

2012 Newburyport Pioneer League Baseball Test Senior & A Leagues

Game management

1. Between innings is the perfect time to respond to text and messages received during the inning.
True False
2. Pitchers should be allowed to throw as many warm up pitches as they think they need.
True False
3. If the catcher ends the inning as a base runner, it is a good idea to politely ask the coach to have someone else warm up the pitcher to keep the game moving.
True False
4. It is important for umpire partners to meet and talk before the game about who is covering what play in certain situations. It is also important to discuss who will be watching base runners when the ball is in the outfield.
True False

Positioning

5. With no runners on base, the base umpire should be in _____ position.
A B C
6. While in both B and C, fly balls that are from the left fielder or right fielder toward the foul line will be called by the, _____.
Plate umpire Base umpire
7. Same as #5, who is watching the base runners touch the bases?
Plate umpire Base umpire
8. With a runner on second base, the base umpire should in position _____.
A B C

Interference

8. A runner from first base is hit by a batted baseball on his way to 2b in front of the second baseman. The umpire rules the runner out and awards the hitter first base.
True False
9. A batter hits a ball past the second baseman and it strikes the umpire behind him. The umpire should signal dead ball and award the hitter first base and any runners forced move up a base.
True False
10. A batter swings, hits the catcher's mitt and grounds out to the pitcher. Umpire signals catcher's interference and awards the runner first base.
True False
11. A batter swings and hits the catcher's mitt and hits a ball down the right field line. He reaches first base and gets thrown out at second base. Umpire calls time out and puts the runner back on first base because of the interference.
True False

12. Runner on first base is stealing second, the batter swings at the pitch and his swing causes him to cross home plate in front of the catcher. The catcher throws to second base late. Umpire correctly rules the runner stealing is out due to the hitters' interference.
- True False

Fair Ball/ Foul Ball

13. Batter hits a ball and it hits behind home plate, it then spins forward, the catcher picks it up in front of home plate and throws to first to get the batter out. Umpire correctly rules fair ball.
- True False
14. The batter hits a ball that rolls up the first base line in foul territory, until it reaches first base and it hits the base. The umpire correctly rules foul ball.
- True False
15. The batter hits a line drive that goes past first base fair, it then hooks and lands on the ground in foul territory in short right field. Umpire correctly rules fair ball.
- True False
16. The batter hits a ball that rolls up the third base line. The ball stops just barely touching the foul line and most of the ball is in foul territory. Umpire correctly rules foul ball.
- True False
17. The batter swings at a pitch that hits him in the wrist. Umpire correctly rules foul ball.
- True False
18. All three bases and home plate are completely in fair territory?
- True False
19. The runner on first base is stealing second. The batter swings and foul tips the ball directly back to the catcher who catches the ball. Umpire correctly rules, ball is alive and the runner can stay on second base.
- True False
20. The runner on first base is stealing second. The batter swings and foul tips the ball directly back to the catcher who catches the ball after it hits his chest protector. Umpire correctly rules, ball is alive and the runner can stay on second base.
- True False

Must slide/Collision

21. Runner on first base when a batter hits a hard ground ball to the second baseman. The second baseman throws to the shortstop covering 2b. The run is only 3 steps off of first so he peels off toward the outfield. Umpire correctly rules he did not need to slide because he avoided the throw.
- True False
22. Same play as above, but the runner keeps running to second which cause the SS to throw the ball away. Umpire correctly rules both the batter and runner out.
- True False
23. Runner is coming around third base to score. The catcher has the plate blocked and the throw is coming from the outfield. The runner attempting to score touches

home plate and while doing so, he gently hits the catcher's leg. Umpire correctly rules that this is a collision and the runner is out.

True False

24. Same exact play, except the runner drops his shoulder and hits the catcher knocking him down. The umpire correctly rules the runner out. The base umpire then talks to the plate umpire and they eject the player from the game.

True False

Miscellaneous Rules

25. Pitcher throws a ball that bounces and hits the batter in the batters box. Umpire correctly awards the batter first base.

True False

26. An appeal play on a runner that left the base early can be done by tagging the base he left early or by tagging the runner that left early?

True False

27. A runner is trapped in a run down between second and third base. Attempting to get back to second he bumps into the short stop who does not have the ball. He reaches second base safely. The umpire correctly rules, the runner is awarded third base for the "obstruction" at second base.

True False

28. An easy way to remember how to award bases on "obstruction" is: if the defense is trying to get the obstructed runner out, he is awarded the next base. If they obstruct a runner that they are not making a play on, (i.e. ball is in the outfield when the obstruction occurs) the runner is awarded the base the umpire thought he would have reached safely had the obstruction not occurred.

True False

29. Bases loaded and two out. The batter hits a double to left and all the base runner score. The defense appeals that the runner from first base missed second base. The umpire rules the runner out and tells the score keeper that the men on second and third scored.

True False

Balks

30. The pitcher while standing on the pitching rubber fakes a throw to first base. Umpire rules, balk.

True False

31. The pitcher while straddling and not standing on the pitching rubber fakes a throw to first base. Umpire rules, balk.

True False

32. The pitcher while standing on the pitching rubber fakes a throw to third base. Umpire rules, balk.

True False

33. The pitcher comes to a set position with a runner on first. As he begins his delivery the batter asks the plate umpire for time out. The plate umpire does not signal time out. The pitcher comes to and abrupt stop. The umpire correctly rules "scratch".

The batters action caused the balk, therefore the play is ignored.

True False

34. Runner on first base. The pitcher balks while delivering a pitch. The batter hits the pitch and gets a single to right field. The runner on first base thinks he can get to third safely. He's wrong, and get's thrown out at third base. Umpire correctly ignores the balk. When the runner successfully reached second he was on his own peril to reach third base.

True False

Infield Fly Rule

35. The only time an infield fly can be ruled is when there are runners on first & second or bases loaded with less than two outs.

True False

36. In the situation above, first & second or bases loaded with less than two outs, the batter squares around to bunt. The bunt goes high in the air and is caught by the catcher. Umpire correctly rules, "infield fly, batter is out" prior to the catch.

True False

37. In the situation above, first & second or bases loaded with less than two outs, the batter squares around to bunt. The batter hits a fly ball to very shallow left field; the short stop casually glides under the ball on the outfield grass, calls for the catch and makes the catch. Prior to the catch the base umpire correctly rules "no infield fly, because the SS was in the outfield.

True False

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