



2006 Basic Umpire's Examination

There are three ways in which the ASF Basic examination can be used.

1. Four Sections of 25 questions each that may assist in lecture style presentation of the rules. Candidates using the Paper in this manner are required to achieve an overall pass of 60%.
2. One Paper of 100 questions sat by a candidate in one session. Candidates using the Paper in this manner are required to achieve an overall pass of 50%.
3. As an open book examination by which umpires can sit the Paper in their own homes over a period of time. Candidates using the Paper in this manner are required to provide the correct answers and correct rule references to 85% of the questions.

- PLEASE NOTE:**
1. This examination is based on the Australian Rule Book - as revised 2006-2009 and relates to Fast Pitch only
 2. Defensive Team = Fielding Team
Offensive Team = Batting Team
 3. For the sake of brevity in some questions the following symbols will be used:

For fielders: F1 = Pitcher. F2 = Catcher. F3 = 1st Base.
F4 = 2nd Base. F5 = 3rd Base. F6 = Shortstop.
F7 = Left Field. F8 = Centre Field. F9 = Right Field.

For runners: R1 is always the lead runner, followed by R2, R3 etc.
For batters: B1 is the lead off batter, followed by B2, B3, B4 etc.
For substitutes: S1 is the first replacement player, followed by S2, S3, S4 etc.
Designated player: DP.
Flex Player: FLEX.

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. Answer strictly according to ASF Rule Book, NOT local bylaws and/or ground rules.
 2. Only the answer sheet of this examination is to be returned to the National, State or Association Director of Umpiring. You retain the question portion for further study. Your answer sheet, along with your examination mark will be returned to you after it is marked.
 3. All answers are either TRUE/FALSE or YES/NO and are worth (1) mark each, giving a total of 100 marks.
 4. Please indicate your answer by filling in the circle

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for the correct answer.

e.g. A TRUE or YES answer would be	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
on the Answer Sheet provided.		

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1. A 'Flare' or Cone Grip attached to a bat is not considered to be an altered bat.
2. An illegal re-entry is not an appeal play.
3. A batter-runner is a player who has finished their turn at Bat, and has not yet been played out or reached first base.
4. It is not a charged conference when the assistant offensive coach requests time to confer with the head coach.
5. A runner does not have to stop or slide for a fake tag to be constituted as a form of obstruction.
6. A foul fly is judged by the position of the ball in relation to the foul line and not whether the fielder is on foul or fair territory when the ball is touched.
7. The catcher's helmet may be a skull type without earflaps.
8. A pitcher deemed illegal as a result of the defensive charged conferences limit being exceeded may continue in the game as a player however can not pitch again for the remainder of the game.
9. A Replacement Player who enters the game without reporting to the umpire is an illegal player.
10. A ball that is bunted may be declared an infield fly providing all other requirements are met.
11. Interference is an act of an offensive player, or team member, which impedes, hinders or confuses a defensive player attempting to execute a play.
12. An obstruction includes the act of a defensive player not in the act of fielding a batted ball or not in the possession of the ball, that impedes the progress of a runner, or batter-runner who is running the bases legally.
13. The offensive coach is given the option of taking the enforcement of an illegal action or the result of the play when a fielder is discovered using an illegal glove to execute a play.
14. A batter runner slides into first base on his first attempt at the base but over slides it, the runner is not out if tagged while off base.
15. A player declared ineligible, as a result of an infraction of the rules, may not participate any further in the game in any capacity.
16. A strike that touches the ground prior to the catcher catching the ball is a trapped ball.
17. Are the lines considered to be part of the catcher's box?
18. The Batter-Runner and the Defensive Player may use either portion of the double base, on any live ball play, made from 1st base foul territory.
19. Bats that are made of Fibreglass are legal.
20. Is it permissible for a right fielder to use a mitt?
21. Are shoes with detachable cleats that screw onto the shoe allowed?
22. There is no penalty, and the ball remains alive if a helmet is accidentally dislodged, provided it does not cause interference.
23. A player wearing a cast shall be permitted to play as long as the cast is plaster.
24. Medical alert bracelets and necklaces are considered to be jewellery and may not be worn during the game.
25. Is it compulsory for male players to wear caps that are alike?
26. May a coach leave his coaches box to signal a runner to slide?
27. A coach is not allowed to have a scorebook and pencil in the coach's box for keeping score.
28. Does a team need the required number of players to continue a game?

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29. A player replaced at the pre-game meeting due to illness can enter the game as a substitute, at any time later in the game.
30. The starting DP once substituted may re-enter one time to any position in the Batting Order.
31. The FLEX may only replace the DP in offence.
32. Any of the starting players may re-enter the game once as long as it is into the same offensive position in the line up.
33. A player substituted into the game is not in violation of the substitution rule until a pitch is thrown.
34. If an illegal player is discovered during their turn at bat, does the legal substitute assume the ball and strike count?
35. The offensive coach has the option of taking the result of the play, if an illegal defensive player is discovered after making a play providing it is before the next pitch is thrown.
36. If a player that has been declared ineligible returns to the game both the coach and the player are ejected.
37. A player that has been removed from the game due to bleeding is due to bat, is the replacement player permitted to bat in their place?
38. Once a team has had a warning for being out of the dugout area, the next offence shall result in the ejection of the team member.
39. A coach makes an insulting remark to an opposition player; this is the first offence however the umpire considers the remark to be serious so ejects the coach. Is this correct?
40. The head coach of a team has been ejected; he refuses to advise the umpire who will assume the duties of the head coach. Should the umpire allow this?
41. At the completion of six innings Red Team 1 and Blue Team 2. Red team does not score in the top of the Seventh innings. The umpire does not allow the Blue team to bat the bottom of the Seventh. Is this ruling correct?
42. A game called after four complete innings due to rain is a regulation game.
43. After the umpire has suspended play, if a team fails to resume playing immediately after play ball has been called, the game is a forfeit.
44. A game that has been declared a regulation tied game is replayed from the beginning.
45. If a spectator physically attacks an umpire, can the plate umpire rule a forfeit in favour of the team not at fault?
46. In a tie break innings the runner who is placed on 2nd base is the player who was the third out in the previous innings.
47. Can a run score if the third out of the inning is due to a runner being called out for leaving their base before the pitch is thrown?
48. A pitcher requests time to put on a warm up jacket while on base. Is this considered an offensive conference?
49. The catcher goes to the dugout without calling time to receive instructions. This is not considered to be a defensive conference.
50. A coach insists on a second defensive conference in the top of the 8th innings, is this allowed?

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51. Immediately prior to pitching the ball, the pitcher must take a signal from the catcher.
52. When receiving signals from the catcher, the pitcher must be standing on the pitcher's plate with his hands together.
53. The pitcher must come to a complete stop for 1 second after taking the signal from the catcher and pitch the ball within 10 seconds.
54. The pitch commences as soon as the pitcher releases the ball.
55. The pitcher must not deliberately roll the ball in order to prevent the batter from hitting it.
56. Once the umpire calls "play ball", the pitcher has 20 seconds to release the next pitch.
57. For a violation of the rule in question 56, the umpire should award a ball on the batter and award an extra base to all runners currently on base.
58. Powdered resin may be used by the pitcher under the supervision and control of the umpire.
59. A pitcher may wear a wedding ring on his pitching hand provided it is covered with skin-coloured tape.
60. The catcher must remain within the lines of the catcher's box until the pitch is released.
61. If the ball slips from the pitcher's hand during the delivery of the pitch, runners may advance at their own risk.
62. The on-deck batter must only position himself in the on-deck circle nearest his team's bench.
63. The on-deck may warm up with three bats, provided they are official softball bats.
64. When a player is discovered using an illegal warm-up bat, the penalty is removal of the illegal bat. Should the umpire eject the player, if he continues to use the illegal equipment?
65. The first batter in each innings shall be the batter in the batting order whose name follows that of the last player called out in the previous innings.
66. Batting out of order is not an appeal play. The umpire should call the incorrect batter out as soon as it is noticed.
67. The batter has 10 seconds to take his position in the batter's box, after the umpire has called "play ball".
68. On a foul-tip the umpire should call a strike. However, the ball is dead and runners may not advance.
69. A batted ball that settles, untouched, on home plate should be called a foul ball by the plate umpire.
70. A fly ball that strikes the foul pole above the fence level and rebounds into foul territory is a foul ball.
71. The batter hits the ball and it rebounds up and hits the batter while he is still standing in the batter's box. The umpire should declare a foul ball.
72. When the batter is hit while swinging at a third strike, the umpire should declare the ball dead and call the batter out.
73. A batter that is discovered to be using an altered bat should be called out by the umpire and ejected from the game.
74. The batter is out if he bunts the ball foul on the third strike.
75. A batter that steps in front of the catcher to change batter's box, while the pitcher appears to be taking a signal from the catcher, should be called out by the umpire.

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76. When four balls have been called by the umpire, the batter becomes a batter-runner and is awarded one base. If he advances beyond, or misses, first base he may be put out.
77. Catcher's obstruction should be ruled by the plate umpire if the batter hits the catcher's glove during his swing.
78. A fair batted fly ball that hits the foul pole above the fence level and subsequently lands in foul territory is a foul ball.
79. If a fair batted ball hits a runner or umpire before passing a fielder, excluding the pitcher, without being touched, the umpire should declare the ball dead.
80. The batter's hands are considered part of the bat.
81. When an infield fly is declared the batter-runner is out, and no runners may advance.
82. The batter-runner is not out if he steps back to avoid a tag when running to first base, provided he does not run more than 3 feet from his base path.
83. The ball remains in play and runners may advance when a thrown ball hits a base umpire.
84. It is not an obstruction when the catcher blocks the runner's progress to home plate, as long as he about to receive a thrown ball.
85. When a pitched ball passes under the backstop or goes out of play the ball is dead, and runners are awarded two bases from the time of the pitch.
86. In the umpire's judgement, a fielder has kicked the ball intentionally into dead ball territory. The umpire should award all runners one base from the time the ball entered dead ball territory.
87. If the coach taps a runner on the shoulder to indicate when to run after a fly ball has been caught, the runner should be called out.
88. When the ball is batted illegally, the batter should be called out, but the ball remains in play.
89. The ball is dead whenever a "no pitch" is declared.
90. The ball is alive when a pitched ball merely touches the clothing of the batter who makes no attempt to avoid being hit.
91. The ball is dead when the batter enters the batter's box with, or uses, an altered bat.
92. The ball is dead when the batter-runner steps back toward home plate to avoid a fielder's tag.
93. The ball is in play when a fair batted ball hits a base umpire who is standing in foul territory.
94. The ball is dead when a runner is called out for passing a preceding runner.
95. The ball is in play when a live ball accidentally strikes a photographer who has been assigned to the game.
96. When a thrown ball strikes an umpire in fair territory, a dead ball should be declared.
97. When a thrown ball accidentally strikes a coach the ball is dead.
98. A ball that hits the hands of the batter swinging at a pitch is considered a dead ball.
99. A dead ball should be ruled immediately on an illegal pitch.
100. In delayed dead ball situations, the ball remains alive until the conclusion of the play.

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ANSWER SHEET 100 QUESTIONS**FILL IN CIRCLE FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER****CANDIDATE No.....**

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