

British Columbia Baseball Umpires Association
Provincial Level 3 Exam – 2011

This exam consists of 50 possible points. The passing mark is 80% or 40/50. Answer the questions as they appear. For fill-in-the-blank answers, the exact answer is required. There are no part marks available for any questions. Please answer the questions on the answer sheet. Write legibly. If your answer is not legible you will not receive a mark for the question. Mail the completed exam to the address below. The corrected exam will be returned to you. Do **NOT** attempt to Email your exam answers.

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Questions #1-25 are (T) True or (F) False and pertain to general rules. Please mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. The ball is always dead if a pitch hits the batter.
2. Situation: Nobody out, runner on 3rd base only. A long fly ball to left field is caught and R3 scores after the legal catch. The ball remains alive and goes back to the pitcher. The catcher tells the pitcher to appeal at 3rd base that the runner left early. The pitcher stands on the rubber and throws to 3rd base but does not step towards the bag. The umpire calls a “Balk”
3. Situation: No runners on base and the catcher drops the 3rd strike. The batter starts towards his dugout and is a few steps from it when he realizes that the catcher dropped the ball. He hustles towards 1st base and beats the throw safely. The umpire rules the batter-runner safe and allows him to remain at 1st base.
4. With a runner at 1st and nobody out, the shortstop intentionally lets a weak line-drive bounce off his glove and fall to the ground in order to start a double play. The umpire calls “Time”, calls R1 “Out”, and places the batter-runner at 1st base.
5. With a runner at 1st and 2 out, a left handed relief pitcher enters the game. Before making a pitch, the southpaw picks-off R1 to retire the side. The manager is now allowed to insert a pinch-hitter for the reliever who is due to lead-off the next inning.
6. Situation: Runner at 2nd and nobody out, 3-2 count to the batter. The pitch is called Ball 4 and bounces off the catcher’s shin guard and into foul territory. As the catcher is about to pick it up, he accidentally kicks the ball into the dugout. The umpire rules that R2 should score and batter-runner goes to 2nd base.
7. With a runner at 1st and 1 out, the batter hits a quick one-hopper to the 1st baseman who tags the bag and then tags R1 who is still standing on the 1st base bag. The umpire should call both R1 and the batter-runner “Out”

8. The batter hits a single to right field. The right fielder throws to 1st in an attempt to retire the batter-runner who made a wide turn. The throw sails over the 1st baseman and out of play. The umpire should award the batter-runner 3rd base.
9. With a runner at 1st and 1 out the catcher fields a foul pop-up near the dugout steps and then trips and falls down into the dugout. The catcher gets up and throws to 1st base before R1 is able to return. The umpire rules R1 “Out”.
10. It is **illegal** for the pitcher to take his signs while standing astride the pitcher’s plate.
11. A pitcher is allowed to wear a multicoloured glove, provided it is not white or grey, and in the umpire’s judgement, is not distracting to the batter.
12. Nobody on and nobody out. The batter hits a ground ball to the shortstop who fields the ball and throws high towards 1st base. The 1st baseman throws his glove and knocks the ball down. The batter-runner stops at 1st. The umpire should award the batter-runner 3rd base.
13. Bases loaded and 2 out. Batter hits a grounder to the 3rd baseman. R2 stops and gets into a rundown between 2nd and 3rd base. R2 is tagged out after R3 touches home. The run should count.
14. A batted ball goes sharp and direct from the bat, off the catcher’s mitt, hits the catcher’s mask, pops into the air, and then the catcher holds the ball in his hand. This is a foul-tip.
15. The batter doubled, but missed 1st base. “Time” is called. After the ball is put back into play, the pitcher balks while attempting to appeal at 1st. The defence is now not allowed to try to appeal again.
16. A batter should be called “Out” when he fouls off a pitch while clearly having one foot completely outside the lines of the batter’s box.
17. A manager is considered to have concluded his trip to the mound when he crosses the foul line on his way back to the dugout.

18. An unannounced defensive substitution becomes legal as soon as the player assumes his defensive position.
19. With runners at 1st and 3rd and nobody out the pitcher assumes the “set position”. From this position, the pitcher steps and fakes a throw to 3rd base. While off the rubber, he spins and cocks his arm as if to throw to 1st, but does **NOT** complete the throw. The umpire should call a “Balk” for faking towards 1st.
20. An improper batter is at bat with a count of 2-2. The offensive manager notes the error and replaces the batter with the correct hitter. The umpire should allow this.
21. If a fair batted ball bounces over the fence in foul territory, the runners are awarded 2 bases from where they were when the ball left the field.
22. A team using the Designated Hitter has nobody left on the bench when their starting pitcher is ejected. The umpire is correct to declare the game a “Forfeit”.
23. Runner at 1st and nobody out. The pitcher is in the stretch position. He starts to come to the set position, but does not come to a stop before his delivery to home plate. The umpires call a “Balk” but he pitches anyway. The batter hits the ball into the gap, and R1 comes around to score. The batter-runner is thrown out at 3rd base. The umpire should let the play stand.
24. A “Balk” is called when the pitcher licks his fingers while standing on the pitcher’s plate.
25. At the plate meeting, the umpire in chief for the game may officially warn both managers that an intentionally-hit batter will result in ejection of both pitcher and the manager.

Questions #26-30 are Multiple Choice. There is only 1 correct answer for each question. Please mark your answer on the answer sheet.

26. Players have to wear double-ear-flap helmets when running the bases up to which level?

- A) **Peewee**
- B) **Bantam**
- C) **Midget**
- D) **Junior**
- E) **All Levels**

27. Chinstraps on batting helmets are required at which level?

- A) **Mosquito Only**
- B) **Peewee Only**
- C) **Peewee and Lower**
- D) **Up to and including Bantam**
- E) **Up to and including Midget**

28. The strike zone is:

- A) **from the top of the shoulders to the top of the knees**
- B) **from the midpoint between the shoulders and the belt to the bottom of the knees**
- C) **from the armpits to the middle of the shins**
- D) **where the plate umpire decides it is.**
- E) **nose to the toes**

29. Bases loaded, nobody out... a sharply batted ball hits R1. No fielder had an opportunity to field it. The umpire should:

- A) **Let the play continue and place the runners after the play is complete.**
- B) **Call "Time" immediately, call R1 "Out", score R3, advance R2 to 3rd, and place Batter-runner at 1st.**
- C) **Call "Time" immediately, call R1 "Out", return R2 and R3 to their bases and place Batter-runner at 1st.**

30. The manager makes his 2nd trip to the pitcher in the same inning. Which of the following is true?
- A) **The pitcher may continue pitching.**
 - B) **The pitcher must be replaced, may play another position, and may later return to pitch.**
 - C) **The pitcher must be replaced, may play another position, but cannot return to pitch.**
 - D) **The pitcher must come out of the game and hit the showers.**

The following questions pertain to the Baseball Canada 3 man system 2009 edition. These can be viewed at www.baseball.ca . Please mark your answer on the answer sheet.

31. With nobody on and a routine fly ball to right-center field, the call of Catch/No Catch will be the responsibility of the _____ umpire.
32. With Nobody on and a fly ball down the right field line, the _____ umpire is responsible for the call of Catch/No Catch and Fair/Foul, while the _____ umpire would make any call at 1st base on any back-pick effort on the batter-runner.
33. With R1, a long fly ball is hit into the gap of left-centerfield. The hit will clearly allow R1 to try for home on the play. Since there is likely to be a play at the plate, the call at home should belong to _____.
34. With a runner at 2nd only and 1 out, the batter hits a single. R2 tries to score. The call at home is the responsibility of _____. After the play at the plate, the catcher tries to retire the batter-runner who is on his way to 2nd base. The call at 2nd is the responsibility of _____.
35. With a runner at 3rd base only, and 1 out, the batter hits a fly ball to right field. The responsibility of watching the runner tag up at 3rd base belongs to _____.
36. With a runner at 2nd and 2 outs, the _____ umpire sets up in the infield slot position (P-3/4).

37. With 2 outs and runners at 1st and 2nd, a deep fly ball is hit towards the left fielder. The _____ umpire goes out to make the call of Catch/No Catch. The ball falls to the ground untouched. The play on the batter-runner at 3rd base is the responsibility of the _____ umpire.

The following questions will require usage of the Official Rules of Baseball Rulebook, Baseball Canada Edition. There is only **ONE** acceptable answer for each blank. No part marks will be issued. List the rule references when required. Please mark your answer on the answer sheet.

38. Within what time frame (in hours) must an umpire report an ejection of player, coach, or manager?
39. There are 2 outs. The batter hits a Grand Slam. On appeal, the batter-runner is called out for missing 3rd base. How many runs score?
40. Runner at 2nd is stealing on the play. The batter is hit by the pitch. Place the runner. R2 goes to _____.
41. The umpire calls a batter out on dropped Strike 3, but mistakenly says, “**Strike 3, The Batter is OUT!**” The batter runs for first because the ball was dropped and is standing at 1st. The catcher does not make the throw as he heard the umpire call the batter out. What happens next? Place the batter-runner.
42. The batting order is **A, B, C, D**. **A** draws a walk, and **C** comes to bat. **A** steals 2nd on the first pitch. **C** makes a single. **B** comes to bat and the manager appeals for an improper batter. Who, if anyone, is called out on the play?
43. List the rule reference for question #42.
44. If, in the umpire’s judgement, the pitcher has intentionally pitched at the batter, what are the umpire’s 3 choices?
45. List the rule reference for question #44.