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2023 WUA Baseball Homework

Topic 4: Hitting Part I (Due: Feb. 15)

Answer each with True or False.

_____ 1. The batter nicks a pitch with the bat. The ball travels sharp and direct to the catcher's glove, but then bounces up against the catcher's mask before being secured in the glove. The umpire should rule a foul ball.

_____ 2. If the flight path of a line drive takes it directly over third base, but the ball eventually lands in foul territory, it is still a fair ball because it passed over third base in fair territory.

_____ 3. On a foul tip, the ball is dead and runners may not advance. Runners are returned to the bases occupied at the time of pitch.

_____ 4. With bases loaded and two outs, the batter hits a fair fly ball that the umpires judge can be caught by the shortstop with ordinary effort. The left fielder also tries to play the ball and collides with the shortstop. The fly ball drops to the ground untouched. The umpires should still rule an infield fly and call the batter out.

_____ 5. B1 has a 2-1 count when the catcher requests an intentional walk. The umpire should call "time" and award B1 first base.

Any defensive team member may request an intentional base on balls by notifying the plate umpire.

_____ 6. A batter who enters the batter's box with an illegal bat is called out only if the infraction is appealed by the defensive team.

_____ 7. With R1 on first base and one out, the catcher drops a third strike. He must throw the ball to first base or tag the batter-runner to retire him. The catcher may also throw to second base for a force out on R1.

_____ 8. Each team has three offensive conferences per inning.

_____ 9. Backswing interference by the batter occurs when he contacts the catcher or the catcher's equipment with the bat prior to the pitch. It is an immediate dead ball and the batter is called out.

_____ 10. A fair/foul ball is determined by the position of the ball in relation to the foul line and not the position of the fielder. (I.e., if the first baseman touches and drops a fly ball while both of his feet are in fair territory but while reaching over foul territory — which is where he first touched the ball — the ball would still be ruled foul.)

