

2020 GLBUA Pre-Season exam
Total Questions: 50



PLEASE READ: There are 50 True/False rules questions from the 2018 MLB rule book on the exam, each worth 2 points. Your score will be displayed at the end of the exam. You must score 70% or better to pass. **ATTENTION** - this year you can only take the exam once! The deadline is Thursday March 26th. If you do not get a passing grade, you will be required to attend a review session the week after the clinic. We recommend printing the exam, finding the answers, then going back to submit your answers. You cannot save your answers online and come back to the exam. To get credit for taking the exam, please use your real name and email address. **THIS IS IMPORTANT.** Your score and a certificate will be emailed to you upon completion.

Please do not give the answers to another umpire. The idea is to get everyone into the rule book before the season starts. If you are interested in meeting in groups to review the exam, please keep an eye out for an email with dates/times soon. A review of this exam will take place on Thursday March 26th at 7 PM at the Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover. Good luck!

1)

1. R3, R2, R1. The pitcher, while straddling the rubber, attempts to pick off the runner at 3rd base. The ball gets past the 3B and goes out of play. The umpire scores 2 runs, and puts R1 on 3rd base.



True



False

2)

2. R2, R1 with 1 out. Batter/runner (BR) hits a declared infield fly over 2nd base. The ball comes down and hits R2's helmet while he is standing on 2nd base. The umpire declares BR out, and runners remain on 1st and 2nd base.



True



False

3)

3. R1. Line drive at the 1st baseman, who dives, but can only trap the ball for 'no catch'. R1, believing there is a catch, returns to 1B. The fielder tags the runner, and then steps on 1st. Umpire rules that both runners were forced to advance during the play, so both runners are out.



True



False

4)

4. R3, R1, 2 outs. Ground ball up the middle, just to the pitcher's right side. The SS fields the ball in front of 2nd base and attempts to tag the sliding R1 instead of tagging the base. The tag is missed, but the runner slides past the base after making contact with the base. As R1 scrambles back to the base, the SS tags him before he is able to return. R3 scored before the tag was applied for the 3rd out. The umpire rules that the run does not count.



True



False

5)

5. R3 is running on an attempted suicide squeeze. On the pitcher, the catcher, realizing the runner is coming home, steps in front of home plate without the ball, making contact with the batter's bat prior

to the completion of the pitch. Umpire calls a balk on the pitcher, dead ball, runner is awarded home, and the batter continues his at-bat.



True



False

6)

BR hits a ground ball to SS, who fields the ball but throws wild past 1B. The coach at 1B, who is in the coaches box, dives on the ground to avoid getting hit by the ball. The 1st baseman trips over him going to retrieve the ball. BR ends up on 3rd base. Umpire rules the batter out for the interference of his coach.



True



False

7)

7. R1. No outs. Pitcher comes set. R1 takes 3 hard steps toward 2nd. Pitcher sees this and wheels and throws to 2nd base, which is unoccupied. Umpire rules Balk.



True



False

8)

8. R3, R2, R1, with 2 out. BR walks. BR takes 2 steps toward second base after touching first and is thrown out by the catcher. Umpire rules 3 outs but scores the run.



True



False

9)

9. R3, R2, R1. No outs. BR hits a line drive to left-center where the left fielder makes a tremendous diving catch. He gets up and throws to the first-baseman standing on the base before R1 gets back to first. The first-baseman then throws to the shortstop covering second before R2 gets back. R3 had properly tagged up and scored before the triple play was made. Umpire rules R3's run does not score.



True



False

10)

10. With a runner on 1st, the batter hits a triple. Runner from 1st misses 3rd base and continues on to home plate. The defense is going to appeal the runner from 1st missing 3rd when the batter-runner, who had tripled, breaks for home and is out at the plate. Now the defense appeals the 1st runner missing 3rd. Umpire disallows the appeal and calls the runner safe.



True



False

11)

11. Two outs. The batter hits a line drive into the right-center field gap. The absent-minded first baseman is standing near his regular position, watching the baseball. As the batter-runner rounds first he nearly runs into the first baseman, but veers around him and proceeds to try for a triple. Umpire signals delayed dead ball. Runner is thrown out at third by 10 feet. Umpire rules 3 outs, inning over.



True



False

12)

12. Batter hits a home run out of the park. As he is rounding 3rd base, the umpire hands an alternate ball to the catcher who throws it to the pitcher after BR crosses home. Umpire was correct in doing so.



True



False

13)

13. As soon as the visiting team's batting order is handed to the umpire-in-chief the umpires are in charge of the playing field and from that moment the umpire-in-chief shall have sole authority to determine when a game shall be called, suspended or resumed on account of weather or the condition of the playing field.



True



False

14)

14. No outs with R1 stealing. The batter swings and tips the ball sharp and direct back off the catcher's chest protector. F2 is able to then control the ball and throw out R1 at second. The umpire rules the out stands.



True



False

15)

15. R2, R3, two out. B1 grounds to F5 diving to his left. F5 fields the ball and chases R2 back towards second. He attempts to tag R2 but misses, and then throws wildly to first into dead-ball territory. Before F5 throws, B1 had touched first. Umpire rules B1 is awarded third and 2 runs score.



True



False

16)

16. R1, 2 out. Count is three balls on batter: Runner steals on the next pitch, which is fourth ball, but after having touched second he over-slides or overruns that base. Catcher's throw catches him before he can return. Ruling is that runner is safe as he was forced to advance.



True



False

17)

17. R3 with 2 out. 2 balls 2 strikes on the left-handed batter. Ball in the dirt rolls to the catcher's right. R3 breaks for the plate. Batter steps between the catcher and the runner (but still in the batter's box) preventing a successful tag by the catcher on R3 who scores. Umpire rules interference and calls R3 out.



True



False

18)

18. Bases are loaded with two out and a full count on the batter. All runners are off with the pitch. The batter swings and misses at a sharp breaking ball. The ball nips the tip of his left elbow pad and rolls to the backstop. R3 and R2 score. R1 ends up at 3rd and the BR at 1st. Umpire rules that the ball was immediately dead, scores R3, returns R2 to 3rd and R1 to 2nd and awards BR 1st base on the hit by pitch.



True



False

19)

19. R1 with one out. BR hits a home run out of the park. R1 misses 2nd base but touches 3rd. Before he crosses the plate and before BR touches 2nd, the third base coach has R1 go back and touch 3rd and then touch 2nd then continue to score. Umpire rules R1 out on appeal and scores one run.



True



False

20)

20. R3, R2, one out. BR flies out to center. R3 scores after catch and R2 scores on bad throw to plate. But R3, on appeal, is adjudged to have left third before the catch and is out. Umpire rules three outs. Score just 1 run.



True



False

21)

21. R1 with one out. BR hits a hard line drive to F9 who throws him out at first base. R1 takes a wide turn missing third and F3 fires the ball over F5's head into the stands. R1 continues to the plate and scores. The 3rd base coach tells R1 to come back and touch 3rd which he does before he is tagged. Umpire rules no run scores, 2 out and R1 remains on third.



True



False

22)

22. Jones is the listed starting pitcher for the visiting team on the line-up card handed to the umpire prior to the start of the game. Visiting team scores 8 runs in the top of the first. Smith is now announced as the pitcher for the visiting team in the bottom of the first. Umpire allows this as he had not yet faced a batter.



True



False

23)

23. R2 with one out. 3 balls and 2 strikes on the batter. Hard breaking ball in the dirt is swung at and missed by BR. Pitch deflects off catcher's mask up the first baseline. As the catcher attempts to field the ball BR breaks towards first knocking the catcher to the ground. R2 scores and BR beats the throw to first. Umpire rules BR out for interference and returns R2 to second.



True



False

24)

24. Bottom half of the 9th inning in a tie game. R3, one out Pitcher quick pitches and balk is called. Batter hits fly ball to right field. F9 makes a great diving catch. R3 properly tags up and scores. Home manager requests result of play to win. Umpire rules game, home team wins.



True



False

25)

25. R1, 2 out is off with the pitch. 3-2 count. BR is crowding the plate. Pitch is high and tight and strikes the BR's gold chain as he tries to avoid the chin music. R1 advances all the way to 3rd base. Umpire rules dead ball. Awards BR 1st and returns R1 to 2nd base.

True

False

26)

26. Bottom of the 10th inning. R2 with no out. BR squares to bunt and F2 interferes with BR as he bunts ball fairly sending R2 to third base. BR is thrown out by F2. Umpire calls time and rules interference on F2, awarding BR 1st base and returns R2 to 2nd. The offensive manager immediately requests to have R2 stay on third base with an out on the play and take the out at first. Umpire allows this.

True

False

27)

27. The home team's first batter hits a foul ball near the stands on the third base side. F5 reaches in and as he is about to make the play a dedicated fan grabs his glove preventing him from making the catch. Umpire rules home team's 10th man assist legal and returns batter to the plate.

True

False

28)

28. R3, R2, R1 with two out. Hard hit ground ball between F6 and F5. F6 dives and deflects the ball toward F5. While F6 is on the ground, R2 has to stop and go around him. F5 picks up the ball and tags R2 for the apparent third out. Umpires confer and rule obstruction on F6, score the run, bases now loaded.

True

False

29)

29. Bottom of the 9th two out in a tie game. R3, R1. 3-2 count on BR. F2 sets up low and outside. F1 fires high and inside. BR swings and misses for strike three and the ball lodges in the plate umpire's mask. Umpire rules dead ball, awards BR 1st base on the uncaught 3rd strike, scores R3, game over.



True



False

30)

30. R2, no outs. Pitcher takes the mound in the windup position. Realizing there is a runner on 2nd base, he goes directly into the set position. Umpire rules this is legal as he has not yet taken signs from F2.



True



False

31)

31. R2, R1. Two out, runners off with the pitch. Ground ball to F6 who throws to F5 standing to the 2nd base side of 3rd. R2 collides with F5 as the ball is in the air. Both F5 and R2 go to the ground as the ball sails into the dugout. Umpire signals immediate dead ball Obstruction on F5, bases now loaded.



True



False

32)

32. R2.BR hits a high pop-up to F6. R2 holds. F6 drops the ball, and then throws to first attempting to get BR who has already rounded 1st base before the release of the throw, and the ball enters dead ball territory. Umpire awards R 2 home and BR 3rd base.



True



False

33)

33. R2. On F2's throw back to F1 he hits the plate umpire's mask. Ball rolls toward F4. R2 breaks for third on the errant throw and is retired by F4's great play. Umpire lets the out stand.



True



False

34)

34. R1. One out. BR hits a pop fly to the second baseman, who intentionally lets it fall to the ground untouched in an effort to turn a double play. Umpire calls time and rules BR out and R1 returns to first.



True



False

35)

35. R1. No outs. BR hits a sharp ground ball to the 2nd baseman that takes him into the path of the R1 going from 1st to 2nd. The base-runner attempts to avoid contact but runs into the fielder, knocking the ball away from him. The runner going from 1st to 2nd and the batter-runner safely reach base. The ump rules no violation as any contact was unintentional.



True



False

36)

36. R3, one out. The batter swings, contacts the catcher's mitt, and hits a deep fly ball to right field that F9 drops. The plate umpire correctly signals 'interference' on the catcher. BR attempts to go to second but is thrown out by F9. The umpire then places the batter-runner at first and allows R3 to score.



True



False

37)

37. R1 attempts to steal 2nd base. BR swings and misses and his back swing makes unintentional contact with the F2 who is attempting to throw out R1 going from first to second. F2 is unable to make a throw. The umpire rules this is a legal play as in his opinion, R1 would have reach second base.



True



False

38)

38. R3 with one out, and two strikes on the batter. R3 attempts to steal home base on a legal pitch and the ball touches the runner in the batter's strike zone. The umpire calls dead ball "Strike Three," the batter is out and returns R 3 to third base.



True



False

39)

39. R1 with two out. 2 balls and 2 strikes on the BR. Nasty fork ball is swung at and missed by BR and is short hopped into the mitt of F2 who rolls the ball toward the mound as he is leaving the field. BR is one step beyond the dirt circle when his coach tells him to run to first which he does successfully. R1 touches 2nd base and advances to 3rd. Umpire allows the play as is was an uncaught third strike with two out and first base occupied.



True



False

40)

40. R1 with no outs is stealing. Pitch goes to the backstop and R1 advances to 3rd base but knows he missed touching 2nd on his way. F1 is on the mound taking signs for his next pitch when F4 yells that he thinks R1 missed 2nd. R1 breaks back to 2nd and safely returns to 2nd. F1 steps off and properly appeals R1 missing 2nd base. Umpire rules R1 out.



True



False

41)

41. BR hits a slow roller up the first baseline. Pitcher and first-baseman both go for the ball. BR avoids the pitcher as he is bending to field the ball and crashes into the first-baseman, both then

falling to the ground. Umpire immediately puts his hands over his head and calls dead ball and awards BR 1st base due to "obstruction".

True

False

42)

42. Bottom of the 9th inning, home team down by one run. Two out, bases full, batter walks but R2 is overzealous and runs past third base toward home and is tagged out on a throw by F2 before R3 scores. Umpire rules game over.

True

False

43)

43. R3 with one out. BR hits a foul fly ball down the right field line. F9 going full speed makes a great catch in foul territory and his momentum causes him to step one foot into dead ball territory but does not fall. R3 properly tags up and is thrown out at the plate by F9. Umpire rules 3 out and the inning over.

True

False

44)

44. Bases loaded in the bottom of the 9th inning. Two out. Visiting team leading by 1 run. BR hits a home run out of the park. R3 scores and R2 is on his way to the plate when BR passes R1 between 1st and 2nd. Umpire rules 3 out, game over. Visitors win.

True

False

45)

45. Fifth inning. R1 no outs. BR in the box ready to hit. F1 throws to F5 to loosen up a bit, being upset at the last called ball. F1 had done the exact same thing in the third inning and was warned by

the umpire not to delay the game again. Umpire calls a ball and then orders F1 removed from the game.

True

False

46)

46. BR hits a ground ball to F6 who air mails his throw into the first base stands. Umpire calls time and awards BR 2nd base. BR in his haste to get to 2nd, misses 1st base. Umpire hands an alternate baseball to F2 who throws to F3 who then tags the base. Umpire rules BR out as he must touch 1st base even though he was awarded 2nd.

True

False

47)

47. R3 one out. BR hits a one hopper back to the mound. R3 breaks for the plate on contact and beats F1's throw home. F2 throws to F3 in an effort to retire BR and hits BR in the head while he was in fair territory, completely out of the running lane. Umpire calls "time" and rules BR out for lane violation interference for out number two. He scores the run.

True

False

48)

48. No outs, bases empty. BR bunts down the first base line. Catcher and runner collide three steps toward first and catcher falls over. Pitcher coming over to field the bunt cuts across the base-path in front of BR causing him to slow down enough that the catcher recovers and throws him out by a half step at first. Umpire rules no interference, but instead calls obstruction and awards BR first base.

True

False

49)

49. These are four reasons for the plate umpire to follow the BR up the line on a ground ball are: (1) watching for interference, (2) ready for overthrows, (3) help on swipe tags and (4) watching for a pulled foot by the defensive player making the play.



True



False

50)

50. F1 is struggling with his control. Manager not wanting to use a mound visit, calls time and confers with the F3. Before the next pitch, F3 goes to the mound and pats F1 on the ass and whispers some encouraging words. Umpire charges the manager with a mound visit anyway.



True



False