



**Umpires' Theory Exam
Paper Two**

Version 2008

Time allowed: Two hours plus ten minutes reading time.

Section One. One mark per question

- Q1.** To signal a 14.63 metre hit the umpire should:
(A) Point towards the top of the circle.
(B) Extend both arms out sideways.
(C) Blow the whistle and walk towards the 14.63 metre mark.
- Q2.** The ball accidentally touches the back of a defender's stick inside the circle. The umpire should:
(A) Award a penalty corner.
(B) Award a penalty stroke.
(C) Allow play to continue.
- Q3.** The maximum duration of the half time interval may be:
(A) Six minutes.
(B) Ten minutes.
(C) Fifteen minutes.
- Q4.** Captains:
(A) Must wear an armband or ribbon.
(B) May wear an armband.
(C) Must wear a different colour shirt to both teams.
- Q5.** Umpires are:
(A) Primarily responsible for decisions in their own half.
(B) Required to change ends at half time.
(C) Allowed to coach during the half time interval.
- Q6.** Umpires must blow their whistle:
(A) Whenever the ball leaves the field of play.
(B) Before a defender may take a 14.63 metre hit.
(C) To award a goal.
- Q7.** The issuing of a green card to a player indicates:
(A) A warning.
(B) A temporary suspension.
(C) An indication that the next card will be yellow.
- Q8.** How close to the back line can a bully be held?
(A) Not closer than 14.63 metres.
(B) Not closer than 5 metres.
(C) Not closer than 9.14 metres.
- Q9.** Are field players permitted to play the ball in general play when it is above their shoulder?
(A) No.
(B) Yes.
(C) Only if it is defender in the circle attempting to stop a shot at goal

- Q10.** Are goalkeepers allowed to throw their stick at the ball?
(A) Yes, if they are preventing a goal.
(B) Yes if the ball is inside the circle.
(C) No.
- Q11.** When do the rules allow goalkeepers to lie on the ball?
(A) Inside their own circle and no attackers are near.
(B) Anywhere on the pitch if no attackers are near.
(C) Outside their circle if no attackers are near.
- Q12.** Can the umpire award a penalty stroke for unintentional breaches by defenders inside their circle?
(A) No, only intentional breaches.
(B) Yes, if it is a repeated breach.
(C) Yes, if the breach prevents a probable goal.
- Q13.** How far does the ball have to be moved at a free hit before a player of the same team as the "hitter" can play it?
(A) One centimetre.
(B) One metre.
(C) Ten centimetres.
- Q14.** A hockey stick may be made of:
(A) Metal.
(B) Wood.
(C) Wood and metal.
- Q15.** Can goalkeepers wear a chest protector over their shirt?
(A) Yes.
(B) No.
(C) Yes, if it doesn't have sleeves.
- Q16.** At a centre pass how many players of the opposing team may be within 5 metres of the ball?
(A) None.
(B) One.
(C) Two.
- Q17.** Players of the team taking the centre pass other than the player about to play the ball, may cross the halfway line when:
(A) When the umpire blows the whistle.
(B) When the player taking the centre pass moves the ball.
(C) When a player of the other team plays the ball.
- Q18.** At a free hit awarded to the attackers within five metres of the circle:
(A) The ball is placed five metres from the circle and the defenders must be five metres from the ball.
(B) The ball is placed close to where the offence occurred and all players apart from the striker must be five metres from the ball.
(C) The ball is placed five metres from the circle and all players apart from the striker must be five metres from the ball.

- Q19.** At a penalty corner hit out no defender can be closer to the ball than:
- (A) Eight metres.
 - (B) Ten metres.
 - (C) Five metres.
- Q20.** During a penalty stroke all players apart from the striker and goalkeeper must be:
- (A) Off the field of play.
 - (B) Outside the circle
 - (C) Beyond the nearer twenty three metre line.

Section Two. Two marks per question.

- Q21.** A defender, just inside the twenty three metre line, attempts to trap a long clearing hit with the stick. The ball spins off the stick and touches the defender's foot. The nearest attacker is ten metres away. The umpire should:
- (A) Award a penalty corner.
 - (B) Award a free hit to the attackers.
 - (C) Play on.
- Q22.** A high overhead pass lands outside the circle and bounces across the circle line two metres off the ground. There is no danger at the point of descent. An attacker, following through hits the ball, still one metre off the ground, into the goal. The umpire should:
- (A) Award a goal.
 - (B) Award the defenders a free hit at the top of the circle.
 - (C) Award the defenders a free hit where the ball was lifted.
- Q23.** The goalkeeper has made a sprawling save during field play and is prostrate across the goalmouth with the rebounded ball five metres away. An attacker pushes the ball under the goalkeeper and then forcefully continues to play at the ball. The umpire should:
- (A) Award a penalty stroke.
 - (B) Award a penalty corner.
 - (C) Award a free hit to the defenders.
- Q24.** A push along the ground at goal is cleared by the goalkeeper kicking the ball, about one metre in the air at an advancing forward who is only two metres away. The attacker needs to take evasive action to avoid being hit by the ball. The umpire should:
- (A) Play on.
 - (B) Award a penalty corner.
 - (C) Award a penalty stroke.
- Q25.** A defender, reaching for the ball inside the circle accidentally drops her stick and then retreats over the back line. An attacker hits the ball at the goal, it hits the dropped stick and deflects over the backline. The umpire should:
- (A) Award a sideline push or hit to the attackers five metres from the corner.
 - (B) Award a penalty corner.
 - (C) Award a 14.63 metre hit.

- Q26.** What must the umpire watch for when deciding to award a penalty corner for a defensive breach inside the 23 metre area but outside the circle.
- (A) Was the breach deliberate?
 - (B) Was a goal probable?
 - (C) Was the goalkeeper in the goalmouth?
- Q27.** At a penalty corner a shot at goal lodges in the goalkeeper's pads. The keeper steps back across the goal line into the goal. The umpire should award:
- (A) A goal.
 - (B) A penalty corner.
 - (C) A bully.
- Q28.** An attacking hit from the sideline travels along the ground into the circle where it hits a defender on the foot. It deflects to an attacker who hits the ball into the goal. The umpire should:
- (A) Award a goal.
 - (B) Award a penalty corner.
 - (C) Award a free hit to the defence.
- Q29.** A free hit is awarded to the attackers in centre field. The right half takes the hit from where the ball lies ten metres from the sideline. The umpire should:
- (A) Award a free hit to the defenders.
 - (B) Require the free hit to be taken from the correct spot.
 - (C) Play on.
- Q30.** At a penalty corner the ball is hit out to an attacker standing six metres from the backline and six metres outside the circle. This attacker sweeps the ball to a team mate in the circle who pushes it into the goal. The umpire should:
- (A) Require the penalty corner to be retaken.
 - (B) Award a free hit to the defenders.
 - (C) Award a goal.
- Q31.** At a penalty corner the half time hooter sounds before a correctly taken shot enters the goal. Is it a:
- (A) Goal and half time.
 - (B) Another penalty corner.
 - (C) Play on
- Q32.** The first hit at goal at a penalty corner, along the ground, is deflected by a defender running out. What is the limit to the height at which the ball may now enter the goal?
- (A) Any height.
 - (B) 460mm.
 - (C) Along the ground.
- Q33.** At what point in time during the playing of a penalty corner may the attackers, other than the hitter out, enter the circle?
- (A) When the ball is moved from the backline.
 - (B) When the ball has been stopped.
 - (C) When the ball passes through the circle.

- Q34.** At a penalty corner the hit out travels six metres outside the circle. The ball is played to an attacker inside the circle who hits the ball high in to the goal. The umpire should:
- (A) Award a free hit to the defenders
 - (B) Retake the penalty corner.
 - (C) Award a goal.
- Q35.** The same situation as Q34 except the ball travels six centimetres outside the circle. The attacker, inside the circle, hits the ball high into the goal. The umpire should:
- (A) Award a goal.
 - (B) Award a free hit to the defenders.
 - (C) Award another penalty corner
- Q36.** A penalty stroke shall be awarded for:
- (A) An offence by a defender inside the circle that prevents a probable goal being scored.
 - (B) An intentional breach inside the twenty three metre area by a defender.
 - (C) An unintentional breach by a defender at the edge of the circle where a goal is not likely.
- Q37.** May an attacker take a penalty stroke one metre behind the penalty stroke spot?
- (A) Yes.
 - (B) No.
 - (C) Only with the umpire's permission.
- Q38.** At a penalty stroke time is stopped from:
- (A) The time the attacker plays the ball until a goal is scored or a save is made.
 - (B) The time the umpire awards the penalty stroke until a goal is scored or a save is made.
 - (C) The time the umpire awards the penalty stroke until the umpire signals a restart with a 14.63 metre hit or a centre pass back.
- Q39.** A hit is taken ten metres from the sideline on the half way by an attacker. The ball moves 5 cm and is then hit by another attacker. The umpire should:
- (A) Replay the hit in.
 - (B) Award a free hit to the defence.
 - (C) Play on.
- Q40.** At a centre pass the ball is driven forward to cross the side line one metre from the corner flag. The umpire should:
- (A) Award defenders a hit where the ball crossed the side line.
 - (B) Award defenders a free hit at the centre spot.
 - (C) Award defenders a 14.63 metre hit on the side line.

Section Three. Eight marks per question.

Q41. Give your decision, with reasons, if the following happens at a penalty corner.

- (A) The hit out is glanced by an attacker just outside the circle, to another attacker, also just outside the circle, who immediately plays the ball back into the circle where a third attacker drives the ball along the ground into the goal.
- (B) The hit out is taken and the ball comes to rest inside the circle. The ball is passed around the circle by three attackers. The goalkeeper has left the goal line but the remaining defenders stay in the goalmouth. A fourth attacker flicks the ball head high, into the goal.
- (C) The hit out is taken, the ball goes outside the circle and an attacker drags the ball into the circle and flicks at the goalkeeper's head. The ball deflects off the keeper's helmet into the top of the goal.
- (D) The hit out is taken and the ball passes outside the circle, an attacker passes the ball to another attacker inside the circle whose hit at goal three inches off the ground is deflected by the goalkeeper's glove high in to the goal.

Q42. A hit in by an attacker taken 3 metres from the corner flag is lifted twenty five centimetres off the ground. What should the umpire award, where and why, if:

- (A) The hit in passes close to a defender five metres from the hitter and passes into the circle on the ground.
- (B) The hit in is trapped eight metres away by a defender who passes upfield to a team mate on the half way.

Q43. Comment on the following incidents, whether there is a breach and what an umpire should award and where:

- (A) Within the twenty three metre area but outside the circle, an attacker has possession of the ball approaching a stationary defender. The attacker passes the ball to the right of the defender and then pushes the defender before attempting to re gather the ball. The attacker is unable to regain possession before the ball crosses the back line.
- (B) The ball, within one metre of the back line, is rolling quickly towards the back line and is being chased by an attacker who is ten metres behind the ball. Just before the ball crosses the back line a defender runs between the attacker and the ball.
- (C) The ball is rolling slowly towards the back line but is twenty metres from the back line with an attacker in pursuit. As the attacker moves to play the ball a defender steps in front of the attacker and a second defender clears the ball over the side line.
- (D) Just as a defender is about to take a quick free hit two attackers deliberately stand within five metres to allow their team mates time to position themselves to defend the hit.

- Q44.** The ball travels quickly down field towards the back line. The umpire, assuming the ball is about to cross the back line signals a 14.63 metre hit but does not blow the whistle. The ball, however, hits the goal post and rebounds to an attacker who plays the ball into the goal.
- (A) What decision should the umpire make.
 - (B) What decision should the umpire make if the whistle was blown as the 14.63 metre hit was signalled.
- Q45.** A shot at goal is made by an attacker just inside the circle with the rounded side of the stick flat against the playing surface. The ball flies into the top of the goal. What decision should the umpire make and why?

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| Q1. | B | Q2. | C | Q3. | B |
| Q4. | A | Q5. | A | Q6. | C |
| Q7. | A | Q8. | A | Q9. | C |
| Q10. | C | Q11. | A | Q12. | C |
| Q13. | B | Q14. | B | Q15. | B |
| Q16. | A | Q17. | B | Q18. | B |
| Q19. | C | Q20. | C | Q21. | C |
| Q22. | A | Q23. | C | Q24. | B |
| Q25. | C | Q26. | A | Q27. | B |
| Q28. | A | Q29. | A | Q30. | C |
| Q31. | A | Q32. | A | Q33. | A |
| Q34. | A | Q35. | B | Q36. | A |
| Q37. | B | Q38. | C | Q39. | B |
| Q40. | A | | | | |

- Q41.** (A) Award a goal. Ball has gone outside the circle and hit is along the ground
(B) 14.63 metre hit. The ball has not left the circle so a goal cannot be awarded.
(C) Goal. The ball has not been HIT.
(D) Goal – ball is deflected by a defender
- Q42.** (A) Free hit to defender taken on the sideline anywhere up to 14.63 metres from the backline– the ball has been lifted at a player.
(B) In this case there is a clear advantage to the defence so “play on” would be the umpire’s decision.

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- Q43.** (A) Free hit to defender for the attacker pushing
- (B) No obstruction so restart with 14.63 meter hit to defence. The attacker has no chance of getting the ball before it crosses the back line.
- (C) Obstruction. (3rd Party / Shadow obstruction) Free hit to the attackers where the breach occurred or if the breach is deliberate a penalty corner.
- (D) Blow whistle and advance free hit 10 metres – a caution to players as well
- Q44.** (A) Play is only suspended when the umpire blows the whistle or the ball clearly goes out of play. Thus this is a goal.
- (B) Play is suspended by the umpire blowing the whistle (wrongly in this case). Play is resumed with a bully 14.63 metres from the back line officiated over by a red faced umpire.
- Q45.** If it was the first shot at a penalty corner or dangerous, no goal. If it was a reverse stick shot (tomahawk), award a goal. If it was a low forehand shot, no goal.