

DP/FLEX

**MUST START WITH OR MAY
NOT USE**

**DP MUST BE LISTED IN TOP 9
AND PLAY OFFENSE**

**FLEX MUST BE LISTED 10TH
AND MUST PLAY DEFENSE**

**ONLY ONE MAY PLAY OFFENSE
AT A TIME AND ONLY IN THE
DP STARTING POSITION**

**BOTH MAY PLAY DEFENSE AT
THE SAME TIME, ALLOWING
ANOTHER PLAYER TO "HIT
AND SIT"**

DP OR FLEX MAY PLAY BOTH

DESIGNATED PLAYER (DP/FLEX) FAST PITCH ONLY

This individual can be listed in any of the nine spots in the batting order. The player listed in the 10th position of the line-up (playing defensive) will be called the **FLEX player**.

- A. A designated player (DP) may be used for any defensive player provided it is made known prior to the start of the game. The DP must be indicated on the line-up as one of the nine batters in the batting order.
- B. The name of the player for whom the DP is batting (FLEX) will be placed in the 10th position of the line-up.
- C. The DP and any substitutes for the DP must remain in the same position in the batting order for the entire game. The FLEX and any substitutes for the FLEX must enter the game in the 10th position in the line-up.
- D. The DP may be substituted for at any time either by a pinch-runner or pinch-hitter. This player becomes the DP and has all the options of the DP position. The starting DP and a substitute for the DP can never be in the game at the same time.
- E. The FLEX may be substituted for at any time. The player becomes the FLEX and has all the options of the FLEX position. The starting FLEX and a substitute for the FLEX can never be in the game at the same time.
- F. The starting DP or her substitute may be replaced by the FLEX as a hitter or a runner. This reduces the number of players in the game from 10 to 9. The DP and the FLEX can **NEVER** be on offense at the same time.
- G. The FLEX may be replaced on defense by the DP. This reduces the number of players in the game from 10 to 9. The DP and the FLEX **CAN** be on defense at the same time.
- H. The starting DP may re-enter the game one time and must return to the original DP position in the batting order. If the DP re-enters and the FLEX was batting in the DP position, the FLEX shall:
 - 1. Return to the 10th position in the line-up, play defense only, and is not considered to have left the game, or
 - 2. Leave the game.
- I. The starting FLEX may re-enter the game one time and shall:
 - 1. Return to the FLEX position (number 10 in the line-up), or
 - 2. Take the place of the starting DP in the line-up. If the FLEX re-enters and the DP was playing defense for the FLEX, the DP shall continue to bat in the DP position of the batting order, play offense only, or play defense for another player and is not considered to have left the game.
- J. The DP may play defense for any player at any position. Should the DP play defense for a player other than the one for whom the DP is batting (FLEX), that player (the position player) will continue to bat, but not play defense and is not considered to have left the game.
- K. The role of the DP/FLEX is never terminated. A team may go from 10 to 9 players and back to 10 players any number of times during the game as long as proper substitutes are available if needed. The game may end with 10 or 9 players.

DP/FLEX QUIZ

NAME _____

5. Number 12 substitutes for the flex #4. Can #12 then bat for DP #6 ? YES NO
 6. FLEX #4 IS PITCHING. DP #6 HITS A DOUBLE. CAN #4 RUN FOR # 6? YES NO
 7. FLEX #4 HITS FOR DP #6. CAN 4 AND 6 PLAY DEFENSE AT THE SAME TIME IN THE NEXT ½ INNING ? YES NO
 8. DP #6 IS HITTING IN THE THIRD SPOT IN THE LINEUP. CAN FLEX #4 RUN FOR #6? YES NO
WHO IS CHARGED WITH A SUBSTITUTION? _____
 6. WHEN THE FLEX #4 BATS AND RUNS FOR THE DP #6, THE DP MUST LEAVE THE GAME. HOWEVER, DP #6 MAY RE-ENTER ANY NUMBER OF TIMES AS LONG AS THE FLEX REPLACES HER. YES NO
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