



MASSACHUSETTS BASEBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION RULES EXAMINATION

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1. *The pitcher may wear a multicolored glove.*
2. *A popup that is caught by an outfielder can never be ruled an "Infield Fly".*
3. *The Batter's Box is 4 feet by 6 feet.*
4. *The distance between the Batter's Box and Home Plate is 6 inches.*
5. *The batter may treat the bat with pine tar up to 18 inches from the handle.*
6. *A bat, with pine tar more than 18 inches, shall cause the batter to be ruled out.*
7. *A pitcher is permitted to fake a throw to third from the rubber.*
8. *Runner on second, pitcher comes set, runner breaks for third. Pitcher steps and throws to third, retiring the runner. Umpire rules legal play.*
9. *In the play described in question 8, the umpire should have ruled a balk.*
10. *A legally caught "foul tip" causes the ball to become "dead" immediately.*
11. *A runner is permitted to steal on a legally caught "foul tip".*
12. *A pinch hitter enters the game and gets a base hit. The opposing coach claims the pinch hitter never reported. The umpire agrees and rules the pinch hitter out.*
13. *Runners on first and third, one out, is a potential "Infield Fly" situation.*
14. *All non wood bats must be BBCOR certified.*
15. *A "check swing" ruled a ball must be appealed, if requested by the defensive manager.*
16. *A "check swing" ruled a strike cannot be appealed.*
17. *A "Designated Hitter" must be selected prior to the game.*
18. *The batter who just batted is the player ruled out when "Batting out of Order" is upheld.*
19. *Batter's Interference causes the ball to become "dead" immediately.*
20. *All appeals must be made while the ball is alive and in play.*
21. *When a runner is ruled out for violating the "collision rule", he must, also, be ejected.*
22. *A runner, who is hit by the batted ball, while off his base, during a declared "Infield Fly", is out.*
23. *A declared "Infield Fly" eliminates all potential force plays.*
24. *A batter, who bunts foul on a third strike, shall be declared out.*
25. *A batter, who is clearly out of the "Batter's Box", swings and misses at a pitch. Umpire rules the batter out.*
26. *Home Plate is entirely in fair territory.*
27. *An appeal must be made before the next pitch or play.*
28. *If a pitcher balks during an appeal, the appeal is nullified.*
29. *If two runners occupy the same base, the following runner, unless forced, is out when tagged.*

30. *There is a "Strike One/Strike Two" policy in all MIAA games.*
31. *If there is an injury causing a team to play with only 8 players, the umpire may allow the game to continue.*
32. *During an intentional walk, the defense is permitted to place the third baseman behind the catcher, in the event of a wild pitch or passed ball.*
33. *Umpires, whenever possible, should remain, after the game, for the post game handshake.*
34. *A pitch, which first strikes the ground, and, subsequently, hits the batter, does not entitle the batter to first base.*
35. *On a bunt in front of Home, the catcher's throw to first, strikes the batter-runner in the back. The batter-runner was entirely in fair territory. Umpire rules batter-runner out for 3 foot lane interference.*
36. *A switch hitting batter is batting left handed against the right handed pitcher. After two pitches, the manager decides to bring in a left handed pitcher. The batter must continue to bat left handed because he started the at bat left handed.*
37. *All base running awards, on overthrows into a dead ball area, are governed by the position of the runners at the time of the throw.*
38. *All calls of "Obstruction" cause the ball to become "dead" immediately.*
39. *"Obstruction" may result in the umpire awarding more than one base.*
40. *Both umpires have concurrent jurisdiction in calling "balks".*
41. *When the two coaches disagree on the "ground rules", the umpires will set the "ground rules".*
42. *Any "ground rules" set by the umpires cannot be in conflict with baseball rules.*
43. *The Plate Umpire is solely responsible in making all "Catch/No Catch" decisions.*
44. *Catcher's Interference causes the ball to become "dead" immediately.*
45. *Catcher's Interference may result in the offensive manager having an "option".*
46. *The offensive manager may, also, have an "option" on the call of a balk.*
47. *All base coaches are required to wear helmets.*
48. *All MIAA games are governed by a "force play/slide rule" and a "collision rule".*
49. *The "force play/slide rule" requires the runner to slide directly toward the base.*
50. *The "collision rule" rule prohibits the runner from "intentional and unnecessary" contact with the fielder.*



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