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Section 1

1. A substitute (relief) pitcher must pitch to the batter then at bat or any substitute batter until such batter is put out or reaches first base or the offensive team is put out.
2. Runners on 1st and 2nd. Batter hits slow roller to shortstop, whose throw to 2nd is too late for the force out. Second baseman pivots and throws ball wild into the stands, although batter runner had reached safely before the 2nd baseman made his throw. Umpire allowed two runs to score. Batter advanced to 3rd.
3. There are runners on 2nd and 3rd, two outs. The batter doubles, scoring the runners from 2nd and 3rd. The batter-runner from 1st fails to tag 2nd and continues to 3rd. Ball is returned to 2nd before time is called. On appeal, umpire declared runner, who failed to tag 2nd base out, making the 3rd out. Umpires allowed two runs to score, ruling that runs scored before 3rd out was declared.
4. Each umpire has the authority to rule on any point not specifically covered in the rules and excepting the power to forfeit the game the base umpire shall have equal authority with the umpire-in-chief in administering and enforcing the rules and maintaining discipline.
5. Runner on 2nd, two outs, 3-2 count on batter, pitcher is in the set position. Runner breaks for 3rd. Pitcher on the rubber, steps and throws to 3rd. Runner stops, returns towards 2nd, and dives back into 2nd safely. Umpire declares balk, ruling that the pitcher threw to an unoccupied base.
6. Runners on 1st and 3rd, one out. Batter hits grounder to shortstop whose throw to 2nd is too late for the force out. However, runner over slides the bag and is off the base. Second baseman retouches the bag, pivots and throws to first for the putout on the batter runner, after the runner on 3rd had scored. The umpire ruled double play. Run does not score.
7. Two runners may not occupy a base, but if while the ball is alive, two runners are touching a base, the following runner shall be out when tagged. The preceding runner is entitled to the base.
8. One out, runner on 3rd attempts to steal home. Batter interferes with catcher allowing runner to score. Umpire rules batter out for interference and runner returns to 3rd base.
9. In a batting out of order situation the proper batter is on 2nd base when his turn to bat comes up. He is replaced by another runner so that he can bat.
10. Bases full, two out and the count is 3-2 on the batter. On the next pitch, all the runners are moving, the pitch is ball four, walking the batter. The man on 2nd overruns 3rd base and was thrown out by the catcher, in the meantime, the man on 3rd had not reached home plate. Umpire rules run does not count.
11. The bases are loaded, one out. Batter attempts a squeeze bunt, pops the ball high into the air to the pitcher who traps the ball. Umpires rule infield fly.
12. A designated hitter is locked into the batting order. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting order of the designated hitter.
13. There are runners on 1st and 2nd, one out. Batter hits high pop up near baseline. Umpire calls "infield fly, batter out if fair". The ball in its downward flight strikes in fair territory, and without being touched settles across the foul line between 1st and home plate. The infield fly stands, and the runners may advance at their own risk.
14. If the game pitcher bats for the designated hitter, this does not terminate the designated hitter for the remainder of the game.

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15. A relief pitcher enters the game. With no count on the hitter, he pitches 1 ball and 2 strikes to the batter. The batter is then replaced by a pinch hitter. The relief pitcher can now be substituted for.
16. There is one out, runners on 2nd and 3rd. The batter hits a fair ball into center field, the runner on 3rd scored and the runner from 2nd was out at the plate trying to score, making the 2nd out. The 1st baseman appealed to the base umpire that the batter runner now on 2nd base did not touch 1st base. The base umpire called the batter runner out for missing 1st base and the plate umpire ruled that the run did not count.
17. The 0-2 pitch to the batter is swung at and foul tipped. The ball deflects off the catcher's mitt and is trapped against his chest protector. The catcher gains control of the ball and shows the plate umpire. The umpire rules strike three, batter out.
18. The visiting team is leading 2-1 after four and one third innings. The home team goes ahead 3-2 after one man is out. Before the inning is completed, rain washes out the game. Umpires rules that the game must be replayed.
19. If a pitcher balks making an appeal, such act shall be considered a play.
20. There is a runner on 2nd , two outs. The batter hits a grounder to the 2nd baseman, whose throw to 1st is wild and strikes the base coach. The 1st baseman recovers the ball and throws home to retire the runner from 2nd. Umpire rules ball alive, runner out.
21. There is a runner on 1st with one out. The count is 3 & 2 on the batter. The base runner goes on the pitch, which is in the dirt, ball four, deflecting off the catcher towards the third base dugout. In the catcher's haste to retrieve the ball, he inadvertently deflects the ball into the dugout. The base-runner reached 2nd before the deflection, the batter is not at 1st. Umpire awards base-runner 3rd and batter 2.nd
22. The score is 4-3 in the bottom of the 9th. The home team has runners on 2nd and 3rd,one out, when the runner on 3rd attempts to steal home. The runner on 2nd is holding. The catcher interferes with the batter. The umpire calls interference, scores the run, and sends the batter to 1st.
23. The batter has a 2-0 count on him. The defensive manager goes to the mound and brings in a relief pitcher. The relief pitcher works the count to 3-2 when the manager decides to go out to the mound and talk to the pitcher. This is legal.
24. There is a runner on 2nd. The batter hits a ground ball, which strikes the base umpire before passing a fielder. The umpire awards the batter 1st base and the runner on 2nd, 3rd base.
25. No outs, Early walks to load the bases batting in place of the proper batter, Davis. While Davis is batting, 2 runs score on wild pitches, with Early moving to 3rd. Davis hits a homerun and an appeal is made immediately. Umpire ruled, 2 runs score, Fairly is called out, Early is sent back to 3rd, while Gorden comes to bat. Batting positions: Davis —4th, Early —5th, Fairly —6th, Gorden — 7th.
26. There is one out, runner on 2nd. The runner is stealing 3rd, when the catcher interferes with the batter who flies out to center field. The runner returns to 2nd as the ball is caught. The umpire invokes the penalty. The umpire puts batter runner on first and sends baserunner on 2nd to 3rd.
27. After his pitcher has walked two straight batters, the manager decides to go out to the mound to talk to him. The pitcher gets behind the next batter 3-0 when the manager decides to go to the mount to bring in a relief pitcher. This is a legal move.
28. Whenever a defensive player impedes the runner in any way, unless he is attempting to field the ball or has the ball in his possession, the umpire shall call or signal obstruction.

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29. A bunted ball rolling in foul territory is intentionally kicked by the batter in disgust because of his failure to bunt a fair ball, should not cause any penalty, as it was a foul ball.
30. There is a runner on 1st, no outs. Batter bunts to pitcher. Pitcher has no play at 2nd, turned and threw to first. Pitchers throw strikes runner who is running within the 45-foot area. Umpire declares the batter-runner out and returns the base-runner to 1st.

Section 2 - Multiple Answer or Multiple Choice:

1. R1 advances toward 3rd on batter's single, but the throw beats the runner and F5 is holding the ball as R1 approaches. R1 slides hard (but clean) into F5's glove about a foot from third and the force of the slide dislodges the ball, which rolls into the 3rd base dugout. While the ball is rolling toward the dugout, B1 reaches 2nd and heads for 3rd.
- R1 is out.
 - The ball is dead when it enters the dugout
 - R1 scores.
 - B1 is awarded 2nd.
 - B1 is awarded 3rd.
 - B1 scores.
2. R1 is running on the pitch and reaches 2nd before the 3-2 pitch bounces in front of the plate, deflects off the catcher and rolls into dead ball area. Place the runners.
- R1 goes to 2nd.
 - R1 goes to 3rd.
 - R1 scores.
 - B1 goes to 1st.
 - B1 goes to 2nd.
3. Team A's DH is hitting for the pitcher. In the bottom of the sixth, team A on defense, makes its first pitching change on the first trip of the inning. They bring the DH in to pitch. At that time, the coach indicates he wants his starting pitcher to continue participating in the game. The starting pitcher could immediately:
- Become the DH and bat for the former DH, who is now pitching
 - Move to a defensive position and bat in the place of the player removed from the game
 - Play a defensive position, later returning to pitch
 - The starting pitcher cannot immediately continue in the game if the DH becomes the pitcher
4. No one is out when R3 advances to home on B1's dribbler along the 1st base line. After R3 scores, F2 fields the batted ball and throws to 1st. His throw hits B1, who is running toward 1st about two steps inside fair territory and about 15 feet short of 1st base. The ball bounces off B1 and B1 is safe at 1st, but he does not attempt to advance to 2nd .
- Legal play
 - B1 is guilty of interference
 - B1 is declared out
 - R3's run scores
 - R3 is declared out for B1's interference
 - R3 returns to 3rd.

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5. Runners are at 1st and 3rd, one out, when B1 flies to deep right center. R3 tags up and scores after the catch; R1 goes on the crack of the bat and is doubled off 1st base. As an umpire, you know:
- a. R3's run always counts
 - b. R3's run never counts
 - c. R3's run counts only if he touched home before R1 was retired

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Rule References

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| 1. | 3.05 (b) | 16. | 4.09 (a) |
| 2. | 7.05 (g) | 17. | 2.00 Foul Tip |
| 3. | 7.10 (b) | 18. | 4.10 (c) (2) |
| 4. | 9.01 (c), 9.04 (a) (6) | 19. | 7.10 Comment |
| 5. | 8.05 (d) | 20. | 3.15 Comment |
| 6. | 7.08 (c) | 21. | 7.05 (h) AR |
| 7. | 7.03 (a) | 22. | 7.07 |
| 8. | 6.06 (c) | 23. | 8.06 (b) |
| 9. | 6.07 AR Play 6 | 24. | 5.09 (f) |
| 10. | 7.05 (i) | 25. | 6.07 (a), (c) |
| 11. | 2.00 Infield Fly | 26. | 6.08 (c), 7.04 (d) |
| 12. | 6.10 (b) | 27. | 8.06 (c) |
| 13. | 2.00 Infield Fly | 28. | 7.06 |
| 14. | 6.10 (b) | 29. | 6.05 (i) |
| 15. | 3.05 (b) | 30. | 6.05 (k) |

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1. 7.05 (f)
2. 7.05 (i)
3. 6.10 (b)
4. 6.05 (k)
5. 4.09 (a), 7.10 (a)