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1. On the infield fly rule, the umpire must judge whether the ball could ordinarily be handled by an infielder and not by some arbitrary limitation such as the grass or the base line.
2. If an umpire suspends play due to weather conditions, he may declare the game postponed after thirty minutes.
3. The batter hits a fair line drive, striking the runner standing on third base. The umpire is correct in calling the runner out and awarding a base hit to the batter.
4. A designated hitter is locked into that batting position. No multiple substitutions will alter the batting rotation of the designated hitter.
5. While two runners are occupying the same base, the first runner should be called out when tagged.
6. 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.
7. The batter swings and misses a pitch. His follow through however, hits the catcher and dislodges the ball as the runner from first is trying to steal second. This is interference.
8. Batter hits long fair line drive to outfielder who deflects ball into stands in foul territory. Umpire rules double.
9. A batted ball goes directly off the catcher's mask and then he catches it. This is a foul tip.
10. 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.
11. Each umpire has the authority to rule on any point not covered in the rules. Only the umpire-in-chief can forfeit a game.
12. 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.
13. Runner on 1st, 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.
14. 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 allows run and declares batter out.
15. Runner rounds third as catcher is receiving the ball. The runner lowers his head and crashes the catcher dislodging the ball. Umpire rules runner out and ejects him.
16. The batter has a 2-2 count on him. The opposing coach protests batting out of order, which it is. The umpire calls batter out.

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17. Bases loaded, 1 out , the pitcher throws a called third strike. The catcher thinking 3 outs flips the ball to the mound. Umpire declares dead ball.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. The players, coaches or any member of an offensive team shall vacate any space, including dugouts, needed by a fielder who is attempting to field a batted or thrown ball.
21. A runner may not return to a missed base while the ball is dead if he has advanced to and touched a base beyond the missed one.
22. 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.
23. Runner from first in attempting to break up double play intentionally leaves his base path, and forces the fielder to overthrow 1st. This is interference.
24. Runner on first. Pitcher in set position. Runner breaks from first. Pitcher steps to first then throws to second. Umpire declares balk.
25. If a defensive player thrown his cap or glove at a live thrown ball, the umpire immediately awards the batter-runner three bases.
26. On a foul tip the ball is live.
27. The manager of the home team shall be the sole judge of the fitness of the playing field including the second game of a double header.
28. 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.
29. Runners on first and second, pitcher while in his motion loses control of the ball. It rolls past the foul line. Umpire rules balk.
30. 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 catch.
31. 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.
32. Time is automatically out when a batter backs out of the batter's box.
33. A bunt can never be an infield fly.
34. The strike zone is from the batter's letters to his knees.

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35. A fair fly shall be judged by the trajectory of the ball in a relationship to the foul pole not the position of the fielder.
36. 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 reach first. Umpire allowed one run to score and awarded batter-runner second.
37. Runner on third base, the batter hits a line drive that strikes third base and caroms into the stands. The umpire was correct in allowing the runner to score and awarding the batter-runner second base.
38. When batting out of order is appealed, only the proper batter shall be declared out.
39. Runners 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.
40. Runner on 1st base. The fielder, however, is not holding the runner but playing back. The pitcher throws to the fielder who is not attempting a play. This is a balk.
41. A pitcher's glove may be any color.
42. Top of first inning. Team A has 8 fielders. Team B's first batter hits a homerun. The umpire is correct in not allowing the homerun and restarting the game with 9 fielders.
43. 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.
44. The pitcher, who is being dh for switches with the first baseman. The dh is the first batter of the next inning and he singles. Opposing coach argues batting out of order. Umpire declares the pitcher out and removes dh from first and the game.
45. The pitcher comes to the set position and starts his motion. The batter steps out of the batter's box. The pitcher stops. This is a balk.
46. A batter is declared out when he hits a fair or foul ball when one of his feet is completely out of the batter's box.
47. A batted ball that bounces over third base and then rolls into foul territory is a fair ball.
48. 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.
49. The batter-runner must run in the 3 ft. lane on his way to first base.
50. 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 correct in disallowing the run and declaring the batter out on strikes.

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6.	T	F	16.	T	F	26.	T	F	36.	T	F	46.	T	F
7.	T	F	17.	T	F	27.	T	F	37.	T	F	47.	T	F
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| 1. | 2.00 Infield Fly, 6.05 (e) | 26. | 2.00 Foul Tip |
| 2. | 4.01 (d) | 27. | 3.10 (a) |
| 3. | 7.08 (f) | 28. | 4.09 (a) |
| 4. | 6.10 (b) | 29. | 8.01 (d) Comment |
| 5. | 7.03 (a) | 30. | 2.00 Catch |
| 6. | 2.00 Interference, 3.16 | 31. | 7.12 |
| 7. | 6.06, (c) AR | 32. | 6.02 (b) |
| 8. | 6.09 (h) | 33. | 2.00 Infield Fly |
| 9. | 2.00 Foul Tip, 6.05 (b) Comment | 34. | 2.00 Strike Zone |
| 10. | 7.05 (i) | 35. | 2.00 Fair Ball |
| 11. | 9.01 (c), 9.04 (a) | 36. | 7.05 (g) |
| 12. | 6.02 (c) | 37. | 7.05 (f) |
| 13. | 8.05 (d) | 38. | 6.07 (a) |
| 14. | 6.05 (f) | 39. | 7.05 (g) |
| 15. | Collision Rule | 40. | 8.05 (b) |
| 16. | 6.07 (a) (1) | 41. | 1.15 (a) |
| 17. | 5.02 | 42. | 1.01, 4.03 |
| 18. | 3.05 (b) | 43. | 8.01 (a) |
| 19. | 6.05 (c) | 44. | 6.10 (b) |
| 20. | 7.11 | 45. | 6.02 (b) Comment |
| 21. | 7.10 (b) AR | 46. | 6.06 (a) |
| 22. | 3.03 | 47. | 2.00 Fair Ball |
| 23. | 7.09h | 48. | 3.08 (a) (2) |
| 24. | 8.05 (b) | 49. | 6.05 (k) |
| 25. | 7.05 (d) | 50. | 6.05 (n) |