



USSSA – Slow Pitch Umpire Test 2018 Answer Sheet

Listed below are the answers to the Slow Pitch Umpire Test. Please remember there may be additional areas in the Rule Book than those noted below that pertain to each situation. Also, until this answer sheet is completely updated, some page numbers and rule numbers may be inaccurate. Please allow us time to complete our revisions.

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1. **a)** Offensive, spectator and umpire **See Rule 3 – Definition of Interference**
2. **c)** The umpire(s) should remain on the field and watch for any altercation **National U.I.C. recommendation**
3. **b)** The infraction constitutes interference. All Play stops; the ball is dead and the most advanced runner is called out. **Rule 8 Sec 5K Effect Sec. 5 F-K.**
4. **d)** The base umpire should ask for help if the coach asks him like a professional. **National U.I.C. recommendation**
5. **d)** **Rule 3 Definition-Force Out. Rule 8 Sec. 5N**
6. **a)** Shall not be outside the vicinity of the designated dugout (bench) area if not a batter, base runner, on deck batter, in the coaches' boxes or one of the 10 players on defense. **Rule 5 Sec. 9D**
7. **b)** Any fair fly ball touched by a defensive player which then goes over the fence in fair territory will be declared a four base award and it is not to be included in the total over the fence home runs. **Rule 4 Sec. 8A-2**
8. **d)** A,B,C all apply. **Rule 3 Definition of Catch.**
9. **c)** It will be an inning ending out along with an offensive ejection and an out each time that spot in the lineup is due to bat. **Rule 4 Sec. 8D**
10. **d)** A team can start with a minimum of 9 players. **Rule 11 Sec. 2 Note**
11. **b)** Yes, **Rule 5 Sec. 6**



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12. **d)** When the ball is live. If legally appealed, the runner will be called out.
Rule 2 Sec. 7 Note
13. **c)** 98 feet 11 inches. **Rule 1 Sec. 3A Example**
14. **c)** Double Play. **Rule 8 Sec 2-2. Rule 8 Sec 12 L Effect Sec 12L**
Rule 9 Sec 2-K
15. **c)** No run scores, batter is out runner remains at 3rd. **Rule 7 Sec 2D-1**
16. **a)** 0 balls and 0 strikes. **Rule 3 Definitions, Batter**
17. **d)** The ball is dead. 2 outs, the batter is declared out and the runners remain at 1st and 2nd base due to the shortstop intentionally dropping the ball. **Rule 7 2H Effect 2H, Rule 9 Sec 3K, Note: the ball must be touched in order to be intentionally dropped.**
18. **b)** 2 and they must be designated prior to the start of the game.
Rule 5 Sec 1, Rule 5 Sec 6, Rule 11 Sec 2
19. **b)** No, remove the ball from play and tell them they could be suspended
Rule 2 Sec 3A Note, Rule 2 Sec. 3B
20. **c)** Obstruction by the pitcher, award batter runner 1st base **Rule 8 Sec 3C Effect Sec 3C**
21. **b)** No run scores; Home run is charged. **Rule 4-Sec 8A Effect Sec 8A**
22. **b)** No. Only one offensive conference allowed per inning. **Rule 5 Sec 8**
23. **b)** No pitch, dead ball. **Rule 5 Sec 1A, Rule 9 Sec 3A**
24. **d)** Batter runner is out while base runner safe at 1st because the force play was no longer in effect **Rule 8 Sec1, Rule 8 Sec 5M**
25. **c)** Legal action, batter runner is out **Rule 8 Sec 4E**
26. **c)** Unfairly delivered pitch. **Rule 6 Sec 9**
27. **c)** No. This is not the way the manufacturer produced the glove and in the umpire's judgment the pitcher is only using it to distract the batter and is considered to be unsportsmanlike conduct. **Rule 10 Sec 9 B Rule 10 Sec 1. (Note: National Umpire-In-Chief interpretation – If the pitcher refuses to change gloves or brings the glove out again, he shall be**



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- promptly ejected from the game. Refer to Rule 5 Sec 9E-1 Effect Sec 9C-F.
28. **b)** Dead ball. Runner awarded 3rd. Batter awarded 2nd. No run. **Rule 8 Sec 7F Effect Sec 7F-1**
29. **b)** Legal move. The correct batter assumes the count of 2 balls and 1 Strike **Rule 7 Sec 1E-1**
30. **d)** The batter returns to bat with the same ball and strike count he had prior to hitting the home run. **Rule 13 Sec 2**
31. **a, b & d)** 20 after 3, 15 after 4 and 10 after 5, **Rule 4 Sec. 3 Table**
32. **d)** Treat it as an illegal bat and call him out. If he brings it back again eject him. **Rule 2 Sec. 2L-5, Rule 3 Illegally Batted Ball**
33. **a and c apply) Rule 4 Sec 8B**
34. **b)** Inform the coach that is his first conference of the inning. **Rule 3, Conference, Rule 6 Sec. 13**
35. **d)** Clicker, **National UIC; however some parts of the country say an indicator is a “clicker”**
36. **d)** If the batter is safe the umpire should do nothing. **Rule 8 Effect Sec. 3E**
37. **d)** The batter walks on 3 balls and is out on 2 strikes **Rule 3 Definitions, Batter, Rule 7 Sec 2D Note, Rule 8 Sec 3A Note**
38. **b)** Legal Pitching Action. **Rule 2 Sec 6, Rule 6 Sec 3**
39. **d)** Base runner is safe as he needed to be tagged at the plate. **Rule 7 Sec 2J Effect, 2I-J**
40. **b & c)** Flip Flop Rule. **Rule 4, See Table**
41. **c)** Make him pitch to the first batter of the inning until his turn at bat is completed. **Rule 5 Sec 3D.**
42. **d)** Correct call. In order to be intentionally dropped ball, it must be touched by a fielder **Rule 9 Sec 2C & D, National UIC**



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43. **b)** Remove the pitcher from the pitching position for the remainder of the game **Rule 6 Sec 5C Effect Sec 5 A-C**
44. **c)** Remove the glove. Nullify the out. Award the batter and runners one base **Rule 8 Sec 7C Effect Sec 7C**
45. **b)** Call the runner out and eject him from the game. **Rule 8 Sec 5V Effect Sec 5V**
46. **c)** Unfairly delivered pitch. **Rule 6 Sec 1. Rule 6 Sec 9A Effect Sec 9 A-E and Note 9 A-E**
47. **b)** Immediately removed from the game and shall not return to play that day until cleared in writing by an appropriate health care professional. **Rule 5 Sec. 4D**
48. **c)** 2 Home Runs Male, 2 Home Runs Female. **Rule 4 Home Run Table**
49. **a)** Men's D **Rule 4 Sec. 8C**
50. **d)** Hit the 1st foul after strike one, the ball is dead. **Rule 7 Sec D Note 1**
51. **c)** Touch either the white or orange base. **Rule 2 Sec. 7-4**
52. **d)** All of the above. **Rule 2 Sec. 3A Note**
53. **b)** Deemed appropriate by the individual player and falls under the rules and does not give him/her an unfair advantage. **Rule 2 Sec.13**
54. **c)** In tournament play, in the championship game, the undefeated team gets the choice of home or visitor. If the tournament goes to an "if game" it would revert back to a toss of a coin. **Rule 4 Sec.1**
55. **a)** Has been in effect since January 1, 2013. **Rule 2 Sec 2D**
56. **b)** 1 run scores. **Rule 8 Sec 5S, Effect Sec.5 S-T 5**
57. **c)** 2 runs score. Both runners are awarded home. Batter is out on the infield fly. **Rule 8 Sec 6H Effect 6H-1**
58. **b)** Correct call. **Rule 8 Sec 12 M**
59. **c)** 2 runs. Batter and all runners are awarded two bases from the time of the throw **Rule 8 Effect Sec 7F**
60. **a)** Point toward fair territory. Say nothing. **Proper umpire mechanics,**



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(Note: If the ball hits any part of the chalk line, it is fair.) Rule 3 Fair Ball

61. **a)** The player who owns the bat is ejected from the park and suspended for a minimum of two years with no appeal. **Rule 2 Sec 2E-1 Rule 7 Sec 2B**
62. **c)** Ball is dead, no pitch, as a player does not have to ask for “time” as long as the pitcher has not started his motion. **Rule 7 Sec 3F**
63. **a)** The batter is out. **Rule 7 Sec 2G**
64. **c)** Ball remains live, batter runner called out for passing R1. **Rule 9 Sec 2P**
65. **c)** 9, 10 or 12 **Rule 13 Sec 3**
66. **c)** Remove the lead pipe from the game because it is not a USSSA approved warm-up device **Rule 2 Sec 2B**
67. **c)** Batter-Base Runner is declared out and no run scores **Rule 8 Sec 4G Effect Sec. 4G-H**
68. **b)** 2 outs. Runner awarded 3rd Batter out for entering dead ball area. **Rule 8 Sec 4G-H Effect Sec 4G-H**
69. **a)** All programs. **Rule 4 Sec 3F**
70. **c)** 15 after 3, 12 after 4, 10 after 5. **Additional Playing Rules Not Found In USSSA Rule Book**
71. **c)** Double toss of a coin **Rule 4 Sec.1**
72. **d)** Both a and c are correct. **Rule 5 Sec. 9**
73. **c)** Yes, if the defensive player clearly has the ball and is waiting to tag the runner. **Rule 8 Sec. 5V**
74. **c)** Ejected from the game and cannot play defense. **Rule 4 Sec. 8D**
75. **c)** 2 for Men’s D and 2 for Mixed D Men and Women. **Rule 4 Sec. 8D**
76. **c)** 1.20 **Rule 2 Sec. 2L-4**
77. **d)** b & c both apply. (Unfairly delivered pitch) **Rule 6 Sec 9.**



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78. **c)** Batter is out. All runners are awarded one base. **Rule 8 Sec 7A-1.**
79. **d)** Runner is out for coach assisting runner. **Rule 8 Sec 5L**
80. **d)** Unfairly delivered pitch **Rule 6 Sec 4G, Rule 6 Sec 9**
81. **b)** 65 or 70 feet. **Rule 1 Sec 3A**
82. **b)** Foul ball on the batter **Rule 7 Sec 5-2**
83. **d)** Batter-runner is safe and batter runner and runner on 2nd both score **Rule 6-12 Effect Sec 12A**
84. **c)** Legal as long as it is on the licensed and approved bat list **Rule 2 Sec. 2C**
85. **d)** Request granted as the defensive team may walk the preceding batter or multiple batters to get to the position or positions in the lineup that is an out due to hitting a home run. **Rule 4 Sec. 8D Note, Rule 11 Sec. 1 Note, Rule 13 Sec. 3 Note**
86. **c)** This was a new rule for 2008. Deleted old rule. **Rule 11 Sec.1, Rule 12 Sec.1, Rule 13 Sec.3**
87. **d)** A, B, and C apply, **Rule 3 Definition of Bench or Dugout, Rule 5 Sec. 9**
88. **b)** If the pitcher had a reasonable chance of catching the ball, the ball remains live and all base runners are in jeopardy. **Rule 9 Sec 2K**
89. **a)** No interference Runner is out **Rule 8 Sec 6-A. Rule 9 Sec 2D**
90. **a)** Legal Play. **Rule 2 Sec 9.**
91. **a)** Remove the player from the game until he gets the bleeding stopped and changes any bloody clothing **Rule 5 Sec 4 A,B & C**
92. **c)** Obstruction. Batter awarded 1st. Warn the pitcher not to repeat this action. **Rule 8 Sec. 3C Also see Rule 3-Definition of Obstruction**
93. **b)** Batter-runner awarded 3rd Runner on 2nd base awarded home **Rule 8 Sec 7F-2**
94. **c)** One run scores all runners advance one base due to the hit. **Rule 8**



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Sec 6A-2 Rule 9 Sec. 3W

- 95. **c)** 2 base award. **Rule 8 Sec 7B Effect Sec. 7B**

- 96. **a)** 1 courtesy runner allowed per inning. **Rule 8 Sec.13**

- 97. **b)** Inning ending out. **Rule 4 Sec. 8E**

- 98. **c)** The last recorded out. **Rule 8 Sec 13**

- 99. **d)** Nothing as there is no penalty for an unannounced substitute.
Rule 5 Sec.3C

- 100. **d)** All of the above. **Rule 10 Sec.11**