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1. Runner on third base, the batter hits a line drive that strikes third base and careens into the stands. The umpire was incorrect in allowing the runner to score and awarding the batter-runner second base.
2. The batter hits a fair line drive striking the runner standing on third base. The umpire is incorrect in calling the runner out and awarding a base hit to the batter.
3. A batted ball that bounces over third base and then rolls into foul territory is a fair ball.
4. The plate umpire is the only umpire that is permitted to call a balk.
5. A team may not play with less than nine players in an official game.
6. With two strikes on the batter and two out the runner on third breaks for the plate. The ball in the strike zone hits the runner who was sliding home safely. The umpire was incorrect in disallowing the run and declaring the batter out on strikes.
7. If an umpire suspends play due to weather conditions he must declare the game postponed after thirty minutes.
8. A pinch hitter is sent up for the shortstop. After one pitch, the opposing manager appeals to the plate umpire that he did not properly report into the game. The umpire was correct in declaring the unannounced substitute out.
9. When there is spectator interference with any thrown or batted ball, the ball should be dead at that moment and the umpire shall impose such penalty as in his opinion this will nullify the act of interference.
10. On the infield fly rule, the umpire must judge whether the ball could be ordinarily be handled by an infielder and not by some arbitrary limitation such as the grass or the base line.
11. Two or more substitutes of the defensive team enter the game at the same time and the manager neglects to report these changes to the umpire-in-chief. the umpire designates the substitutes places in the batting order.
12. A runner may return to a missed base while the ball is dead if he has advanced to and touched a base beyond the missed one.
13. If a runner is standing on his base when hit by an infield fly only the runner and not the batter are out.
14. A substitute pitcher must pitch to the batter then at bat or any substitute batter until such a batter is put out or reaches base or the offensive team is put out.
15. With runners on second and third, one out, batter hits a long drive to the outfield. Runner on third tags and scores easily before the runner on second is tagged out attempting to return to second. The umpire allows the run.
16. With runner on third, one out - two strikes on the batter, As batter swings and misses third strike, the ball brushes his uniform and rolls to the grandstand, runner on third scores. Batter advances to first. Umpire disallows run and declares batter out.
17. Batter hits a fair ball that bounces into stands more than 350 ft. from home plate. Umpire ruled homerun.

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18. Runners on first and second. Batter hits a slow roller to shortstop whose throw to second is too late for force out, second baseman throws ball wildly to first into stands before batter-runner reached first. Umpire allowed one run to score and awarded batter-runner second.
19. Runners on first and second, pitcher while in contact with the rubber, drops the ball. Umpire rules "balk". Ball is dead. Runners advance one base.
20. With one out and bases loaded, the batter swings and misses third strike. The catcher misses the ball. All runners advance including batter-runner. Umpire does allow run and calls batter-runner out because first base was occupied.
21. The catcher is not allowed to stand with one foot outside the catcher's box until the pitcher delivers the ball to the batter.
22. When batting out of order is appealed only the proper batter shall be declared out.
23. The players, coaches or any member of an offensive team shall vacate any space, including dugouts, needed by a fielder who attempting to field a batted or thrown ball.
24. Bases loaded with two out. Batter doubles, all runners score. Runner from first fails to touch second. on appeal umpire rules runner from first out and disallows both runs to score.
25. Each umpire has the authority to rule on any point not covered in the rules. Only the Umpire-in-Chief may forfeit a game.
26. Runner on first, one out, pitcher in set position. Runner breaks for second. pitcher on rubber, whirls and throws to second. Runner retraces steps back to first. Umpire declares balk.
27. When a batter persists in delaying to taking his position in batter's box, the umpire shall direct the pitcher to pitch and call the pitch a strike.
28. Runner on first. pitcher in set position. Runner breaks from first. Pitcher steps to first then throws to second. Umpire declares balk.
29. If a defensive player throws his cap or glove at a live thrown ball, the umpire immediately awards the batter-runner three bases.
30. While two runners are occupying the same base the first runner should be called out when tagged.
31. Runner on first and second. pitcher in set position, steps off rubber attempting pickoff at first throws wildly into stands. Umpire rules runner on second scores runner on first awarded third.
32. Bases loaded, two out; count three and two on batter. Ball four is called. Runner from second overruns third before runner from third has touched home plate. Umpires declared runner at third out, one run scores.
33. Runner on third breaks for home while pitcher on rubber is in windup. pitcher stops then throws to catcher to retire batter. umpire rules balk.
34. A designated hitter must be selected prior to the game and has to be included on the official lineup card.
35. Any part of an undershirt exposed shall be of a uniform solid color for all players on the team.

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36. A pitcher's glove may be white or gray but may not have any other color insignia or foreign material
37. Runner on first and third, batter hits a fair batted ball which an infielder deflects off runner from first. Umpire declares ball in play.
38. A fair fly shall be judged by the trajectory of the ball in relationship to the foul pole, not the position of the fielder.
39. Bases loaded, one out, batter bunts a fair pop up. Umpire declares "infield fly."
40. The strike zone is that space over home plate which is between the batter's armpits and the top of his knees when he assumes his natural stance when he swings.
41. Whenever a defensive player impedes a runner in any way, unless he is attempting to field a batted ball or has the ball in his possession, the umpire shall call "Interference".
42. A designated hitter is locked into that batting position. No multiple substitutions will alter the batting rotation of the designated hitter.
43. Batter hits long line drive to outfielder who deflects ball into stands in foul territory. Umpire rules double.
44. The manager of the home team shall be the sole judge of the fitness of the playing field including the second game or a double header.
45. A line drive untouched bounces off the pitcher's rubber and into a dugout. Umpire declares fair ball.
46. On a foul tip the ball is live.
47. A batted ball goes directly off the catcher's mask and then he catches it. This is a foul ball.
48. A fielder catches a fly ball on the dead run. After running three more steps he collides with the wall and drops the ball. Umpire rules no catch.
49. A batter is declared out when he hits a fair or foul ball when one of his feet is out of the batter's box.
50. Time is automatically out when a batter backs out of the batter's box.

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Rule References

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| 1. | 2.00 Fair Ball, 7.05 (f) | 26. | 8.05 (d) |
| 2. | 7.08 (f) | 27. | 6.02 (c) |
| 3. | 2.00 Fair Ball | 28. | 8.05 (b) |
| 4. | 9.04 (b) (2) | 29. | 7.05 (d) |
| 5. | 4.03, 4.17 | 30. | 7.03 (a) |
| 6. | 6.05 (n) | 31. | 7.05 (g), 8.01 (e) |
| 7. | 4.01 (d) | 32. | 7.05 (i) |
| 8. | 3.08 | 33. | 8.01 (a) |
| 9. | 3.16 | 34. | 6.10 (b) |
| 10. | 2.00 Infield Fly | 35. | 1.11 (a) (2) |
| 11. | 3.03 | 36. | 1.15 (a) |
| 12. | 7.10 (b) AR | 37. | 5.09 (f) Comment |
| 13. | 7.08 (f) | 38. | 2.00 Fair Ball |
| 14. | 3.05 (b) | 39. | 2.00 Infield Fly |
| 15. | 4.09 (a), 2.00 Force Play | 40. | 2.00 Strike Zone |
| 16. | 5.09 (a) | 41. | 7.06 |
| 17. | 6.09 (d) | 42. | 6.10 (b) |
| 18. | 7.05 (g) | 43. | 6.09 (h) |
| 19. | 8.05 (k) | 44. | 3.10 (a) |
| 20. | 6.05 (c) | 45. | 2.00 Fair Ball |
| 21. | 4.03 (a) | 46. | 2.00 Foul Tip |
| 22. | 6.07 (a) | 47. | 2.00 Foul Ball |
| 23. | 7.11 | 48. | 2.00 Catch |
| 24. | 4.09 (a) | 49. | 6.06 (a) |
| 25. | 9.01 (c), 9.04 (a) (6) | 50. | 6.02 (b) Comment |