

Spring Baseball Umpire Test

1. A pitcher pitches 42 pitches in the first game of a Little League double-header; he is set to start the second game a catcher. Is this Legal?
2. A pitcher pitches 48 pitches in a Little League game on Tuesday; can he pitch in the second game of a double header Friday?
3. Bases are loaded with one out (infield is in). The batter hits a screaming line drive down to first base. The first baseman gets leather on it but deflects it behind him where it strikes R1 in the helmet and deflects high into the air. The second baseman catches the ball in flight then throws the ball wildly into the stands attempting to retire the R1 returning to first. What's your call?
4. If a batter hits a triple, but fails to touch second base; . . . he is immediately called out if the umpire sees that he failed to touch second base. True or False?
5. A batter switches from the right side of the plate to the left while the pitcher is taking the signs from the catcher. Is this legal?
6. Runner on 2nd. The batter lifts a fly ball to centerfield. The center fielder drops the ball. R2 heads for third and the BR rounds 1st and gets caught in a rundown between 1st and 2nd. The runner on 3rd breaks for home as the first baseman obstructs the runner returning to first. Place the runners.
7. A relief pitcher enters the game and pitches to a count of 1-2; the batter is replaced by a pinch-hitter. Can a substitute come in for the pitcher?
8. One out, runner on 1st. Batter hits a quick one-hopper to the 1st baseman, who tags R1 who is now standing on the bag, then tags the bag. Who is out?

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9. Bases loaded two outs. The batter hits a hard grounder to F5. F5 falls on his stomach near 3rd base. While holding the ball in his glove, he touches 3rd base with his bare hand before R2 reaches the base. What's the call?
10. A batted ball goes sharply and directly from the bat, off the catcher's mitt, then hits the catcher in his mask and ricochets 20 feet above home plate, and the catcher catches it before it hits the ground. Is this a foul-tip?
11. Batter hits a single to right. The right fielder throws to first attempting to retire the batter after he makes a wide turn at 1st. The throw goes out-of-play. At the moment the ball went out-of-play the batter had already turned at 2nd. Place the runner.
12. "Time" is automatically called when the batter steps out of the batter's box.
13. No one on base and no outs. The batter hits a grounder to short. The throw from F6 is high and F3 throws his glove and knocks the ball down. The BR stops on first as F3 gets the ball. What is the call?
14. The batter triples but misses second base. The defense properly appeals that he missed first base, but the umpire rules him safe. Can the defense now properly appeal that he missed 2nd base?
15. Tagging up on a deep fly ball to right-field, R3 takes off for home when the center-fielder (F8) touches the ball. The ball, however, jumps out of the F8's glove and is caught by the right-fielder (F9). When the ball is actually caught, R3 is already 1/3 of the way home and scores easily. The defense formally appeals to you that R3 left too soon. What is your call?
16. Is it legal to have 4 outfielders and only 3 infielders besides the pitcher and catcher?
17. Substitutions may be made while the ball is alive.

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18. In the top of the 1st inning, the visitors have a 6-0 lead when the visiting pitcher is due to bat. The manager wants to save his starting pitcher, so he decides to pinch-hit for him. Is this legal?
19. Runner at 1st, batter takes the pitch. The catcher's throw back to the pitcher hits the still cocked bat of the batter. The ball bounces into the dugout and R1 goes to 3rd. Can he stay there?
20. With a count of 0-2, the batter steps out of the batter's box while the pitcher is in his windup. The pitcher delivers the pitch anyway; the pitch does not enter the strike zone. What is your call?
21. A line drive ricochets off the third baseman's glove and the shortstop catches the ball in flight. Is this a catch?
22. In a Junior game, bases are loaded, 2 outs, 1 ball and 2 strikes on the batter. The batter swings and misses a pitch which touches the ground before reaching the plate. The catcher catches the ball cleanly after the bounce. The batter runs to first and all other runners advance. The catcher steps on home plate before R3 arrives.
23. In a Senior Game, runner on second base; one out. The pitcher tries a pick-off, but no-one covers the bag. Rather than hold the ball, the pitcher throws to the shortstop, who is minding his own business at his regular fielding position. What is the correct ruling?
24. Two outs, runners on second and third. Batter triples, apparently scoring both R3 and R2. The defense appeals that R2 missed third, and you agree, calling him out. How many runs do you allow?
25. In a Senior Game, no outs and runners on 2nd & 3rd, the batter swings and misses at a 3rd strike, and the pitch hits him and the ball bounces off his arm into the opposing teams dugout. What is the call?
26. In a Junior Game, no outs, runner on 2nd, the 3-2 pitch is called ball four and gets by the catcher and rolls toward the 1st base dugout. As the catcher attempts to retrieve the ball, he inadvertently knocks the ball into the dugout. Place R2 and the batter

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27. One out, runner on 2nd. R2 is stealing 3rd when the catcher interferes with the batter, who flies out to center. The runner returns to 2nd as the ball is caught. You invoke catcher's interference and place the batter at 1st. What do you do with R2?
28. Runner on 2nd base with two outs. Batter hits one over the fence. As R2 rounds third he trips on the base and falls down. The third base coach helps him up and he continues home. What's the call?
29. The umpires arrive at the ballpark one hour before game time and declare the game "called" due to wet grounds. Is this correct?
30. On a clean single to left field, is the BR out for not running within the 3-foot lane between home and first?
31. Runner on 2nd, two outs. While coming into the Set Position, the pitcher inadvertently knocks his hat off with his glove. However, he continues with his motion, comes to a stop, and pitches. The batter swings, but misses. What is the correct ruling?
32. There are runners on first and second when the batter singles to left. After the first runner rounds third, he's caught in a rundown, but the catcher throws wildly to left. The runner heads for the plate but slips on a muddy spot and falls. The runner from first comes behind him, helps him regain his feet and both cross the plate. The Manager of the defensive team comes out demanding an out for helping the runner. Make the call
33. Bases loaded no outs. Pitcher throws a pitch that bounces three feet in front of home plate. Batter hits pitch after the bounce and lines one down the third base line. Batted ball strikes runner standing on third base and caroms to shortstop who steps on second and throws to first before batter-runner gets to first. Make the call.

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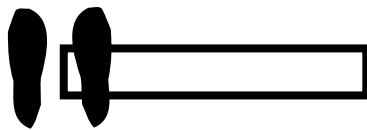
34. Runner on Second. The batter hits a line shot to the centerfielder who makes an errant throw home.

The ball passes by the catcher and rolls into his mask which is lying on the ground. The catcher then picks up the mask retrieves the ball and fires to third to retire the batter runner. The offensive manager asks for time and states that when the ball went into the mask, the play should have been called dead and the runner should be returned to second and the out erased. Make the call.

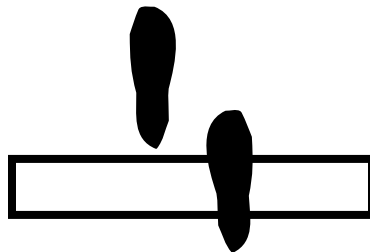
35. In a Little League Major game, a batter comes up to the plate with a bat marked "Softball", but the bat meets all Little League specifications. The defensive manager protests stating that the bat is illegal. Make the call.

36. Little League game. Runner on 2nd, 1-1 count. The pitcher starts the wind-up and throws; the ball slips out of his hand and rolls about 10 ft from the mound. What's the call? What if it crossed the 3rd base foul line?

37. In Softball, the following is a legal pitching delivery:



38. In Baseball, for a right handed pitcher, the following is a legal pitching delivery:



39. Runner on second base, the batter smacks a ground ball between third base and shortstop. The ball gets by the third baseman diving to his/her left and hits the runner advancing to third. IN YOUR JUDGEMENT, the shortstop had a good chance of fielding the ball and retiring the batter-runner...but...the ball hit the runner. What's the call?

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40. The pitcher is at the bottom of his set position. He backs off the pitcher's plate with his/her pivot foot and attempts to pick-off the runner at first. The errant throw gets by the first baseman and bounces into the stands. Place the runner.
41. Runner on first and third...one out. The batter chops a high hopper toward shortstop...the shortstop charges in and fields the batted ball. He throws to second to start the double play...but...the throw hits the umpire. All runners are safe as one run scores. What's the call?
42. The pitcher's pick-off attempt sails by the first baseman and ricochets down the line in foul territory. The runner heads for third and is safe on a close play...however...he missed second base en route. Since a play occurred after the missed base...can the defense still appeal?
43. Irwin is due up in the ninth spot followed by Abel, however Abel improperly comes to bat in his place and singles to right field. The opposing manager appeals to the umpire that Abel batted out of order...What's the call?
44. JR/SR/BL The base runner on first is running on the pitch...the batter flies out to right...the right fielder throws to first to double up the runner but the ball sails into the stands. Seeing the ball out-of-play...the returning runner stops in his/her tracks...reverses course and proceeds around second on to third. What's the call?
45. JR/SR/BL The runner on first base takes off for second on the pitch...the batter swings at the pitch...misses...and the pitch hits him. What's the call?

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