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Stump the Ump Questions

1. With an 0-2 count, the batter fouls a pitch sharp and direct to the catcher's mitt and then deflects off of his catcher's mask where it is then caught by the pitcher. The umpire calls the batter out on the foul tip. True or False.
2. The batter hits a ground ball to the shortstop, who makes a bad throw to the first baseman with the ball rolling up the first baseman's arm and ends up being trapped against the first baseman's shoulder. In the meantime, the batter-runner crosses first base, the first baseman did not drop the ball but the umpire calls the batter-runner safe. True or False.
3. The third baseman is attempting to catch a high foul fly ball in the coach's box. The coach stands perfectly still and the third baseman comes in contact with the coach causing the third baseman to drop the ball. The umpire calls the ball foul. True or False.

ANSWERS

1. False – Rule 2.00 – Foul Tip – A foul tip can only be caught by the catcher.
2. True – Rule 2.00 – A Catch – The first baseman did not have secure possession in the hand or glove of the ball in flight before the batter-runner touched first base. It was a trapped ball.
3. False – Rule 7.11 – This is interference on the coach and the batter is called out. The coach must vacate any space needed by the fielder who is attempting to field a batted ball.