B but misses 2B on the way to 3B. B2 is safe at 1B. The umpire called “catcher obstruction” when the illegal act occurred. The umpire should rule:
  a.) R1 is awarded home and B2 is awarded 1B.
  b.) Since R1 never touched 2B, R1 is awarded 2B and B2 is awarded 1B.
  c.) R1 is out at 3B and B2 stays at 1B.
  d.) None of the above.

33. Which of the following is NOT true about ASA approved equipment?
  a.) Bats cannot be stored in a bat warmer to make them livelier.
  b.) All approved bats must have “Official Softball” stamped on the bat.
  c.) Approved balls must have the ASA Certification Mark.
  d.) On-deck batters may use approved warm-up devices that appear on a list published by the ASA.

34. Reported substitute B2 is at bat with a 2-1 count and unreported substitute, R1 is on 3B. The defensive team realizes that R1 never reported and informs the umpire that R1 is an unreported substitute. The umpire should:
  a.) Eject R1 for being an unreported substitute.
  b.) Disqualify R1 and start over with a 0-0 count on B2.
  c.) Disqualify R1, replace them with a legal substitute and B2 continues to bat with the current count.
  d.) Leave R1 at 3B and B2 continues to bat with the current count.

35. The score of a forfeited game shall be 7-0 in favor of the team not at fault.
  a.) True
  b.) False

36. Men's 40-Over, Men's Masters 50-Over & Seniors 60-Over) When after completion of 7 innings of play, the score remains tied, starting at the top of the next inning and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat by placing:
  a.) The player who is scheduled to bat last in that half inning on 2B.
  b.) The player who made the last out of the previous inning on 2B.
  c.) A substitute for the player who is scheduled to be placed on 2B.
  d.) Both a. and c.
SLOW PITCH QUESTIONS

37. (Men's Super Slow Pitch Championship play) The home run limit is:
   a.) Ten (10) per team.
   b.) Eight (8) per team.
   c.) Six (6) per team.
   d.) Set by the Executive Director of ASA.

38. (Slow Pitch Only) F1 simulates a legal pitch while not in contact with the pitcher's plate. F1 then steps on the pitcher's plate and pitches the ball which B1 hits for a homerun. The umpire should allow the run to count.
   a.) True
   b.) False

39. (Slow Pitch with stealing) A runner may advance after the ball reaches the front edge of home plate.
   a.) True
   b.) False

40. (Coed Slow Pitch) With two outs, B3, a male batter, receives a walk and is awarded 2B. The next batter, a female:
   a.) May choose to walk.
   b.) May choose to bat.
   c.) Must bat.
   d.) May choose either a. or b.

41. Stealing is permitted in all Adult Slow Pitch Games only.
   a.) True
   b.) False

42. In all Adult Slow Pitch (except Seniors) the batter and runner are not required to run the bases on a four base award or an over the fence home run.
   a.) True
   b.) False

43. In a game played in the Senior Slow Pitch Division, the game is over after four complete innings with the score:
   a.) Home 26 - Visitors 10
   b.) Home 31 - Visitors 9
   c.) Home 18 - Visitors 3
   d.) None of the above.

MECHANICS QUESTIONS

44. Foul Tip Signal: The umpire should rise from the set position and raise both hands and brush the fingers of the left hand over the right hand, chest high in front of the body.
   a.) True
   b.) False
45. Which of the following is NOT true about the base umpire:
   a.) In a Two Umpire System, with runners on base the umpire should go to the set position at the start of the pitch.
   b.) In a Three Umpire System, with no runners on base the umpires should walk the line. With a runner on any base, both
       umpires should go to a set position at the start of the pitch.
   c.) In a Three Umpire System, an umpire should go to a set position only when that umpire has responsibility for a runner
       leaving the base too soon.
   d.) Should only take one or two steps when walking the line.

46. In a Three Umpire System the base umpire, when going out on a fly ball, must raise their hand with two fingers showing to
    let their partners know they are in a Two Umpire System.
   a.) True
   b.) False

47. When brushing off home plate or the pitcher’s plate, the umpire should move to a position facing center field with their back
    to home plate.
   a.) True
   b.) False

48. On a tag play, the umpire should take a position at 45 degrees to the path of the runner, just short of the base they are trying
    to reach at a depth of 10-12 feet from the play.
   a.) True
   b.) False

49. In a Two Umpire System with R1 on 2B, a fly ball is hit to F8 and is caught. What is the proper coverage for this play?
   a.) The base umpire takes the catch and the tag-up at 2B and the plate umpire takes the play at 3B.
   b.) The base umpire takes the tag-up at 2B and the plate umpire takes the catch and play at 3B.
   c.) The base umpire takes the tag-up at 2B and the play at 3B and the plate umpire takes the catch.
   d.) The base umpire takes the catch, tag-up at 2B and the play at 3B.

50. In a Two Umpire System with R1 on 2B, a fly ball is hit to F8 and is not caught. What is the proper coverage for this play?
   a.) The base umpire takes all plays at 1B, 2B and 3B and the plate umpire takes the play at home.
   b.) The base umpire takes any play at 1B and 2B and the plate umpire takes the play at 3B on the lead runner.
   c.) The base umpire takes any play at 1B and the plate umpire takes all plays at 2B, 3B and home.
   d.) None of the above.

**ALTERNATIVE FAST PITCH QUESTIONS**

51. A runner is awarded two bases when a pitched ball enters dead ball territory.
   a.) True
   b.) False

52. B1 hits a single and rounds 1B. The ball is returned from the outfield to F3 who walks the ball into the 8 foot circle. While F3
    still has possession of the ball B1 leaves 1B and advances to 2B. The umpire should call time and declare B1 out for leaving
    the base while the ball is in the circle.
   a.) True
   b.) False
53. (Women’s and JO Girls Fast Pitch) Pushing off and dragging the pivot foot in contact with the ground is not required.
   a.) True
   b.) False

54. (Women’s and JO Girls Fast Pitch) When after completion of 7 innings of play or 1 hour and 40 minutes in JO pool play and if the score remains tied, starting at the top of the next inning and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat by placing:
   a.) The player who is scheduled to bat last in that half inning on 2B.
   b.) The player who made the last out of the previous inning on 2B.
   c.) A substitute for the player who is scheduled to be placed on 2B.
   d.) Both a. and c.

55. Men’s Adult and JO Boy’s Fast Pitch may use bats with the 2013 ASA Certification mark.
   a.) True
   b.) False

56. In all Junior Olympic Fast Pitch Pool Play Games, teams have the option of having up to and including all Roster players bat.
   a.) True
   b.) False

57. In a 14U ASA/USA National Championship Pool Play Game the home team elects to bat all their Roster players, 14 in total. In the second inning the 5th hitter is injured and leaves the game. In the fourth inning the 12th hitter is disqualified. The umpires should:
   a.) End the game under the Shorthanded Rule.
   b.) Continue the game without any penalty.
   c.) Continue the game recording an out when the players who left the game are scheduled to bat.
   d.) None of the above.
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