



2005 BASEBALL RULES EXAMINATION - PART 2

Instructions: Only the answer sheet of this examination will be sent to the grader. You retain the questions for further study. Since correction is by machine scanning or perforated key, you must use care in clearly marking correct spaces on the answer sheet according to directions. Every part of each question is to be answered. Indicate whether you believe a part is true or false by marking the appropriate blank on the answer sheet.

NOTE: Send answer sheet to your state association office unless otherwise instructed.

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A Batted Ball Will Be Ruled Foul When:

1. Untouched, it comes to rest on the foul line between home and third base.
2. It touches third base on the fly.
3. Untouched, it comes to rest on home plate.
4. Because of backspin, it rolls back into foul ground between home and first base, and touches a bat laying on the ground.

The Set Position:

5. A change of direction meets the requirement of a complete and discernible stop.
6. The pitcher is not restricted as to how he shall hold the ball.
7. The pitcher shall go to the set position without interruption and in one continuous motion.
8. Before starting his delivery, the pitcher shall stand with his entire pivot foot in contact with or directly in front of the pitcher's plate and with his entire nonpivot foot in front of a line extending through the front edge of the pitcher's plate.

Umpire Jurisdiction Ends When:

9. The last out of the game is declared.
10. One of the umpires leaves the playing field at the conclusion of the game.
11. All the umpires leave the playing field at the conclusion of the game.
12. The official scorer notifies the umpires that there are no issues with the scorebook.

The Ball Will Remain Live and In Play When:

13. The batter is awarded an intentional base on balls.
14. The umpires declare an infield fly.
15. The batter swings and is hit by the pitch.
16. A foul tip is caught by the catcher.

Spectator Interference:

17. It is a delayed dead ball when a spectator interferes with a throw.
18. The batter-runner shall be awarded two bases when a spectator interferes with a batted ball.
19. The batter is out when the third baseman reaches into the stands attempting to catch a foul fly and is prevented from making the catch by a fan.
20. The batter is out when a fan reaches out from the stands and prevents the first baseman from making the catch over foul-ball territory.

Appeal of a Missed Base:

21. For an appeal of a missed base to be made, the ball must first be made live.
22. If the ball is dead due to a throw into a dead-ball area, runners must be given the opportunity to complete their base-running responsibilities before an appeal is made.
23. Any defensive player, with or without the ball, may make a verbal appeal on a runner during a dead ball.
24. A coach is not allowed to make a verbal appeal on a missed base when the ball is dead.

Substitution:

25. A player will be declared out upon discovery of being an unreported substitute.
26. If a relief pitcher requires more than eight warm-up pitches, the pitcher he replaced cannot later return to the game as a pitcher.
27. A starting player who hits in the lead-off position, but re-enters the game in the lineup as the No. 4 hitter, is considered to be an illegal substitute.
28. Substitution regulations are in effect after the lineup cards have been exchanged, verified by both teams and accepted by the umpire-in-chief during the pregame conference.

Malicious Contact:

29. There is no penalty if a runner maliciously contacts a fielder who was obstructing him at the time of the contact.
30. If a runner scores and then makes malicious contact with a fielder, he will be ejected, but his run will count.
31. It is deemed to be interference when a runner creates malicious contact with any fielder.
32. The ball will be declared dead immediately when malicious contact occurs.

The Batter Is Out When:

33. He deliberately removes his helmet while the ball was live and in play.
34. Any member of the offensive team interferes with a fielder attempting to field a foul fly ball.
35. With a count of 1-1, the catcher catches a foul tip.
36. He enters the batter's box with an illegal bat.

Extending A Dugout:

37. A home team may extend its dugout with no regard to any extension of the visitor's dugout.
38. It is recommended that the home team extend both dugouts toward the foul line if needed.
39. It is recommended that an extension of a dugout be made toward the outfield on a line parallel to the foul line.
40. If, in the judgment of the umpire-in-chief, a dugout is extended in a manner that creates an unsafe condition for players, he may disallow the use of the extended area by the players.

The Ball Is Dead Immediately When:

41. A ball touches an illegal glove.
42. The umpire verbally announces, "Foul Ball."
43. The umpire gives the "Do Not Pitch Signal."
44. A coach physically assists a runner.

Player Equipment:

45. All casts, splints and braces must be padded with a least one-half inch of closed-cell, slow-recovery rubber or other material with the same minimum thickness and having similar physical properties.
46. A face mask/guard may be attached to batting helmets at the time of manufacture and shall meet the NOCSAE standard.
47. A religious medal may be worn if it is taped and worn under the uniform.
48. Any questions regarding legality of a player's equipment shall be resolved by the umpire-in-chief.

Bats:

49. A bat that is discovered to have a crack, following a batter's turn at-bat, would be removed from the game without penalty.
50. During his pregame inspection, the umpire-in-chief discovers a bat that is cracked and notifies the head coach. In the second inning, a player enters the batter's box with that specific bat. Upon discovery, the batter will be declared out for entering the batter's box with an illegal bat.
51. All bats, wood and nonwood, shall be 2 5/8 inches or less in diameter at the thickest part of the bat.
52. While wooden bats cannot be "corked," it is acceptable to insert tennis balls into the barrel of a nonwood bat.

Charged Conferences:

53. Entering the eighth inning, a team has had only one charged conference. The team has three available charged conferences – the two it did not use plus one additional for the extra inning.
54. A conference would not be charged if time were called for the coach to attend to an injured player.
55. If a coach sends his nonplaying representative to discuss strategy with players of his team, a conference would still be charged.
56. An offensive charged conference is not deemed to be concluded if the player started to return to the batting box but the nonrestricted coach made no movement to return to his coaching box.

A Team Has The Option Of:

57. When on offense, letting the play stand or allowing the batter to bat again, when an illegal player on defense is involved in a play and the infraction is discovered by an umpire prior to the first pitch to the next batter of either team.
58. When on defense, taking the penalty for using an illegal bat or taking the result of the play, when a batter is discovered to have used an illegal bat and the team decides before the next pitch following the turn at bat of the player who used an illegal bat.
59. When on offense, taking the result of the play or having the award for use of an illegal glove imposed, when a defensive player uses an illegal glove to catch a fly ball.
60. With a runner on third scoring on the play and the batter-runner thrown out, the team on offense may accept the result of the play or take the penalty for obstruction by the catcher on the batter, provided it makes the decision before the next pitch, award of an intentional base on balls, or before the infielders leave the diamond.

A Coach:

61. Who is not in the uniform of the team cannot occupy a coach's box or go to the mound to have a conference with his pitcher.
62. May be restricted or ejected if he allows his team to line up near the foul line by home plate to observe the opposing team's infield practice.
63. May wear prostheses authorized by the state association and use mobility devices.
64. May use smokeless tobacco if he is discreet and in his team's dugout.

It is A Balk When:

65. The pitcher, after he has come set, turns his shoulders to check a runner.
66. The pitcher delivers a pitch while wearing a multi-colored glove.
67. With runners on base, the pitcher accidentally drops the ball and it crosses a foul line.
68. The pitcher, in the set position and prior to any movement of becoming set, turns his shoulders to check a runner.

Batting Out Of Order:

69. An improper batter is considered to be at bat as soon as he is in the batter's box and the ball is live.
70. If discovered by the opposing team while still at bat, an improper batter will be declared out and the next batter in the lineup will bat.
71. While either team may discover an improper batter prior to his being put out or becoming a base runner, only the defensive team may appeal batting out of order after the batter has completed his time at bat.
72. When several players bat out of order before discovery so that a player's time at bat occurs while he is a runner, such player will remain on base and will not be called out as a batter.

A Runner Is Awarded Three Bases When:

73. An outfielder intentionally carries a catch into dead-ball territory to prevent runners from returning to a base left too soon.
74. A bunt rolling in foul ground, but in a situation that it might become fair, is scooped up by the catcher with his detached mask before it touches the foul line.
75. If a pitch is prevented from going into the dugout by the catcher throwing his mask at the ball and stopping its roll.
76. A fair batted ball is prevented from going over the outfield fence by the center fielder throwing his glove and knocking the ball down in flight.

The Runner Is Out When:

77. He is hit by an infield fly while not in contact with a base.
78. He dives over a fielder who is lying prone on the ground.
79. He safely attempts to steal third base and the batter interferes with the catcher.
80. He passes an unobstructed preceding runner on a home run.

The Pregame Conference:

81. The umpire-in-chief shall receive verification from both coaches that all participants are properly equipped.
82. The meeting should begin exactly 10 minutes prior to the start of the game.
83. As long as the meeting is not at home plate, it is permissible for the starting pitcher to throw warm-up pitches from the pitching mound.
84. The umpire-in-chief shall emphasize to the coaches and captains that all participants are expected to exhibit good sporting behavior throughout the game.

Baserunning:

85. In a nonforce situation, if two unobstructed runners are on the same base, at the same time and both are tagged, the lead runner will be declared out.
86. A runner must vacate his base to permit a fielder to catch a fly ball in the infield.
87. A batter-runner who reaches first base safely on a base hit, but overruns the base, may immediately return without liability of being put out provided he does not attempt or feint an advance to second base.
88. Any runner who misses a base while advancing may not return to touch it after a following runner has scored.

Batter Interference:

89. If a whole bat is thrown and interferes with a defensive player attempting a play, the batter is out and runners return.
90. If a batter interferes with the catcher's attempt to throw out a runner stealing second base on a third strike, the umpire-in-chief shall automatically declare two outs – the batter for striking out and the runner for the batter's interference.
91. With one out, if a batter interferes and the runner advancing to home is tagged out, the ball remains live and the interference is ignored.
92. If there is time for the batter to move away from home plate when there is a throw there, and he fails to make a reasonable effort to do so, it is interference.

Batting Helmets:

93. After a team warning to the appropriate coach for a player of his team removing a helmet in live-ball area while the ball is live, the next offender shall be ejected.
94. Non-adult ball/bat shaggers are required to wear batting helmets in live-ball area, even if the ball is dead.
95. A batting helmet must display both the NOCSAE stamp and an exterior warning statement.
96. Face mask/guards are legal only if they were attached to the batting helmet at the time of manufacture.

Uniforms:

97. If there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform, it shall be changed before that individual participates again.
98. As long as the state association approves, a commemorative patch may be any size.
99. As long as the opposing coach is informed, two players on the same team listed on the lineup card may wear identical numbers.
100. While shoes are required equipment, caps are optional.

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|-----|-------|-----------------------------|------|-------|--------------------|
| 1. | False | 1-2-6, 2-5-1a | 51. | False | 1-3-4 |
| 2. | False | 2-5-1e | 52. | False | 1-3-5 |
| 3. | False | 1-2-6, 2-5-1a | 53. | False | 3-4-1 |
| 4. | True | 2-16-1d | 54. | True | 3-4-1 |
| 5. | False | 6-1-3 | 55. | True | 2-10-1, 3-4-1 |
| 6. | False | 6-1-3 | 56. | True | 3-4-4 |
| 7. | True | 6-1-3 | 57. | True | 3-1-1 |
| 8. | True | 6-1-3 | 58. | True | 7-4-1a |
| 9. | False | 10-1-2 | 59. | True | 1-5-3 |
| 10. | False | 10-1-2 | 60. | True | 8-1-1e |
| 11. | True | 10-1-2 | 61. | True | 3-2-1 |
| 12. | False | 10-1-2 | 62. | True | 3-3-1g-5 |
| 13. | False | 5-1-3 | 63. | True | 3-2-1, 1-5-5 |
| 14. | True | 5-1-1j exception | 64. | False | 3-3-1p |
| 15. | False | 5-1-1a | 65. | True | 6-1-1 |
| 16. | True | 2-16-2 | 66. | False | 6-2-1h |
| 17. | False | 5-1-1g-1, 8-3-3e | 67. | False | 6-1-4, 6-2-4a |
| 18. | False | 8-3-3e | 68. | False | 6-1-1 |
| 19. | False | 8-3-3e exception | 69. | True | 7-1-1 |
| 20. | True | 7-4-1d | 70. | False | 7-1-1 |
| 21. | False | 8-2-5 penalty | 71. | True | 7-1-1, 7-1-2a note |
| 22. | True | 8-2-5 penalty | 72. | True | 7-1-2e note |
| 23. | True | 8-2-5 penalty | 73. | False | 8-3-3d note |
| 24. | False | 8-2-5 penalty | 74. | True | 8-3-3b |
| 25. | False | 3-1-1, 2-36-2 | 75. | False | 8-3-3c-1 |
| 26. | True | 3-1-2 note, 6-2-2 exception | 76. | False | 8-3-3a |
| 27. | True | 2-36-3b | 77. | True | 8-4-2k, note |
| 28. | True | 1-1-2, 4-1-3 | 78. | True | 8-4-2d |
| 29. | False | 3-3-1n penalty, 8-4-2e note | 79. | False | 7-3-5c |
| 30. | True | 3-3-1n penalty | 80. | True | 8-4-2m |
| 31. | True | 2-21-1b | 81. | True | 4-1-3a, 2-10-2 |
| 32. | True | 5-1-1e, Dead Ball Table | 82. | False | 2-10-2 |
| 33. | False | 1-4-5 penalty | 83. | False | 2-10-2 |
| 34. | True | 7-4-1f | 84. | True | 4-1-3a, 2-10-2 |
| 35. | False | 7-4-1d | 85. | False | 8-2-7 note |
| 36. | True | 7-4-1a, 1-3-5 | 86. | False | 8-2-7 |
| 37. | False | 1-2-4 | 87. | True | 8-2-6 |
| 38. | False | 1-2-4 | 88. | True | 8-2-3 |
| 39. | True | 1-2-4 | 89. | True | 7-3-6 |
| 40. | True | 1-2-4, 10-2-3g | 90. | False | 7-3-5 penalty |
| 41. | False | 5-1-2g | 91. | True | 7-3-5 penalty |
| 42. | True | 5-1-1h | 92. | True | 7-3-5d |
| 43. | True | 5-1-1h | 93. | True | 1-4-5 penalty |
| 44. | False | 5-1-2f | 94. | True | 1-4-5 penalty |
| 45. | True | 1-5-5 | 95. | True | 1-4-5 |
| 46. | True | 1-4-6 | 96. | False | 1-4-6 |
| 47. | True | 1-4-10 | 97. | True | 3-1-6 |
| 48. | True | 1-5-7 | 98. | False | 1-4-4 |
| 49. | True | 1-3-5 | 99. | False | 1-4-3 |
| 50. | True | 1-3-5, 7-4-1a, 1.3.6b CB | 100. | False | 1-4-1 |