# 2024 Annual Rules exam Levels 4 to 7:

# SNZ UMPIRES ANNUAL RULES TEST 2024 – Levels 4 to 7 Answers

**Pre-Amble**: This Annual Rules Test is based on the New Zealand Rule Book 2022-2025 and relates to Fast Pitch only. You may also use the WBSC 2022-2025 rule book.

For the sake of brevity and clarity some questions will use the following symbols:

**For Fielders**: F1 = Pitcher; F2 = Catcher; F3 = 1st Base; F4 = 2nd Base; F5 = 3rd Base; F6 = Shortstop;

F7 = Left Field; F8 = Centre Field; F9 = Right Field.

**For Runners**: R1 is always the lead runner, followed by R2, R3 etc.

**For Batters**: BR is the batter-runner; B1 is the lead-off batter, followed by B2, B3, B4 etc.

**For Substitutes**: S1 is the first substitution player, followed by S2, S3, S4 etc.

For The Bases:  $1B = 1^{st}$  Base;  $2B = 2^{nd}$  base;  $3B = 3^{rd}$  base; HP = Home plate

# **ANSWER S**

#### 1. Refer to picture.

(2 points)

F2 may take warm up pitches on the diamond wearing the equipment shown.



- True but only before the plate meeting.
- True anywhere on or near the field including warm-up areas but not while taking pitches from the pitcher's plate.
- False.

**Explanation:** 2.4.3a

Any player warming up the pitcher anywhere on or near the field (warm-up areas) must wear a catcher's mask with a throat protector and an approved helmet with ear flaps regardless of the stance of the receiver. The pitcher can throw overhand to an infielder, but cannot throw underhand pitches. If F2 is putting on equipment and the coach wants another fielder to warm the pitcher up, that fielder must wear the required protective gear.

2. Click on the link to watch the video, then make the call. [Video has no sound] (2 points)

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#### **RULING**:

Fair

Foul

Explanation: 5.1.20 d

3. F2 asks PU for "time" to talk to F1. Their conversation takes place in 1st base (2 points) foul territory.



**RULING**: The umpire should charge a defensive conference.

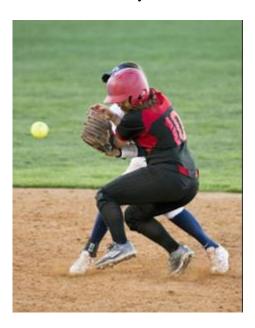
- True time called and the defensive players (F1 and F2) crossed the foul line.
- True any two defensive team members calling time and suspending play is a defensive conference.
- False no defensive team member exited (or entered the dugout).

# **Explanation:** 4.1.1

# 4. Refer to picture.

(2 points)

R1 on 1B. B3 hits a line drive towards F4, R1 advancing from 1B collides with F4 on their way towards 2B.



#### **RULING**:

Interference, dead ball, R1 is out, B3 is awarded 1B.
Live ball, play on.
Obstruction, delayed dead ball, at the conclusion of the play R1 is awarded 2B, B3 must beat any throw (if made) to be safe at 1B.

Explanation: 5.10.3 c) iii

- 5. When the ball is in play and overthrown by a fielder beyond the dead ball line, (2 points) or is blocked, all runners are awarded:
  - One base from the time of the throw.
  - Two bases from the time of the throw.
  - Two bases from the time of the pitch.

Explanation: 5.11 b) ii

# 6. Refer to the batting line-up shown below.

(2 points)

In the top of the 8th tie-break inning #57 Pita Rona is first batter.

#14 Hohepa Monk (last out in the 7th inning) is placed on 2B as the tie-break runner.

If appealed at <u>any</u> time after a pitch has been thrown, while on base, #14 Monk would be called out.

Bat Order	Shirt No.	NAME (First) (Surname)	Pos.
1	30	Kaleb Rona	6
2	14	Hohepa Monk	9
3	29	Eruera Drage	1
4	57	Pita Rona	DP
5	43	Kurtis Tompkins	3

● True - the player scheduled to bat 9th should be the tie-break runner.

	False	- the tie-break runner is the last out from the previous (7th) inning.	
Expla	anation:	1.2.4 c	
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		ball, 2 strike count.  itch is bunted into fair territory. The correct ruling is:	(2 points)



# **RULING:**

- O Dead ball, the batter is out for bunting on the 3rd strike.
- Fair ball, play on.
- Live ball, the batter is out for bunting on the 3rd strike, runners may advance at their own risk.

**Explanation:** 5.1.8 and 5.5.2 b) xv

8. B6 hits the ball safely to the outfield and <u>only</u> touches the foul (orange) (2 points) portion of 1B as they run to 2B for a double.

After calling time, the defence appeal for B6 missing 1B.

#### **RULING**:

- Legal appeal, B6 is out for missing a base.
- B6 is safe at 2B.
- The base umpire should call B6 out as soon as they miss 1B.

Explanation: 5.6 a) v

9. R1 on 2B leads off on the first pitch to B4 (a ball) as shown in the picture (2 points) below.



# **RULING**:

- Legal lead off by R1, play on.
- O Dead ball, R1 is out for leaving early, B4's count is 1 ball.
- Dead ball, R1 is out for leaving early, the pitch does <u>not</u> count.

Explanation: 5.10.3 b) ii

10. Click on the link to watch the video, then make the call. [The video has no sound] (2 points)

The ball is first touched where you see it last.

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# **RULING**:

Fair

O Foul

**Explanation:** 2.1.7 and 5.1.16 a

11. Open diamond. R1 on 2B and R2 on 1B.

(2 points)

B3 hits a foul fly ball between home plate and 1B.

F3's feet are inside the dead ball line and their arm stretched into dead ball territory, as they catch the ball..

The act of stretching for the ball causes F3 to stumble into dead ball territory with the ball held securely in their glove.

#### **RULING**:

- Legal catch, B3 is out, R1 and R2 advance one base as a result of the ball being unintentionally carried into dead ball territory.
- O Foul ball, strike.
- B3 is out, R1 and R2 must stay where they are, 2B and 1B.

Explanation: 5.1.9 c and 5.11 effect a) ii 3

# 12. Refer to picture.

(2 points)

R1 on 2B, R2 on 1B.

A ground ball is fielded by F6 then thrown to F5 in an attempt to force out R1 advancing from 2B as shown below.



#### **RULING**:

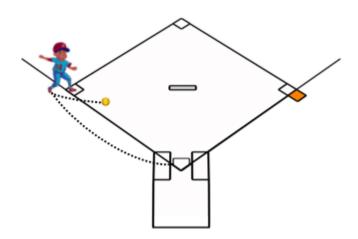
- If F5 catches the ball <u>before</u> R1 touches 3B, R1 would be out.
- Obstruction by F5, dead ball, R1 is awarded 3B at the conclusion of the play.

Obstruction by F5, <u>delayed</u> dead ball, R1 is awarded 3B at the conclusion of the play.

**Explanation:** 5.1.32 b) 1

13. **Refer to picture.** R1 on 3B, one foot on the base the other foot in foul territory. (2 points)

The batted ball hits R1's foot in foul territory and then rolls into fair territory.



# **RULING**:

- Fair ball, play on.
- O Interference, dead ball, R1 is out, the batter is awarded 1B.
- Foul ball.

Explanation: 5.1.20 d

14. Refer to the line-up card shown below.

(2 points)

Bat Order	Shirt No.	NAME (First) (Surname)	Pos.
1	30	Kaleb Rona	6
2	14	Hohepa Monk	9
3	29	Eruera Drage	1
4	57	Pita Rona	DP
5	43	Kurtis Tompkins	3

Change 1 - In the top of the 3rd inning the coach advises the plate umpire the DP will pitch.

Change 2 - In the top of the 5th inning the coach advises the plate umpire the DP will play 1st base and #29 Drage will return to pitch.

#### **RULING:**

- These are **both** legal changes.
- Change 1 is legal. Change 2 is <u>illegal</u>.
- Change 1 is <u>illegal</u>. Change 2 is legal.

**Explanation:** 3.2.4 b

15. Click on the link below to watch the video. The video has no sound

(2 points)

1 out, R1 on 1B. B5 has a 2-1 count.

B5 swings, the pitch just touches the bat and goes straight into F2's glove.

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# **RULING**:

- O Foul ball, count is 2-2, return R1 to 1B.
- O Foul tip, count is 2-2, return R1 to 1B.
- Foul tip, count is 2-2, R1 is safe on 2B.

**Explanation:** 5.4.4 a) i

16. Open diamond, R1 on 2B.

(2 points)

A pitch (not swung at) deflects of F2's glove and rolls over the dead ball line just past the edge of the backstop net.

#### **RULING:**

- R1 advances at their own risk.
- R1 is awarded 3B.
- R1 is awarded Home.

**Explanation:** 5.11 effect a) ii 2

17. One out, R1 on 3B and R2 on 1B. B4 at bat with a 2-2 count.

(2 points)

B4 swings at the next pitch, misses and F2 fails to catch it (just wide of their glove).

#### **RULING:**

- Strike three, B4 is out. Runners may advance at their own risk.
- Strike three, B4 must be tagged or thrown out at 1B to be out. Runners advance at their own risk.
- Strike, foul. Runners remain at 3B & 1B respectively.

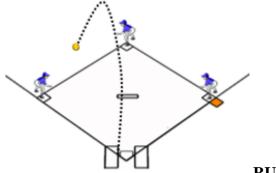
Explanation: 5.4.4 a) ii

18. No outs. R1 on 2B, R2 on 1B.

(2 points)

B3 hits a fly ball towards F6, the umpire/s call "Infield fly".

F6 is blinded by the sun and does <u>not</u> catch the ball.



**RULING**:

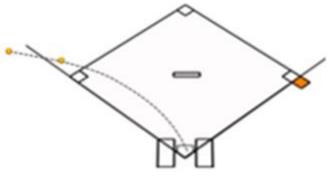
B3 is out, R1 and R2 must stay on 2B and 1B.

- B3 is out, R1 and R2 may advance at their own risk.
- O No catch, play on.

Explanation: 5.1.26 and 5.5.2 a) v effect

19. **Refer to picture.** The dotted line represents the ball in flight and the yellow (2 points) dots represent the ball touching the ground.

**RULING:** 



Fair

O Foul

Explanation: 5.1.16 e

20. **Refer to picture.** A ground ball is hit towards F6.

(2 points)

R1 on 3B, attempting to score, gets caught in a run-down and collides with F2.

F2 was about to receive a throw from F5 as shown in the picture below.



#### **RULING:**

- O Interference, dead ball, R1 is out.
- Obstruction, delayed dead ball, at the conclusion of the play R1 is awarded safe home.
- Obstruction by F2, delayed dead ball, at the conclusion of the play R1 is returned to 3B.

**Explanation:** 5.1.32 b) 1 and 5.10.2 a and b

#### 21. None out, R1 on 3B.

(2 points)

The batter hits a fly ball into foul territory. F3 attempts to catch, but drops the ball in foul territory.

R1 tagged up and ran home when F3 dropped the ball. The defence appeal for R1 to be put back on 3B. The umpire denies the appeal and the run counts.

- True The ball is live when a foul fly ball is first touched.
- False The ball is dead when a fly ball is first touched and <u>not</u> caught in foul territory.

Explanation: 5.1.20 d

22. One out. Loaded bases, R1 on 3B, R2 on 2B, R3 on 1B.

(2 points)

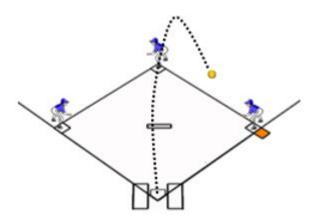
B5 hits a fly ball towards F4.

R1 starts running home on the hit. The umpire/s call "Infield fly".

F4 stumbles, misses the catch, picks up the ball and throws to F2.

F2 touches home plate and throws the ball back to F1.

R1 continues running and touches home plate.



# **RULING**:

- B5 is out, R1 is out on the force play at home.
- B5 is out, R1 is safe at home.
- O No catch, play on.

**Explanation:** 5.1.26 and 5.4.4 a

- 23. No runs shall score when the third out of the inning is the result of a runner being forced out. (2 points)
  - True
  - False

Explanation: 1.2.5 c) ii

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**RULING:** This is a legal pitching motion.

O True

False

**Explanation:** 4.3.3 f

25. **Refer to picture.** A mishit ball comes to rest against home plate as shown below. (2 points)



#### **RULING**:

Fair

O Foul

**Explanation:** 2.1.7 and 5.1.16 a

26. B2 is at bat with a 2-1 count.

(2 points)

On the next pitch, B2 swings all the way around on a pitch that hits their inner leg.

The pitch did not hit their arm, or hand extended over the strike zone, and the pitch did not enter the strike zone.

#### The PU should rule ...

- O Dead ball. Hit by pitch award B2 1B
- Dead ball, strike. Count is now 2-2.

	O Dead ball, strike. B2 is declared out.	
Exp	planation: 5.4.3 d) ii	
27.	No runners on, B3 drives the ball down the right field line in fair territory to the fence.	(2 points)
	Rounding 1B the Runner is knocked down in a collision with F3.	
	The runner gets up and continues to advance where he is again obstructed by F6 causing him to deviate in his running path by three to five steps. The relay from the fence is on target, and the runner is then tagged on a bang-bang call, just before Home Plate by F2.	
	What is the ruling?	
Exp	<ul> <li>Delayed Dead ball. Obstruction. Dead Ball award B3 (runner) HP.</li> <li>Delayed Dead Ball, Obstruction, Dead Ball award B3 (runner) to 3B.</li> <li>Emphatic out. Runner is only protected between the two bases which he way obstructed.</li> </ul>	s
28.	B4 has a 3-1 count.	(2 points)
	Next pitch is high and PU verbalises ball, but signals the pitch as a strike, an verbalises the count as 3-2.	
	Next pitch B4 swings and misses and the PU signals a swinging strike and declares B4 out.	
	As B4 is returning to the dug out, the Offensive coach appeals to the PU that the previous pitch was a ball and the batter should be awarded 1B.	
	The PU should:	
	<ul> <li>Acknowledge the error and award B4 1B.</li> <li>Return B4 to the box, and continue with the count as 3-2. A pitch has been a PU can't undo the previous call.</li> <li>Record an out on B4. Strikes and balls are not able to be questioned.</li> </ul>	thrown so

**Explanation:** 1.2.10 o

29.	B5 hits a long fly ball to the outfield, where it hits the capping on the very top of the fence and bounces back towards the infield where F9 catches it before it touches the ground.	(2 points)
	This is a	
	<ul><li>No catch, Live ball, play on.</li></ul>	
	Oeclare B5 Out on the catch.	
	Oead Ball, Award B5 a Home run.	
Exp	clanation: 5.1.9 e	
30.	Watch the play and make the call. [Video has no sound]	(2 points)
	https://youtu.be/3W10r3oar84	
	Obstruction.	
	Collision.	
	Interference.	
Exp	planation: 5.5.2 b) iii	
31.	One out R1 at 1B.	(2 points)
51.	one out Ki ut 1B.	(2 points)
	B3 is struck out on a swinging strike 3. Retired B3 steps across the plate in front of F2 as she throws the ball back to F1. The thrown ball deflects off B3. R1 on seeing the deflection successfully steals to 2B.	
	What should the umpire rule?	
	Oead Ball. unintentional interference, return R1 to 1B.	
	<ul> <li>Dead Ball. B3 out on K, creates interference, R1 (closest runner to home) is out. End of Innings.</li> </ul>	s declared
	Live ball play on. R1 safe at 2B. B4 enters the batters box	

**Explanation:** 5.1.30 a

32. Team Kikorangi starts in the field at the top of the inning. #19 is the starting (2 points) DP and bats in the 7 slot for #5 (Flex). In the bottom of the 5th inning #5 the FLEX, replaces #19 in the batting order. Bottom of the 6th inning #19 re-enters. Top of the 7th inning, #5 re-enters in the 7th slot of the batting order as F4. Prior to a pitch in the 7th inning, the Offensive coach appeals that #5 cannot take the field as a re-entering sub. The PU should ... Deny the appeal. All changes are legal. Uphold the appeal and declare #5 ineligible and must be replaced by a legal substitute. Deny the appeal, no pitch has been thrown, Correct the situation with either #19 or another legal substitute. Explanation: 3.2.5 c ii 33. B2 has a count of 2-2. None out. (2 points) B2 swings at the next pitch that bounces prior to reaching the plate. F2 catches the ball cleanly and with ball in hand just walks out towards the pitcher circle where F1, F3 and F6 have gathered. 1B is unoccupied. B2 starts towards the dugout (1B side). She's almost to the dugout and realises she can run to 1B and attempts to. At what point should the PU call B2 out? ■ When she steps into the dug out or dead ball territory Immediately, she swung at the 3rd pitch that F2 took cleanly. When B2 makes no attempt to advance directly to 1B. **Explanation:** 5.5.2 a) iv 3

34. R2 at 1B and R1 at 3B with one out.

(2 points)

R1 and R2 are on the move. R1 heading for HP, collides with F5 at the same time the ball is touched by F5 and the PU calls "Foul Ball". What should the ruling be? Dead Ball. Interference on R1. B4 awarded 1B and R2 awarded 2B. Foul Ball. R2 and R1 are returned to their bases and B4 has one strike. O Dead Ball, R1 is out, R2 is returned to 2B, and B4 returns to the batter's box with an additional strike. **Explanation:** 5.1.20 h Once the umpire ruled foul ball, there are no other rules to be applied. 35. Protective equipment is worn to provide additional safety to a player. (2 points) Which of the following is true? Only a youth catcher must wear leg guards while on defense, that provide protection to the knee cap. ■ A fielder may wear a face mask/guard provided the padding is not deteriorated or missing. Protective leg/arm guards may be worn by a runner. **Explanation:** 2.4.3 d & 2.4.3 b & 2.4.3 e 36. A bat shall be declared illegal ... (2 points) ■ If the bat does not appear on the current WBSC approved bat list. When there are more than two layers of tape on the bat grip. When the physical structure has been changed. **Explanation:** 2.1.10 & 2.3.1 37. Watch the video to the end [Video has no sound] (2 points) Make the call.

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B4 hits the ball sharply on the ground along the third base line and on the hit

	● Live ball, play on
	O Dead Ball, out
	Oead Ball, award 1B
Exp	<b>planation:</b> 5.4.4 b) vii 2
38.	Tied ball game, bottom of the 7th inning, R1 on 1B, 2 outs, B4 (#64) has a (2 points) count of 3-2.
	On the next pitch, a called ball, R1 is called out for leaving too early.
	Bottom of the 8th, #64 is placed on 2B as the tie-breaker runner.
	B5 comes to bat and gets hit by a pitch.
	Before the next pitch, the defense appeals that the runner on 2B (#64) is the incorrect runner.
	Upon verifying the batter order, the PU calls #64 out.
	After #64 goes to their dugout, the defense now present a 2nd appeal, stating that B5, batted out of order.
	How many outs do we have and who bats next?
	No outs. The Offense can appeal the PU decision. When B5 completed their turn at bat, the actions of #64 became legal. B5 remains on 1B. Next batter B6
	One out. R1 #64 incorrect runner on base is declared out. B5 on 1B. When B5 completed turn at bat, she became the correct batter in the line-up, 2nd Appeal denied. Next batter B6
	<ul> <li>Two outs. R1 #64 incorrect runner. Batting out of order appeal upheld, remove B5 from base. Next batter B5</li> </ul>
with (HB	<b>planation:</b> 1.2.4 c incorrect runner. 5.4.1b B5 batted out of order. The 7th inning ended in B4 at bat, so B4 should have lead off the 8th inning. Since B5's bat was completed BP), once appealed, the correct batter (B4) is called out. B5 will bat again in this scenario. It is scorers record the out against the runner that should have run (not the incorrect runner on e), this allows the Batting out of order appeal to also gain an out against #64

39. A legally batted ball is bunted by a right handed batter and rolls back across (2 points) home plate and comes to rest in the opposite batter's box.

	This will always be a four ball if	
	• the ball is first touched in foul territory.	
	the ball comes to rest touching home plate.	
	the ball comes to rest in the same batter's box as the batter.	
Exp	planation: 5.1.20 d	
40.	Watch the video the very end [Video has no sound]	(2 points)
	https://youtu.be/I09DQQ15jdI	
	How many outs?	
	○ Three out - Triple Play	
	One out - Infield Fly	
	None - Foul Ball	
_	planation: 5.1.20 d. With loaded bases, the initial call should be infield fly if face clearly fielded in foul territory rendering all subsequent plays null and void	air, the ball
41.	None out. B1 hits a line drive hard at F5.	(2 points)
	The ball bounces out of F5's glove and rolls into foul territory.	
	B1 runs through and touches 1B, but thinking F5 caught the ball B1, not making any move towards 2B and still on foul side of first base line, starts to trot back towards home to retrieve her bat.	
	F5 retrieves the ball and throws to F1 standing in the circle.	
	B1 is now about 2 metres past 1B, on the HP side, before she realises the ball was not caught and returns to 1B without a throw. The defensive coach appeals B1 is out because F1 had ball in the circle when B1 realised the ball was not caught and returned to 1B.	
	How should you rule?	
	<ul> <li>Uphold the appeal, once B1 returned past 1B with the ball in the pitchers of should be declared out</li> <li>B1 is now safe at 1B. F3 should have tagged the 1B or B1 prior to her return the base for the out.</li> </ul>	

B1 is safe, as she made no attempt to advance to 2B, she can legally return to Home

plate unless a play is made on her prior to returning to 1B

_	<b>blanation:</b> 5.10.3 a) (iii) Once B1 retreated back past 1B towards HP, the force wastated	IS
42.	R1 at 2B. B3 hits a ground ball to F6. Just as F6 is about to field the ball, she (2 has to hesitate to avoid a collision with the runner.	points)
	The BU should rule	
	<ul> <li>Obstruction. F6 was not in possession of the ball so has to give way to R1.</li> <li>Dead Ball, Interference R1 out. When F6 hesitated to avoid a collision with R is interference. B3 safe at 1B.</li> <li>Nothing, the fielder choose to give way to the runner, so no penalty.</li> </ul>	1 this
Exp	planation: 5.10.3 c) iii	
43.	Watch the video [video has no sound] Loaded bases, R1 on 3B, R2 on 2B, R3 (2 on 1B, none out.	points)
	https://youtu.be/Lmdj9omAI4Q	
	What is the call here?	
	<ul> <li>R1 is out on the force at home.</li> <li>R1 is safe. F2 dropped the ball.</li> <li>R1 is out. R3 out also. R1 slide prevented F2 from making another play.</li> </ul>	
Exp	<b>planation:</b> 5.10.3 a) iii & 5.10.3 c) (v)	
44.	Watch the video to the very end [Video has no sound]. (2	points)
	https://youtu.be/vZPuuEfnU	
	Are the actions of the catcher allowed?  Yes rosin/resin is a legal substance.  No, rosin bags & or gorilla grip cloths are only allowed to be used by the pitch.  No, rosin may not be applied directly on the ball.	ner.

Explanation: 4.3.5 d

45. R1 on 2B, R2 on 1B with 1 out.

(2 points)

F1 takes the signal, pauses and starts her windup. As she breaks her hands and comes off pitching plate she never lets go of the ball.

F1 points at B4 (known to be a quick slapper of a bunted ball) who's back foot is outside the back rear corner of the batter's box

# The PU should rule ...

- Dead Ball. The PU should not allow F1 to commence the pitch if the batter is not completely within the batter's box.
- Dead Ball. Illegal pitch. Award a ball on B4 and advance both R1 and R2 to 3B and 2B respectively.
- Signal a Delayed Dead Ball, call "Illegal Pitch", when play has finished declre "Dead ball", advance R1 to 3B, R2 to 2B and award a ball to B4.

**Explanation:** 4.3.2 a and effect

46. Batting order: B1, B2, B3, B4, B5.

(2 points)

B1 bats, B3 comes to the plate and is struck out for the third out of the inning.

Next inning: B2 comes to the plate and strikes out. B4 comes to the plate next.

Prior to a pitch being delivered to B4, the Defence appeal for batting out of order.

#### Who is out, and who bats next?

- B2 is out on the strike out. B4 is out (being the batter that missed their turn at bat), two out. B5 is the correct batter in the box.
- B2 is out, and can't be called out twice. As B3 already batted in the previous inning B4 is the correct batter.
- B4 is out (being the correct batter that missed their turn at bat), as B2 has completed their turn at bat, B2's at bat is negated and B5 takes their place in the batters box with 1 out.

**Explanation:** 5.4.1 b) i, 5.4.1 b) ii and 5.4.1 b) iii

47. R1 on 3B, R2 on 1B, 1 out. F4 is playing close to 2B expecting a hit up the (2 points) middle.

R2 legally takes off for 2B and accidentally loses her helmet, which drops to the ground approximately 2M off 1B.

B4 hits a ground ball between F3 and F4 that neither fielder had a play on, and contacts R2's helmet on the ground.

The ball ricochets towards the outfield, scoring R1.

#### What is the call here?

- Dead Ball Declare R2 out when batted ball hit the helmet. Return R1 to 3B and advance B4 to 1B.
- Play on, F4 had no play on the ball, runners advance at their own jeopardy...
- R2 is out, ball remains alive and runners advance at their own risk.

**Explanation:** 5.8 a) and 5.8 a) ii

48. Tied ball game, bottom of the 7th inning. R1 on 3B, R2 on 1B, one out. (2 points)

Unannounced S1 replaces B4 in the batter's box and hits a long fly ball to F7.

All runners tag up and R1 scores on a close play at home.

Thinking the game is over, R2 walks off the base towards home to hug R1. A quick thinking F2 throws to F3 for the tag. The defensive coach then appeals for the unreported S1.

#### What should the PU rule?

- Return R1 to 3B and R2 to 1B. Declare S1 out, ineligible and replace with a legal substitute. Next batter is B5.
- The game is over when R1 crossed the plate, the umpires should ignore the tag play on R2 and the appeal on S1.
- Uphold the appeal. Declare S1 out, ineligible and replace with a legal substitute. The out on R2 remains, nullify the run by R1. End of inning

**Explanation:** 3.1 9 a) & 3.3 a) i and effect

49. Loaded bases, R1 on 3B, R2 on 2B, R3 on 1B and one out. (2 points)

B4 hits a ground ball to F6 who throws to F4 at 2B retiring R3 for the second out of the inning.

F4 then throws to HP to make a play on R1 advancing, the throw is late and R1 is ruled safe.

B4, thinking there are three outs retreats toward home plate and picks up their bat, as everyone starts yelling for B4 to get back to first. R2 being a very quick runner advances to and scores before F2 throws the ball to F3 who tags B4 prior to reaching 1B.

The umpire rules B4 out and the third out of the inning.

#### How many runs count?

- One. R1 scored after B4 touched 1B initially, prior to retreating, and a subsequent play had been made.
- None, B4 reinstated the force at 1B when he retreated back towards HP, and picked up their bat.
- Two, as R2 scored, prior to B4 being tagged.

**Explanation:** 1.2.5 c ii B4 reinstated the force once they retreated back towards HP.

- 50. Which of the following situations create a delayed dead ball and is NOT a subsequent base award? (2 points)
  - When a fair batted ball contacts detached equipment. Award is from the time of the pitch.
  - When detached equipment contacts a pitched ball. Award is from the time of the pitch.
  - When a thrown ball contacts detached equipment. Award is from the time of the throw.

**Explanation:** 5.11 EFFECT a) ii 6) Ball remains ALIVE If no apparent play is possible or there is no advantage. & no bases are awarded.

51. Please enter your email address to receive your answer results at the closing (0 points) date.

For those participants that chose NOT to complete Q51, we were unable to provide you your results with your answers.