

# USA SOFTBALL™ UMPIRE

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The abbreviations used in the questions follow the following: B (N) = Batter; R1 = runner closest to home; R2 is the succeeding runner; R3 is the runner on first base when the bases are full; S (N) = substitutes; CR (N) = courtesy runner(s); PC (N) = physically challenged player; and F (N) = fielder by number. F1 is pitcher; F2 is catcher; F3 is first baseman; F4 is second baseman; F5 is third baseman; F6 is shortstop; F7 is left fielder; F8 is center fielder; and F9 is right fielder. If F10 is used it would be the extra fielder in the slow pitch game.

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## GENERAL QUESTIONS

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- 1) With no outs, and R1 on 2B, B4 bats in place of B2 and reaches 2B safely. R1 advances home, but misses 3B. F5 obtains the ball and properly appeals the infraction by R1 and the umpire declares R1 out. Prior to a pitch being made, the defense discovers that B4 was not the proper batter and informs the umpire. The umpire should rule:
  - a. B2 is declared out, B3 is now the proper batter, B4 remains at 2B and the appeal of R1 stands, R1 is out and no runs score.
  - b. B3 is now the proper batter, B4 is removed from 2B and declared out and the appeal of R1 stands, R1 is out and no runs score.
  - c. B2 is declared out, B3 is now the proper batter, B4 is removed from 2B and the appeal of R1 stands, R1 is out and no runs score.
  - d. B2 is declared out, B3 is now the proper batter, B4 is removed from 2B and R1 is placed back on 2B.
- 2) In the bottom of the seventh inning with the score tied, R1 scores the winning run from 2B. The umpire notices that R1 did not touch 3B, but no player makes an appeal. F1 and all infielders have left the diamond, but the umpires are still on the field. F5 returns to 3B and appeals R1 missing 3B. The umpires should rule:
  - a. The run does not count as the umpires had not left the field and it was a proper appeal.
  - b. The appeal cannot be honored as all the infielders had left the field. The run counts.
  - c. The umpires should have called the runner out as soon as the runner missed the base.
  - d. None of the above.
- 3) With no outs and R1 on 2B, B2 swings at and misses the pitch. R1 breaks for 3B and while F2 throws to 3B in an attempt to retire R1, B2 readjusts their footing and bumps into F2 causing an errant throw. B2 never left the batter's box during the entire play. The umpire should rule:
  - a. This is interference and the batter is declared out.
  - b. This is not interference because it was not intentional.
  - c. This is not interference but would have been interference had the batter been outside the batter's box.
  - d. None of the above
- 4) Because the courtesy runner is not considered to have entered the game as a substitute, it need not be reported to the plate umpire.
  - a. True.
  - b. False.
- 5) Bottom of the 7th inning, score is tied with 1 out and R1 is on 3B, R2 is on 2B and R3 is on 1B. B5 hits a fly ball to F8 which is caught for the second out. R1 legally tags up and scores, then the defense returns the ball to the infield and tags R2 while off of 2B for the 3rd out. The defense now wants the score negated. The umpire should rule:
  - a. The run does not count because runners must tag up after a caught fly ball.
  - b. Since the 3rd out of the inning was not a force out, and the run scored prior to R2 being tagged out the run counts.
  - c. The run should not count and the game continues.
  - d. Both a & c are correct.
- 6) In tournament play the defensive team notices that a batter has just used a non-approved bat with a certification mark and brings it to the attention of the umpire prior to a pitch to the next batter. The umpire rules the batter is out, confiscates the bat, ejects the batter from the game and disqualifies the batter from the rest of the tournament.
  - a. True
  - b. False
- 7) With no outs and R1 on 1B, B2 hits a ground ball to F6, who throws to F4 at 2B. R1 beats the throw and is safe at 2B. F4 then throws to F3 to try to retire B2, who is still running to 1B. The throw goes beyond F3 and out of play. Where are the runners placed?
  - a. R1 stays at 2B and B2 stays at 1B.
  - b. R1 is awarded home and B2 is awarded 2B.
  - c. R1 is awarded 3B and B2 is awarded 2B.
  - d. R1 is awarded home and B2 is awarded 3B.
- 8) B7 hits a high pop fly about 10 feet in front of home plate directly above the 1B line. B7 is running toward 1B and F2 is running behind them attempting to catch the fly ball. As F2 dives for the ball, B7's foot kicks F2's glove in fair territory and the ball bounces out of the glove falling to the ground. The umpire rules B7 out for interference.
  - a. True.
  - b. False.

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- 9) B1 is moving forward in the batter's box as F1 delivers the pitch. B1 slaps at the ball and makes contact while part of her right foot is touching the front line of the batter's box and part of her right foot is outside the front line of the batter's box. The umpire calls "Dead ball" and calls B1 out. This is the correct call.
- True.
  - False.
- 10) Which of the following rule violations made by a runner is not an exception to the obstruction rule?
- Runner creates interference.
  - Runner violates the look-back rule.
  - Runner leaves early on a fly ball and is properly appealed.
  - Runner misses a base and is properly appealed.
- 11) Which of the following is not an appeal play?
- Plate umpire asks the Base Umpire for help on a check swing.
  - Defensive team asking about a runner missing a base.
  - Defensive team asking about a runner leaving the base before a fly ball is touched.
  - Defensive team asking about the offensive team batting out of order.
- 12) With the score tied in the bottom of the 7th inning, R1 on first base and two outs, B4 hits a deep fly ball down the right-field line. Unable to make the catch, the right-fielder watches as the ball lands fair and then rolls into foul territory beyond the right-field fence line. R1 scores the apparent winning run, but the right-fielder informs the umpires the ball rolled beyond the fence line into dead ball territory. What action should the umpires take?
- Because the ball rolled into dead ball territory after passing a fielder, the run counts.
  - Because the ball rolled into dead ball territory untouched by the fielder the run counts.
  - This is the same as a blocked ball and R1 should score.
  - This is a two base award. R1 is awarded 3B and B4 is awarded 2B – no run scores.
- 13) B1 hits a deep fly to right field and the right-fielder makes a diving, shoestring catch for an apparent out. However, the offensive coach protests that the right-fielder made the catch with a first-baseman's mitt and the out should be nullified. How should the umpire rule on this protest?
- There is no penalty; any fielder may use a mitt or a glove.
  - The catch must be nullified and the batter is allowed to hit again.
  - The catch must be nullified and the batter is awarded 1B.
  - The catch must be nullified and the batter is awarded 3B.
- 14) With one out and R1 on first base, B4 bats in B3's spot in the batting order. B4 hits a home run and two runs score. Before a pitch to B5, the defensive coach appeals that B4 batted out of order. What action should be taken by the umpire?
- Both runs on the home run count; B3 simply loses their turn at-bat.
  - The home run doesn't count, but R1's run does count; B3 becomes the next batter.
  - B4 should be called out and R1 returned to 1B; no runs score, B5 is the next legal batter.
  - B3 should be called out and R1 returned to 1B; no runs score, B4 is the next legal batter.
- 15) If the ball becomes blocked due to offensive equipment not involved in the game, the ball is dead and all runners are awarded one base from the last base touched prior to the ball being blocked.
- True.
  - False.
- 16) With one out, R1 on 3B and R2 on 2B, B4 hits a fly ball to right field that is caught. R1 tags legally and scores; R2 leaves 2B early on the tag-up and advances to 3B. The defense appeals after the play is over that R2 left early and R1's run should not count since R2's leaving early becomes the third out of the inning. The umpire should rule:
- This is a timing play and the appeal prevents the run from scoring.
  - This is a timing play and since the run scored prior to the appeal being made, the run counts.
  - This is a timing play and the out on the catch is nullified and all runners return to their original bases.
  - This is not a timing play and the run does not count.

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- 17) With one out in the bottom of the 7th inning, the score is tied with R1 on 3B, R2 on 2B, and R3 on 1B. B5 hits a deep fly ball to left-field which is caught for the second out. All runners tag legally and R1 scores what appears to be the winning run. After the run scores, the defensive first baseman tags R3, who is off 1B, and appeals that this is a force out and the run should not count.
- The out on R3 is a force out and the run does not count.
  - R2 and R1 both were both forced out and the run does not count.
  - R3 was not forced to advance due to the catch, the run counts.
  - Because of the timing of the appeal, R1 must return to 3B and R3 is not out.
- 18) When a fielder loses possession of the ball and the ball leaves live ball territory or becomes blocked; each runner is awarded two bases from the last base touched at the time the ball entered dead ball territory or became blocked.
- True.
  - False.
- 19) R1 on 3B and R2 on 1B with one out. B5 is batting but it is B4's turn at bat. B5 hits a ground ball to F6 who throws to 2B to retire R2, and B5 is safe at 1B. The defensive manager appeals that B5 batted out of order. What is the correct ruling?
- B5's at bat is negated, R2 would remain out, B4 is ruled out for not batting in their proper position for the third out of the inning, since R1 scored prior to the appeal, their run would count.
  - B5's at bat is negated, R2 would remain out, B4 is ruled out for not batting in their proper position for the third out of the inning, and R1 would be placed back on 3B if this was not the third out of the inning.
  - B5's at bat is negated, R2 would remain out, B4 is ruled out for not batting in their proper position for the third out of the inning, since this is the third out, R1 cannot be returned to 3B so their run would score.
  - B5's at bat is negated, R2 would return to 1B, B4 is ruled out for not batting in their proper position for the second out of the inning, R1 would be placed back on 3B.
- 20) R1 on 3B with one out, B4 comes to bat but it is B3's turn at bat. With a 2 ball 0 strike count the pitcher throws a wild pitch and R1 scores. On the next pitch B4 receives a walk and advances to 1B. Before the next pitch the defense appeals that B4 batted out of order. What is the correct ruling?
- B4's at bat is negated, B3 is ruled out for not batting in their proper position and R1 is returned to 3B.
  - B4's at bat is negated, R1 is returned to 3B and B3 is placed up to bat with a 3 ball 0 strike count.
  - B4's at bat is negated, B3 is ruled out for not batting in their proper position. Since R1 scored while B4 was at bat and not as a result of them completing their turn at bat their action is legal and the run scores.
  - None of the above.
- 21) All of the following are true regarding the FLEX player in Fast Pitch or any game using the ADA Rule, EXCEPT:
- The FLEX is listed in the 10th position in the lineup.
  - The FLEX may be substituted for by the DP playing defense.
  - The FLEX may bat anywhere in one of the nine positions of the batting order, regardless of the DP's batting position.
  - The FLEX may be replaced by a legal substitute at any time.
  - When the FLEX is substituted for by the DP, the team is down to nine players.
- 22) With R1 on 3B, F1 pitches a ball that is low and gets away from F2. PU loses sight of the ball and while trying to move into position to see it, contacts F2 preventing F2 from retrieving the ball as R1 scores. PU correctly rules umpire interference and returns R1 to 3B.
- True.
  - False.
- 23) With R1 on 3B, B2 hits a fly ball that bounces off F8's glove and is caught before touching the ground. R1 tags up and advances to home when the ball is first touched by F8. The defense appeals R1 left 3B before the ball was caught. The umpire correctly rules R1 out.
- True.
  - False.
- 24) R3 is caught in a rundown between 3B and home. As R3 is attempting to return to 3B, they are obstructed by F5 and subsequently tagged while off the base by F6. The correct call is:
- The call is always an immediate dead ball when a runner is obstructed.
  - When a fielder obstructs a runner the initial call is always a delayed dead ball. Once the obstructed runner is put out, it becomes a dead ball and the umpire shall award R3 the base they would have reached had there been no obstruction.
  - When a fielder obstructs a runner the initial call is always a delayed dead ball. Once the obstructed runner is put out, it becomes a dead ball and the umpire shall award the runner one base, in this case R3 is awarded home.
  - The umpire will issue a warning to F5 and notify their coach; if this is the second offense by F5 R3 will be awarded home.

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- 25) With R1 on 2B, R2 on 1B and no outs, B3 hits the ball down the 1B line. The batter-runner stops and then backs up toward home plate to avoid or delay being tagged. The base runners had both reached the next base before the batter-runner stepped backward. The correct ruling is:
- Dead ball, this is interference, the batter-runner is out, all runners are returned to the last base touched at the time of the pitch.
  - Live ball, play on, batter-runner is out when tagged.
  - Dead ball, this is interference, the batter-runner is out, all runners are returned to the last base touched at the time of the interference.
  - Dead ball, this is interference, the runner closest to home is out.
- 26) If two runners are between the same base when a live ball is overthrown into dead ball territory or becomes blocked the proper award is:
- Two bases from the time of the throw, based on the position of the lead runner.
  - Two bases from the time of the throw, based on the position of the trail runner.
  - One base from the time of the fielder's throw.
  - One base from the time the ball went out of play or was blocked.
- 27) B1 gets a hit with an illegal bat. While on 1B and after a pitch to B2 who is standing in the batter's box with the same bat, the defense brings the illegal bat to the attention of the umpire. The umpire should rule:
- B1 is out and the bat is removed from the game and B2 continues using a different bat.
  - B2 is out and the bat is removed from the game.
  - B1 and B2 are both out and the bat is removed from the game.
  - B1 and B2 are not out and B2 continues to bat since a pitch has been thrown.
- 28) In the bottom of the 7th inning of a tie game, an unreported substitute for B1 is batting and on the first pitch hits a home run. Before the umpires leave the playing field the defense, while still in the infield, notifies the umpires that B1's substitute did not report. The umpire should rule:
- B1's substitute is officially in the game, the run is nullified and B1 is declared out.
  - B1's substitute run counts because there is no penalty for an unreported substitute and the game is over.
  - B1's substitute is declared out but the run counts and the game is over.
  - None of the above.
- 29) With no outs, R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B, B3 hits a high pop fly between home and 1B which F3 loses sight of in the sun. The ball lands in foul ground without being touched and rolls into fair territory halfway between home and 1B. F1 picks up the ball and throws to F4 covering 1B who touches R2 with the ball while R2 is off the base. The umpire should rule:
- Infield Fly. Both B3 and R2 are called out.
  - Infield Fly. B3 is out and R2 is returned to 1B.
  - Foul ball and R1 must return to 2B and R2 returns to 1B.
  - None of the above.
- 30) With R1 on 3B, B2 hits a line drive striking F1 in the face that results in an apparent serious injury. The umpire should rule:
- Call an immediate dead ball.
  - Allow for the player to receive medical attention.
  - Award the bases that they think would have been reached.
  - All the above.
- 31) With no outs, R1 on 1B and B2 scheduled to bat, B4 comes to bat instead and grounds into a double play. The defense properly appeals B4 batting out of order. The umpire should rule:
- B4's time at bat is negated.
  - B2 is ruled out for not batting in their proper position.
  - R1's out stands at 2B.
  - All of the above.
- 32) With no outs, R1 on 3B and R2 on 2B. B3 hits a ball down the 3B line that hits R1 in fair territory while standing on the base. R1 did not intentionally interfere, and the closest defensive player, F5, is playing behind 3B. The correct ruling is:
- Ball remains live, runners advance at their own risk.
  - Ball is ruled dead immediately and R1 is out. Batter-runner is placed at 1B, R2 stays at 2B.
  - Ball remains live, R1 is declared out.
  - Ball is immediately dead; R1 is not out. Batter-runner is placed at 1B, R2 stays at 2B.

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- 33) R1 on 2B. B2 hits a ball to shallow outfield, and rounds 1B as F9 attempts to throw out R1 going to 3B. The throw skips by F5, and hits the 3B coach who was trying to avoid being hit, and then goes into the dugout. The umpire rules:
- Dead ball; R1 is awarded home and B2 is awarded 3B.
  - Dead ball; R1 is out due to interference by 3B coach and B2 is placed on 1B.
  - Dead ball; R1 is awarded 3B and B2 is awarded 2B.
  - Dead ball; R1 is returned to 2B and B2 is placed on 1B.
- 34) R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B. B3 hits a line drive to F4, who is unable to make the catch and the ball caroms off their glove. While in the air, the ball strikes R2 who tried to avoid the ball. The ball caroms off R2 and is caught in the air by F3. The umpire rules:
- Live ball; no catch and gives routine safe / no catch signal.
  - Dead ball; R2 is out for interference, R1 is returned to 2B and B3 is placed on 1B.
  - Dead ball; R2 is out for interference, B3 is also out on the catch and R1 is returned to 2B.
  - Delayed dead ball; at the conclusion of the play offensive coach has the option of the result of play or have B3 bat again.
- 35) The umpire is monitoring an injured batter that has not yet arrived at home plate to start the half inning, F1 throws an additional 4 warm up pitches while waiting. The correct ruling is:
- The umpire should award the batter 1B.
  - This is legal and there is no penalty.
  - The pitcher should be warned not to take excessive warm-up pitches.
  - The pitcher should be removed from the pitching position for the remainder of the game.
- 36) R1 on 2B and a speedy R2 is on 1B with no outs when B3 hits a fair batted ball in front of the plate. F2's throws to 1B hitting B3 in the back while they are out of the three-foot-lane, the ball ricochets off B3 entering dead ball territory. The plate umpire calls dead ball and rules interference on B3 calling them out. At the time of the interference R1 had not yet reached 3B but the speedy R2 had clearly reached 2B. What is the proper placement of R1 and R2?
- Since R2 had reached 2B they must be placed on 2B, this forces R1 to be placed on 3B.
  - Since R1 had not yet reached 3B they must return to 2B, this requires R2 to return to 1B.
  - Since R1 was between 2B and 3B and R2 was at 2B when the ball entered dead ball territory they will both be awarded home.
  - Since R1 was between 2B and 3B when the ball was thrown, they will be awarded home; since R1's two base award placed them at home, R2 should be placed on 3B.

## FAST PITCH QUESTIONS

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- 37) The starting pitcher, number 7, in a Fast Pitch game. They come up to bat in the 2nd inning and get on base, where they are replaced by a courtesy runner, number 29 who has not yet participated in the game. Number 7, who is still pitching, reaches base safely again in the 5th inning and number 29 is again put in for her as a courtesy runner. The umpire rules that since number 29 has already been a courtesy runner, they are considered to have participated in the game and are no longer eligible to be a courtesy runner.
- True
  - False
- 38) In a JO Fast Pitch pool play game, the coach elects to bat all eligible players who are at the game. The pitcher (B3) bats in the 3rd inning and draws a walk. The coach wants to put B9, the 3rd baseperson, in as a courtesy runner for the pitcher. This is allowed during pool play only.
- True.
  - False.
- 39) In a Fast Pitch game, with R1 on 3B, R2 on 2B, R3 on 1B, and B4 at bat, the pitcher throws an illegal pitch. However, B4 hits a ground ball to the shortstop who steps on 2B for a force out on R3, then throws 1B, but B4 is called safe. The offensive coach appeals that all action on this play should be nullified and, instead, a ball should be awarded to the batter and all runners advanced one base. What action should the umpire take?
- Because B4 swung at the illegal pitch, the illegal pitch is nullified and all succeeding action is legal; run scores, R3 is out.
  - The coach gets an option of the illegal pitch being enforced or taking the result of the play.
  - The illegal pitch stops all action (dead ball) and the batter cannot swing at the pitch.
  - The illegal pitch can be enforced and a ball awarded to the batter, but because the bases are loaded no runners can advance.

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- 40) In a Fast Pitch game, with R1 on 1B and B2 batting, R1 leaves 1B legally on the release of the pitch to home plate. The first and third basemen are playing in for a possible sacrifice bunt. B2 swings and hits a ground ball that hits R1 in the heel of their foot. In the umpire's judgement, the ball passed the first baseman and the second baseman was not in position to have an opportunity to make an out. R1 advances to 3B and B2 reaches 1B safely. When time is called at the end of the play the defensive coach protests that R1 should be called out because he felt the second baseman did have an opportunity to make a play on the ball. How should the protest be handled?
- The coach should be allowed to protest the call by appealing to the entire umpire crew.
  - The coach should be allowed to protest the call to the UIC.
  - The coach should not be allowed to protest any call based on umpire's judgment.
  - The coach should be allowed to protest this call as the fielder only has to be able to make a play on the batted ball that has passed an infielder, not make an out.
- 41) In a Fast Pitch game, the pitcher reaches down and places her fingers/hand in the dirt around the pitching plate and does not wipe the fingers/hand off before bringing them in contact with the ball. U3 calls an illegal pitch and explains to the pitcher and their coach that it is illegal to place a foreign substance on the ball. The offensive coach protests that this is a misapplication of the rule as dirt is not a foreign substance. What is the proper ruling?
- Dirt is a foreign substance, so the illegal pitch is upheld.
  - The pitcher is warned if they apply a foreign substance to the ball again they will be ejected.
  - The illegal pitch call is reversed, as dirt is not considered a foreign substance.
  - Both a. and b. are correct.
- 42) (Fast Pitch Only). R1 on 3B, R2 on 2B, R3 on 1B and two outs. B6 hits an over the fence homerun. R3 misses 2B. The defense appeals R3 missing 2B after R1 and R2 have scored. How many runs score?
- Since the appeal was made after R1 and R2 had touched home plate their runs would score.
  - This was an over the fence home run all runs would score.
  - R3 was forced to advance to 2B the appeal would be treated as a force out for the third out of the inning and no runs would score.
  - None of the above.
- 43) (Fast Pitch Only) An illegal pitch is delivered and hits the batter, who attempts to avoid being hit, out of the strike zone. The correct ruling is:
- Illegal pitch, award all base runners one base and award a ball to the batter.
  - Award the batter 1B with no award to the base runners.
  - Award the batter 1B and advance all runners one base.
  - The coach has the option of the illegal pitch or awarding the hit batter 1B.

## **MECHANIC QUESTIONS**

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- 44) In the Two Umpire System, with no runners on base, the base umpire has the option of starting behind or off of the 1B side of the second basemen, OR walking the line in foul territory on the 1B line.
- True.
  - False.
- 45) In the Two Umpire System, with R1 on 3B and a ball hit through the infield to right field, the base umpire is responsible for the runner at 3B while the plate umpire is responsible for the BR touching 1B.
- True.
  - False.
- 46) In a Three Umpire System with no runners on base and a base hit to the outfield that no umpire chases, the plate umpire should:
- Trail the batter-runner no more than 1/3 of the way to 1B in fair territory, as the runner approaches 2B move to the holding zone about 1/2 way to 3B in foul ground.
  - Move out from behind the plate toward the pitching circle, as the runner approaches 2B move to the holding zone about 1/2 way to 3B in foul ground.
  - Trail the batter-runner no more than 1/3 of the way to 1B in fair territory, as the runner approaches 2B move across the diamond toward 3B in fair territory to obtain the proper angle then close the distance to no closer than 10-12 feet.
  - Move out from behind the plate directly to a calling position 10-12 feet from 3B in fair territory.

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- 47) In a Two Umpire System with no outs and a runner on 1B only, B1 hits a base hit to F8 that no umpire chases. R1 rounds 2B and is headed to 3B, F8 fields the ball and throws to 3B to make a play on R1. The plate umpire should:
- Trail the batter-runner no more than 1/3 of the way to 1B then as R1 approaches 2B move toward 3B to first obtain the proper angle then close your distance as the play develops working to get an unobstructed view of the play at a minimum calling distance of 10-12 feet from 3B.
  - Move to the holding zone about ½ way to 3B in foul ground and read the play. As the play develops at 3B, move into fair territory and obtain an angle 90 degrees to the path of the runner then close to distance to obtain a minimum depth of 10-12 feet from the play in fair territory.
  - Move out from behind the plate toward the holding zone about ½ way to 3B in foul ground and read the play. As the play develops at 3B, move to obtain a minimum depth of 10-12 feet from the play but remain in foul territory as this will allow you to transition back to the plate if needed.
  - Move out from behind the plate toward the pitching circle and read the play, as R1 approaches 3B move to the holding zone to get a view of the play at 3B.
- 48) In the Three Umpire System with no runners on base, and a fly ball hit down the 1B line that the 1B umpire chases, the plate umpire should trail the batter-runner and is responsible to make any call at 1B.
- True.
  - False.
- 49) When the infield fly is no longer in effect, the plate umpire will signal to their partner(s):
- By tapping their left forearm with their right hand and making eye contact with their partner(s). The base umpire(s) will return the same signal to the plate umpire.
  - By tapping their chest with the right hand having their fingers representing the number of outs.
  - By tapping their right forearm with their left hand and making eye contact with their partner(s). The base umpire(s) will return the same signal to the plate umpire.
  - None of the above.
- 50) In a Three Umpire System with R1 on 2B, a fly ball is hit to RF near the 1B line. U1 should:
- Pick up the ball and glance at the runner as they move inside the diamond to button hook at a minimum depth of 10-12 feet. After the BR touches 1B, rotate home in foul ground to the farthest back corner of the right hand batter's box 10-12 feet from home plate.
  - Pick up the ball and glance at the runner as they move inside the diamond to button hook at a minimum depth of 10-12 feet. Watch the tag-up of R1, responsible for any play at 1B or 2B.
  - Chase the fly ball. Responsible for catch/no catch and fair/foul.
  - None of the above.

## **ALTERNATIVE SLOW PITCH QUESTIONS**

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- 51) (Adult Slow Pitch Only) With R1 on 1B, B2 hits a fly ball to deep centerfield. R1 misses 2B on their way to 3B. The ball goes over the fence for a home run. R1 returns to the dugout without touching 2B. When F4 appeals to the base umpire, R1 is called out.
- True.
  - False.
- 52) Team A has ten players present in a Slow Pitch game. In the top of the 4th inning, B7 needs to leave because they have to go to work. The umpire rules the game a forfeit, because Team A now has nine players and can only play shorthanded due to injury.
- True.
  - False.
- 53) In adult Slow Pitch, there can be one courtesy runner per half inning, and it can be:
- For the pitcher or catcher only.
  - Only the last player to have made an out.
  - Any eligible player on the official line-up including available substitutes.
  - A and C above.
  - None of the above.
- 54) (Slow Pitch Only) B3 gets a base hit and is replaced by B7 as a courtesy runner. B7's turn at bat comes up with B7 still on 3B. Which of the following is true?
- B3 can return to 3B to replace B7.
  - S1 can replace B7 on 3B.
  - B3 is declared out, and B7 is removed from 3B and takes their turn at bat.
  - B7's turn at bat is skipped with no penalty, and B8 is now the proper batter.



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- 55) (Slow Pitch Only) A slow pitch team is using an extra player however the extra player is not listed on the official line-up card. This player is an:
- a. Illegal substitute.
  - b. Unreported substitute.
  - c. Illegal player.
  - d. Illegal extra player.
- 56) (Slow Pitch Only) A slow pitch pitcher may wear a sweatband on the wrist or forearm of the pitching arm, may have tape on the pitching fingers, or a batting glove on the pitching hand?
- a. True
  - b. False
- 57) (Slow Pitch Only) Men's Class A Slow Pitch team has reached their limit of over-the-fence home runs. B4 hits a fly ball to F7 that goes off his glove and clears the fence in fair territory.
- a. The ball is dead and the batter is out for exceeding the over-the-fence HR limit.
  - b. The umpire declares a 2-base award.
  - c. The umpire declares a 4-base award
  - d. None of the above.

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Umpires that umpire Slow Pitch only also answer Slow Pitch only questions and umpires that umpire Fast Pitch only also answer Fast Pitch only questions.

NOTE: Each answer should be marked solid, i.e. ● DO NOT CIRCLE.

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

- 1 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 2 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 3 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 4 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 5 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 6 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 7 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 8 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 9 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 10 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 11 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 12 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
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## FAST PITCH QUESTIONS

- 37 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 38 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 39 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 40 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 41 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)
- 42 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

43 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

## MECHANIC QUESTIONS

44 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

45 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

46 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

47 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

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## ALTERNATIVE SLOW PITCH QUESTIONS

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57 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

**FITTED PERFORMANCE POLY-SERGE CAP**

- #450 3-inch 8-stitch bill, fitted navy cap.
- #440 Combo 2.75-inch 6-Stitch bill, fitted navy cap
- \* Cap Sizes: (6 1/2, 6 5/8, 6 3/4, 6 7/8, 7, 7 1/8, 7 1/4, 7 3/8, 7 1/2, 7 5/8, 7 3/4, 7 7/8, 8) .....\$18.00

**FLEXFIT PERFORMANCE POLY-SERGE CAP**

- #453 Field, 3-inch 8-stitch bill, fitted navy cap. Flex size Small, Med and Large.
- #443 Combo 2.75-inch 6-Stitch bill, fitted navy cap. Flex size Small (6 1/2-6 7/8), Medium (7-7 1/4), Large (7 3/8 - 7 5/8).....\$18.00

**ADJUSTABLE PERFORMANCE POLY-SERGE CAP**

- #455 Field, 3-inch 8-stitch bill, adjustable navy cap. Velcro strap closure. Adjusts to Med-Lrg (7 - 7 3/4.)
- #445 Combo 2.75-inch 6-Stitch bill, adjustable navy cap. Velcro strap closure. Adjusts to Med-Lrg (7 - 7 3/4.) .....\$18.00

**FITTED PERFORMANCE POLY-SERGE CAP (NO LETTERS)**

- #402FP Field, 3-inch 8-stitch bill, fitted navy cap.
- #402BP Combo 2.75-inch 6-Stitch bill, fitted navy cap.
- \* Cap Sizes: (6 1/2, 6 5/8, 6 3/4, 6 7/8, 7, 7 1/8, 7 1/4, 7 3/8, 7 1/2, 7 5/8, 7 3/4, 7 7/8, 8) .....\$11.00

**USA SOFTBALL UMPIRE POLO**

- #1030 Official USA Softball umpire shirt. Powder blue with navy side flank panel. Self styled collar with navy trim accent. Performance polyester fabric wicks sweat away from your skin to keep you dry. Wrinkle free for easy care.
- #1040 Official USA Softball umpire shirt. Navy with powder blue side flank panel. Self styled collar with navy trim accent. Performance polyester fabric wicks sweat away from your skin to keep you dry. Wrinkle free for easy care.
- Size: S,M,L,XL.....\$32.00
- Size: 2XL.....\$34.00
- Size: 3XL.....\$36.00
- Size: 4XL.....\$38.00
- Size: 5XL.....\$40.00
- #250 Official USA Softball umpire shirt. Pink with navy side flank panel. Self styled collar with navy trim accent. Performance polyester fabric wicks sweat away from your skin to keep you dry. Wrinkle free for easy care.
- Size: S,M,L,XL.....\$32.00
- Size: 2XL.....\$34.00
- Size: 3XL.....\$36.00
- Size: 4XL.....\$38.00

**PRO STYLE UMPIRE POLO SHIRT**

Pro Style umpire shirt. Shirt features Polyester Air Mesh fabric for moisture wicking, soil release fabric, 3 button placket, extended length cut, left chest pocket.

- #118 Black
- #128 Red
- #138 Powder Blue
- #148 Navy
- Size: S, M,L,XL.....\$25.00
- Size: 2XL.....\$27.00
- Size: 3XL.....\$29.00

**UMPIRE BASE PANTS - WOMEN'S SIZES ALSO!**

- Fechheimer® polyester knit pants with metal zipper closure. Pant features snug fit, rubberized waistband-2 zones of stretch, two western-cut pockets, creases set and pressed.
- #PG Gray Men's Base pants - Waist size: 28-54
- #PGW Gray Women's Base pants - Size: 4-20
- #PB Navy Men's Base pants - Waist size: 28-54
- #PBW Navy Women's Base pants - Size: 4-20 .....\$45.00

**UMPIRE PLATE PANTS - WOMEN'S SIZES ALSO!**

- Same as Umpire Base Pants (description above) with fuller cut to accommodate shin guards.
- #PPG Gray Men's Plate pants - Waist size: 28-54
- #PPGW Gray Women's Plate pants - Size 4-20
- #PPB Navy Men's Plate pants - Waist size: 28-54
- #PPBW Navy Women's Plate pants - Size 4-20 .....\$47.00

**UMPIRE SHORTS**

- #T Navy Umpire shorts. Features lightweight moisture wicking twill fabric, comfort grip waistband, metal zipper, two button front snap, two back pockets and 9" inseam. Sizing every two inches 28" to 48". .....\$35.00

**ULTRAJOC**

- #CPJ Black short combines traditional jock with a 85/15% Nylon/LYCRA® support girdle. Features comfortable form fitting pouch, that can be used with or without athletic cup, provides support for hamstring, groin and abdominal muscles.
- Size: M 30-34, L 34-38, XL 38-42, 2XL 42-46.....
- \$29.00#CPP Same as Above but in Long Pant Style
- Size: M 30-34, L 34-38, XL 38-42, 2XL 42-46.....\$39.00

**JACKETS**

**USA SOFTBALL PULLOVER JACKET**

- #2005 Microfiber shell with Stripes over the shoulder. Nylon tricot lining, stand-up collar with elastic waistband, two slash pockets.
- Size: S,M,L,XL.....\$57.00
- Size: 2XL.....\$59.00
- Size: 3XL.....\$61.00
- Size: 4XL.....\$63.00
- Size: 5XL.....\$65.00
- #2003 Same as above with no USA Letters

**BELTS**

- #UB Black Leather belt 1 3/4" with silver buckle.
- Size: 28-58 .....\$18.00
- #RFB Rubberized, adjustable flex belt. Worn inside pant to hold in shirt tail. Fits sizes up to 45" .....\$19.00

**SOCKS**

- #CA100 Navy crew sock, 80% Orlon/20% Nylon, reinforced heel and toe. Size: 10-13.....\$6.95
- #CA202 Anklet Socks w/navy USA logo, 80% Acrylic/20% stretch nylon. Shoe size 8 1/2 to 12. ....\$6.95

**DIAMOND EQUIPMENT BAG**

- #5033 Durable fabric with the look and feel of leather, U-shaped top zipper to main compartment, Two end zipper pockets, Front zippered pocket for convenience, Dual carry handles with clasp, Adjustable/removable shoulder strap. Black 25"x12"x12".....\$59.00

**UMPIRE GARMENT BAG**

- #2008 Keep your uniform clean with this durable, navy USA Softball garment bag. Features inside loop for hangers and external locker strap. Will hold several shirts and jacket. 36" Length by 24" Width. ....\$29.00

**FACE MASK AND ACCESSORIES**

- LIGHT WEIGHT EXTENDED FRAME MASK**
- #5006V With vinyl pad set. 1 lb. 8 oz. ....\$29.00
- WILSON LIGHT WEIGHT EXTENDED FRAME MASK**

- #5008 Two-tone black PU and tan leather pad set. 1lb 11 oz. ....\$69.00
- #4906 CHAMPRO Quick-Dry replacement pad set. ....\$19.00
- #4922 6.5 Inch Black impact resistant plastic throat guard extension .....\$9.00
- #5003 Black mask replacement strap set.....\$8.00

**CHEST PROTECTORS**

- #5021 Polyester satin front cover and twill back. Adjustable elastic harness and steel clips. 16.5" x 23.5" with 17mm foam pads.....\$39.00
- #5020 Champro Ventilated Chest Protector. Molded high impact shoulder caps, adjustable shoulder and back straps. Vents in the protector allow for maximum air circulation. 18" x 17".....\$49.00

- #5010 Diamond IX3 Chest Protector Plastic three layer foam for unsurpassed protection and comfort. adjustable arm pads to customize the fit to your specific needs. Lined with CoolMax fabric for moisture management. Removable sizing plate included. 14" body length (without sizing plate) 18.5" body length (with sizing plate).....\$89.00

**LEG PROTECTION**

- Featuring Diamond Grid Tech Foam for superior ventilation and comfort. Extremely light weight plastic, Durable snap-loc Tifco buckles. Removable toe extensions.
- #5015L Posi-Fit 17"
- #5015M Posi-Fit 15" .....\$49.00

- #5016 - Pro-Plus triple knee leg guards. Contour molded, ventilated shin caps, full calf and ankle wings, exclusive extra long hinged instep, foot cap is removable. #5016 Length 18.5"
- #5016M 17"
- #5016S 15.5" .....\$69.00
- #5014 Soccer style leg guards. Light weight designed to be worn under socks. 13" .....\$14.00

**PLATE ACCESSORIES**

- Inside pocket for indicator and broom.
- Matches umpire pants.
- #3320 Navy USA Softball Logo
- #3350 Navy (No Logo)
- #3420 Gray USA Softball Logo
- #3450 Gray (No Logo) .....\$11.00
- #UPBR Wood handle nylon bristle plate brush with ASA® logo. ....\$4.00
- #530 3/2 Umpire Indicator .....\$4.00
- #530I 3/2 Umpire Indicator w/innings .....\$4.00
- #530S Steel Umpire Indicator.....\$6.95
- #530SI Steel Umpire Indicator w/innings.....\$6.95
- #625 Flip Coin features mask as head and indicator as tails .....\$5.00
- #TAG Plastic Indicator shaped Luggage Tag ...\$4.95

**SHOES**

- #1015 3N2 PLATE SHOE Wear resistant, highly polishable 100% genuine leather construction. Rugged carbon-fiber plate backed by an impact-absorbing cushion. Designed to reduce knee and joint stress associated with game-after-game action. Weight 15.7 oz. Black. Size 6-12 in half sizes and 13, 14, 15.....\$95.00
- #1014 3N2 BASE SHOE Wear resistant, easily polished 100% leather construction. Compression molded EVA midsole. Weight 12.8 oz. Color black. Size 6-12 in half sizes and 13, 14, 15. ....\$65.00

(To convert #1015 and #1014 to Women's size subtract 1 1/2 size from Men's sizes. If you wear size 7 1/2, order size 6)

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