

2010 FEDERATION STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS

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1. Team jerseys need to be numbered on the back only.
a. True b. False c. 1-4-1 d. 1-4-3
2. It is mandatory that the offensive on-deck circle be occupied.
a. True b. False c. 1-2-3 d. 1-2-2
3. The sleeves of all members of a team shall be approximately the same length.
a. True b. False c. 1-4-3 d. 1-4-2
4. PLAY: The umpires notice that the home team dugout has been temporarily extended toward home plate. RULING: Legal since the rule specifies that is “recommended” that the dugouts be extended toward the outfield.
a. True b. False c. 1-2-4 d. 1-2-5
5. Only the team that is currently on defense must secure loose equipment.
a. True b. False c. 1-5-4 d. 1-3-7
6. Umpire judgment shall be used to determine base awards, if any, if loose equipment interferes with play.
a. True b. False c. 1-5-4 Pen d. 1-3-7 Pen
7. A non-wood bat must have a safety grip extending a minimum of 10 inches but not more than 18 inches from the handle end of the bat.
a. True b. False c. 1-3-6-b d. 1-3-3
8. The umpire-in-chief may authorize the use of a prosthesis by a player.
a. True b. False c. 1-5-5 d. 1-5-8
9. A player caught using an illegal glove or mitt is to be ejected immediately.

- a. True b. False c. 1-5-7 d. 1-5-9

10. PLAY: A batter takes a pitch for a strike. The umpire then notices that the bat handle, rather than being smooth, is triangular shaped. RULING: No penalty.

- a. True b. False c. 1-3-2 d. 1-3-3

11. It is not necessary to throw four intentional balls for an intentional walk.

- a. True b. False c. 2-4-3 d. 2-4-2

12. PLAY: After the batter receives ball four, the coach immediately calls time out to instruct the batter. RULING: Legal as long as there are no other base runners.

- a. True b. False c. 2-4-3 d. 2-4-2

13. A catch is not complete until the fielder voluntarily and intentionally releases the ball.

- a. True b. False c. 2-9-2 d. 2-9-1

14. At the time of the pitch, the catcher must have at least one foot inside the catcher's box.

- a. True b. False c. 6-1-1 d. 2-9-3

15. PLAY: A batted ball rolling up the first base line, touches the bat in foul territory and rolls then settles in fair territory. RULING: Foul ball.

- a. True b. False c. 2-16-1-d d. 2-16-1-e

16. An infield fly can be a fair batted ball but not an attempted bunt or line drive.

- a. True b. False c. 2-19 d. 2-28

17. An infield fly should be declared by the umpires provided there are less than two outs, at least first and second are occupied and the ball can be caught with ordinary effort by an infielder.

- a. True b. False c. 2-28 d. 2-19

18. PLAY: With the runner from first going on the pitch, the base umpire attempts to avoid a batted ball and collides with a base runner who falls and is tagged out. RULING: This is umpire interference.

- a. True b. False c. 2-22-3 d. 2-21-2

19. A fielder in the immediate act of catching a throw may block the baseline.

- a. True b. False c. 2-22-3 d. 2-22-1

20. A fielder may deny the runner access to the base if he is in possession of the ball.

- a. True b. False c. 2-22-3 d. 2-22-1

21. It is considered to be a pitch when a pitcher commits a balk and completes his delivery to the batter,
- a. True b. False c. 2-28-3 d. 2-28-2
22. The time of the pitch occurs when the pitcher has committed himself to delivering the pitch to the batter.
- a. True b. False c. 2-28-2 d. 2-28-3
23. For a given runner, a force play ends as soon as a following runner is put out at a previous base.
- a. True b. False c. 2-29-1 d. 2-29-3
24. An appeal of a runner failing to touch a base is considered to be a play.
- a. True b. False c. 2-29-6 d. 2-29-3
25. If a runner advances beyond a base to which he is forced, the force is removed even if he fails to touch the base.
- a. True b. False c. 2-29-3 d. 2-29-6
26. If a runner slides in a non-force situation, he must slide within reach of the base with either the hand or foot.
- a. True b. False c. 2-32-2-c d. 2-32-1
27. A runner, while advancing to a base, may not slide head first.
- a. True b. False c. 2-32-2-d d. 2-32-1
28. The top of the strike zone is halfway between the batter's shoulders and his waistline.
- a. True b. False c. 7-2-1-f d. 2-35
29. If the starting pitcher does not face one batter, he may not participate at any defensive position for the remainder of the game.
- a. True b. False c. 3-1-1 Pen d. 3-1-2
30. A defensive charged conference in fair territory ends when the coach turns to walk away from his players.
- a. True b. False c. 3-3-3 d. 3-4-3
31. Time granted for an obviously incapacitated player shall not constitute a charged conference.
- a. True b. False c. 3-4-1 d. 3-4-4
32. A team warning shall be issued and the next offender ejected when a player fakes a tag without the ball.

- a. True b. False c. 3-3-1-b Pen d. 3-3-1-j

33. PLAY: After a close play at first, the first base coach, who is not the head coach, walks over to the base umpire to argue the call. RULING: Only the first base coach is either remanded to the dugout, or if the coach's actions are severe enough, he may be ejected.

- a. True b. False c. 3-3-1-g-6 d. 3-3-1-d

34. A team warning shall be issued when a player commits an act for the purpose of causing a balk.

- a. True b. False c. 3-3-1-k Pen d. 3-3-1-o Pen

35. While in the coaching box, the coach may have in his possession a PDA and or score book. He may not have a stopwatch.

- a. True b. False c. 3-3-1-j d. 3-3-1-i

36. PLAY: After a knockdown pitch, a number of players from the offensive dugout leave the bench area for the purpose of a physical confrontation. RULING: A team warning will be issued and a re-occurrence will result in ejections.

- a. True b. False c. 3-3-1-o Pen d. 3-3-1-q Pen

37. A coach who has been ejected must leave the dugout, but may sit in the stands to supervise his players.

- a. True b. False c. 3-3-3 d. 3-3-2

38. The head coach must attend the pregame conference if available.

- a. True b. False c. 3-2-4 d. 3-3-1-i

39. Faking a tag is a form of interference.

- a. True b. False c. 3-3-1-g d. 3-3-1-b Pen

40. In the event of a doubleheader, the home coach shall decide if weather conditions are suitable for each game.

- a. True b. False c. 4-1-1 d. 4-1-3

41. If necessary, and approved by the umpire-in-chief, a ground rule may invalidate a book rule.

- a. True b. False c. 4-1-3 d. 4-1-2

42. A game may start with eight players provided a ninth player is available before the end of the first half inning.

- a. True b. False c. 4-1-2 d. 4-4-1-f

43. A game is ended if a team cannot provide nine players to finish the game.
- a. True b. False c. 4-4-1-f d. 4-1-2
44. PLAY: Bases loaded, bottom of the seventh. V-5 H-4. The batter hits the ball over the fence for a home run. RULING: Only the go-ahead run will be allowed to score. The home team wins 6-5.
- a. True b. False c. 4-2-2-a d. 4-4-1-c
45. The game is terminated if a team delays more than a reasonable time in resuming play.
- a. True b. False c. 4-2-2-a d. 4-4-1-c
46. The ball becomes dead immediately when the batter enters the batter's box with an illegal bat.
- a. True b. False c. 5-1-1-b d. 5-1-1-c
47. It is a delayed dead ball if the plate umpire interferes with the catcher who is attempting to throw to any base or the pitcher.
- a. True b. False c. 5-1-2-c d. 5-1-1-i
48. If a coach physically assists a runner, the ball becomes dead immediately.
- a. True b. False c. 5-1-1-c d. 5-1-2-f
49. The ball becomes dead immediately if an umpire announces "foul ball" on a batted ball which touches the ground.
- a. True b. False c. 5-1-1-h d. 5-1-2-d
50. Runner interference is a delayed dead ball.
- a. True b. False c. 5-1-1-c d. 5-1-1-e
51. A fielder is not allowed to toss a glove with a lodged ball to make a play.
- a. True b. False c. 5-1-4 d. 5-1-1-q CB
52. When an umpire handles a live ball, the ball becomes dead immediately.
- a. b. False c. 5-1-1-g d. 5-1-1-h
53. If a fielder or catcher obstructs the ball through the use of detached player equipment, it is a delayed dead ball.
- a. True b. False c. 5-1-2-b d. 5-1-2-f
54. Batter interference is a delayed dead ball.
- a. True b. False c. 5-1-2-a d. 5-1-2-d

55. A pitch can only be legally delivered from two basic positions.
- a. True b. False c. 6-1-1 d. 6-1-2
56. Turning the shoulders to check runners while in contact with the pitcher's plate in the set position prior to bringing the hands together is not legal.
- a. True b. False c. 6-1-1 d. 6-1-2
57. When in the windup position, a pitcher's non-pivot foot shall be in any position on or behind a line extending through the front edge of the pitcher's plate.
- a. True b. False c. 6-1-1 d. 6-1-2
58. During delivery from the windup position, the pitcher may begin his pitching motion with a step backward.
- a. True b. False c. 6-1-1 d. 6-1-2
59. From the set position, the pitcher shall have the ball in either his gloved hand or his pitching hand. His pitching hand shall be down at his side or behind his back.
- a. True b. False c. 6-1-3 d. 6-1-2
60. **PLAY:** When in the set position and looking in for the sign, the pitcher has his pitching hand swinging free in front of his body. **RULING:** Illegal pitch with no runners on base or a balk with runners on base.
- a. True b. False c. 6-1-4 d. 6-1-3
61. A ball shall be called on any pitch dropped during delivery which crosses a foul line. This rule is in effect only with no runners.
- a. True b. False c. 6-1-4 d. 6-1-5
62. With umpire approval, the pitcher may wear a glove or mitt that includes the colors white or gray.
- a. True b. False c. 6-2-1-h d. 6-1-2
63. A pitcher may not use a multi-colored glove even if it is not distracting to the batter.
- a. True b. False c. 6-2-1-c d. 6-2-1-h
64. With runners on base, and the ball live, a balk shall be called anytime a pitcher goes to his mouth while on the pitching plate in the set position.
- a. True b. False c. 6-2-1-b CB d. 6-2-1-c
65. **PLAY:** Approximately 18 seconds after he has received the ball, the pitcher makes a feint on a runner at first. **RULING:** In this situation a feint is not considered an attempted play. A ball shall be credited to the batter because the pitcher exceeded the 20 second limit.

- a. True b. False c. 6-2-1-i d. 6-2-2-c

66. A balk shall be called on the pitcher if, with runners on base, he takes his sign while not in contact with the rubber.

- a. True b. False c. 6-2-5 d. 6-1-1 Pen

67. An improper batter is considered to be at bat as soon as he is in the batter's box and the ball is live.

- a. True b. False c. 7-1-2 d. 7-1-1

68. Once a pitch has been delivered to the succeeding batter, no appeal for batting out of order shall be granted.

- a. True b. False c. 7-1-1 Pen 2 d. 7-1-1- Pen 3

69. A foul tip is considered the same as a swinging strike. The exception is on a third strike.

- a. True b. False c. 7-2-1-d d. 7-2-1-b

70. By rule, the batter must keep both feet in the batter's box while receiving signs from the third base coach.

- a. True b. False c. 7-2-1-a 7-3-1

71. A batter may not touch home plate when he makes contact with the ball, even if part of his foot is in the batter's box.

- a. True b. False c. 7-3-2 d. 7-3-1

72. As long as he stays in the batter's box, the batter cannot be called for interference by leaning over home plate when the catcher is attempting to throw out a runner.

- a. True b. False c. 7-3-5 d. 7-3-4

73. **PLAY:** With runners on first and third and one out, the runner from first attempts to steal second base. The catcher, despite batter interference, throws out the runner from first as the runner from third scores. The defensive coach states he wants the penalty for batter interference and not the result of the play. **RULING:** The defensive coach does not have the option to take the penalty for the batter interference or the result of the play. Since the runner was tagged out, the ball remains live and the interference is ignored. The run scores.

- a. True b. False c. 7-3-5 Penalty d. 7-3-6

74. A batter is out if he deflects a foul ball which has a chance of becoming fair. This rule applies regardless of whether the deflection is intentional or not.

- a. True b. False c. 7-4-1-h d. 7-4-1-i

75. **PLAY:** With a runner on third, the batter hits a high popup in foul territory near third base. The runner at third clearly interferes with the third baseman, who drops the ball. **RULING:** Since the interference occurred in foul territory, the batter shall be declared out.

- a. True b. False c. 7-4-1-f d. 7-4-1-g

76. By rule, the offensive coach does not have a choice of taking the result of the play or the penalty on catchers obstruction.

- a. True b. False c. 8-1-1-d d. 8-1-1-e

77. It is not necessary for an advancing runner to touch awarded bases.

- a. True b. False c. 8-1-2 d. 8-2-1

78. A runner may advance after a fielder touches a batted ball that is legally caught.

- a. True b. False c. 8-2-4 d. 8-2-3

79. Each runner may advance one base on a pitch which hits runner

- a. True b. False c. 8-3-1-a d. 8-3-2

80. Each runner is awarded two bases when a pitch is touched by detached player equipment which is thrown, tossed, kicked or held by a fielder.

- a. True b. False c. 8-3-2 d. 8-3-3-c-1

81. **PLAY:** With a runner on first advancing on the pitch, the batter hits a hard drive to the third baseman. He knocks the ball down, recovers it and throws it out of play trying to retire the batter/runner. At the time of the throw, the batter/runner had not reached first, but the runner from first had passed second base. **RULING:** Because it is the second play by an infielder, award the runner home and the batter/runner second base.

- a. True b. False c. 8-3-5 d. 8-3-4

82. When a pitch lodges in a catcher's equipment, the ball is dead and each runner is awarded one base.

- a. True b. False c. 8-3-3-b d. 8-3-3-d

83. **PLAY:** The batter swings and tips a third strike. The ball rebounds off the catcher's glove hits the catcher's mask and is caught by the pitcher. **RULING:** Foul ball. A foul tip can only be caught by the catcher.

- a. True b. False c. 8-4-1-e d. 8-3-3-c

84. When a third strike on the batter is dropped, the batter is automatically out when he leaves the home plate circle for his dugout.

- a. True b. False c. 8-4-1-f d. 8-4-1-i

85. A runner is not required to slide in a force play situation.

- a. True b. False c. 8-4-2-b-2 d. 8-4-1-g

86. PLAY: With the bases loaded and nobody out, the runner from first violates the force play slide rule while advancing to second. During the play, the runner from third scores. RULING: Since there was nobody out at the time of the play, the run counts.
- a. True b. False c. 8-4-g d. 8-4-2-b Pen
87. A runner is out when he dives over a fielder.
- a. True b. False c. 8-4-2-c d. 8-4-2-d Pen
88. A slide is illegal if the runner slides past a base and makes contact with a fielder who is making a play.
- a. True b. False c. 2-32-2-c d. 8-4-2-k
89. PLAY: With one out the runner on third tries to score on a suicide squeeze. The pitch is missed by the batter. However, the batter interferes with the catcher and the runner is safe. RULING: The batter is out and the runner is returned to third.
- a. True b. False c. 8-4-2-k-11 d. 8-4-2-L-1
90. Umpire jurisdiction begins when the umpires arrive within the confines of the field.
- a. True b. False c. 10-1-2 d. 10-1
91. By rule, the plate umpire must go for help in a checked swing when asked by the defensive team.
- a. True b. False c. 10-1-6 d. 10-1-4-a
92. Beginning with the 2010 season, umpires must wear charcoal gray pants.
- a. True b. False c. 10-1-1 d. CBUA Board
93. Whenever it is necessary to turn on the lights, it is required that the lights be turned on at the beginning of an inning.
- a. True b. False c. 10-2-3-n d. 10-2-3-f
94. Rule 10-2-3-g gives the umpires the authority to make decisions on points not covered by rule.
- a. True b. False c. 10-2-3-g d. 10-2-3-h
95. By direction of the CBUA board, beginning with the 2010 season, any umpire working quarter-final games and later at any location, is required to adhere to the uniform requirements as stated in the umpire information guide. This applies even if all umpires are from the same unit.
- a. True b. False c. CBUA Board d. CIF-SS

TWO MAN MECHANICS

96. If you don't agree with a call your partner makes, wait until the half-inning is over, then tell him so he doesn't make the same mistake again.

