



3rd year ACE Rules Test

PART 1 – (True and False)

1. **A batter steps into the batter's box with a bat listed on the ASA banned list. After one pitch (a strike) has been thrown, the plate umpire observes the bat and informs the batter to use a legal bat. The batter continues to bat with a 1-strike count.**
2. **A blocked ball and interference is ruled when a thrown ball hits a coach standing in the coach's box.**
3. **F6, standing in the base path, is attempting to pick up a ground ball which has bounced off his chest. R2 runs into F6 and should be called out.**
4. **It is a charged conference if one of the infielders, calls time, and talks to the pitcher at the pitcher's plate.**
5. **B1 hits a fair ball to left-center field. A double base is used and B1 touches the colored portion and continues to 2B. This is legal.**
6. **It is legal for a team to appear on the field with four players in matching long pants and six players in matching shorts. All pants/shorts are the same color.**
7. **A batter steps into the batter's box with a bat that has four layers of tape on the handle and extends over the knob. This is considered an altered bat and the batter should be called out and disqualified.**
8. **Substitute Jones takes a position in the batter 's box for Team "A." Team "B" brings in a new pitcher and team "A's" manager replaces Jones before any pitch has been thrown. Jones was never officially in the game.**
9. **(FP Only) A team is using the DP/FLEX, and one of their players is ejected. If the team has no legal substitutes, then the team must forfeit the game if the ejected player is neither the DP or the FLEX player.**

PART 1 – MULTIPLE CHOICE

10. R1 is on 1B with no outs. Unreported substitute B2 is at bat with a 1-ball, 1-strike count. B2 grounds into a force out at 2B retiring R1. Before the next pitch, the defensive team notifies the umpire that B2 is unreported.
- R1's out remains. B2 is ejected and is replaced by S1 at 1B.
 - R1's out remains. B2 is disqualified and is replaced by S1 at 1B.
 - R1's out remains. B2 is removed from 1B and disqualified. A legal substitute assumes the batting position with a count of 1-ball, 1-strike.
 - R1's out remains. B2 is called out and is disqualified. B3 comes to bat.
11. On a throw to 1B from an infielder, the batter-runner arrives before the ball, but touches only the white portion of a double base. The umpire should rule:
- The batter-runner is out.
 - Call the batter-runner safe because it makes no difference which part of the double base is touched.
 - No call, because an appeal must be made.
 - Call the batter-runner safe. If a live ball appeal is made prior to the batter-runner returning to the base, the batter-runner would be out.
12. R1 on 1B with no outs when the batter hits a long fly ball to F8 who races to the fence, leaps to make the catch, and falls over the fence, but maintains control of the ball. The umpire should rule:
- No catch, dead ball, and the batter is awarded four bases.
 - Good catch, dead ball, batter is out, and R1 stays at 1B.
 - Good catch, dead ball, batter is out, and R1 is awarded 2B. **2004 ACE Rules Test**
 - Good catch, live ball, batter is out, and R1 may advance at his own risk.

ALTERNATE QUESTIONS FOR SLOW PITCH (True and False)

- 6SP** The pitcher, holding the ball in his glove hand, delivers the pitch from the glove. This action is legal.
- 14SP** It is legal for a pitcher to make a pitching motion and stop prior to stepping on the pitcher's plate.
- 16SP** The batter swings very slowly at a pitch and, on contact, the ball rolls out in front of the plate. This action is legal.

PART 2 – TRUE AND FALSE

13. The umpire should rule a charged defensive conference when the manager from the dugout requests time and discusses strategy with the infielders.
- 14. The catcher is standing in the base path awaiting the throw from F8. The runner from 3B runs into the catcher before the ball arrives. Obstruction is called on the catcher and the run scores.**
- 15. The pitcher attempts a quick return pitch before the batter is ready. No pitch should be declared by the umpire?**
16. R1 on 1B with no outs. B3 swings and hits the ball off his/her hands which goes directly back to the pitcher in the air. The pitcher catches the ball and throws to 1B before R1 returns. The umpires should rule a double play?

- 17. There is no penalty if the fielder's glove comes off accidentally while jumping for a line drive and the ball and glove drop to the ground.**
18. (JO Fast Pitch only) Top of the 3rd inning, F5, the leadoff batter, gets a double. Manager calls time, requests a courtesy runner and informs the umpire that F5 will become the pitcher in the bottom of the 3rd. This is legal.
- 19. R1 is on 1B. The catcher obstructs B2's swing. The batted ball is grounded to F6, who throws to 2B for a force out on R1. Since the batter reaches 1B safely, the play stands.**
20. The base(s) to be awarded for spectator interference on a fair batted ball is always determined by the umpire's judgment.
- 21. On an attempted double play at 2B and 1B, the runner is out at 2B, but the batter (B3) has already reached 1B before the throw is started to 1B. The ball goes out-of-play. The umpire should award B3 third base.**

PART 2. MULTIPLE CHOICE

22. (JO Fast Pitch only) Which of the following is a correct statement regarding courtesy runners.
- A player may be a substitute for any player in the half inning that he/she ran as a courtesy runner.
 - Players who are currently in the game or have participated in the game in any other capacity are ineligible to serve as a courtesy runner
 - The courtesy runner may run as a courtesy runner for the DP if the DP is batting for the pitcher or catcher.
 - The courtesy runner does not have to be reported to the plate umpire.
23. The runner (R1) from 2B tries to score on a base hit by B2. After R1 rounds 3B, he collides with the home plate umpire, falling to the ground. F5 receives a throw and tags R1. The umpire should rule:
- Umpire obstruction and award R1 home.
 - Umpire obstruction and return R1 to 3B.
 - Umpire obstruction, return R1 to 2B and B2 bats again.
 - No obstruction, and R1 is out on the tag.
24. R1 slides misses home plate and the on-deck batter (B3) pushes R1 back toward home plate. R1 touches home plate before an appeal or tag can be made. The umpire should rule:
- R 1 is safe.
 - R1 is safe and the on-deck batter is ejected.
 - R1 is out.
 - Both R1 and B3 are out.
25. B6 hits the ball to right field. On a play at 1B, B6 arrives before the throw, but touches only the white portion of the double base. The umpire should rule:
- B6 is safe, because it makes no difference which part of the double base is touched when the throw comes from the outfield.
 - No call should be made until an appeal is made.
 - B6 is safe, however if a live-ball appeal is made prior to B6 returning to the white portion of the base, B6 would be out.
 - B6 is out.

ALTERNATE QUESTIONS FOR SLOW PITCH (True and False)

- 37SP The batter is standing deep in the batter's box, the pitch is below the shoulders when it passes the batter. The pitch should be ruled a strike.
- 44SP An "EP" is not listed on the line-up, and bats anyway. If discovered while at bat, he/she is treated as an unreported substitute.
- 50SP An "EP" is not listed on the line-up, bats and reaches base. After the following two hitters bat, it is discovered while the "EP" is at 2B. The "EP" should be removed from 2B and disqualified.