

DP/FLEX

The DP and FLEX are “married” to each other as far as where either one will bat in the line-up

DP-Designated Player who can be listed anywhere in the 9 positions on the line-up and can freely play defense at any position.

FLEX-is defensive player only who will always be listed in the 10th spot on the line-up but will not bat (if she bats, it will be in the DP spot only which will cause the DP to leave the game and this constitutes a substitute)

The DP/FLEX option has to be on the line-up to start the game, it cannot be added after line-ups become official

As long as the DP is batting, she hasn't left the game.....as long as the FLEX is playing defense, she has not left the game

DP and FLEX can be substituted by a legal sub just like any other player on the line-up

The DP/FLEX can NOT be in the batting line-up at the same time but may play defense at the same time

DP may not use a courtesy runner unless she is the pitcher or catcher.

Anytime the FLEX hits in the DP spot, the line-up goes from 10 to 9 players, then when the DP re-enters the line-up, it will go back to 10....this may happen several times a game as long as the players involved do not violate the substitution rule.

***ANY PLAYER THAT LEAVES THE BATTING LINE-UP AND RETURNS TO THE GAME IS TIED TO THAT SPOT IN THE LINE-UP AND WILL ALWAYS HAVE TO BAT IN THAT POSITION**

***ALL PLAYERS/SUBS CAN BE PULLED FROM GAME AND RE-ENTER 1 TIME, AFTER THE 2ND TIME THEY LEAVE THE GAME, THEY ARE NO LONGER A LEGAL OR ELIGIBLE SUB**

***ELIGIBILITY RULES ARE TIED TO PLAYERS, NOT POSITIONS (except pitchers returning during same inning)**

Courtesy Runners

Any legal sub (that has not entered the game) can be a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher of record (this is the person who physically played that position last except for top 1st inning, then it is the players listed in that position on the line-up)*****YOU CAN NEVER SUBSTITUTE TO CREATE A COURTESY RUNNER SITUATION

All courtesy runners are tied to the pitcher or catcher (whomever they ran for) for that position the entire game

Courtesy runner cannot sub into the game in the same half inning as they ran as a courtesy runner (exception: if there is an injury and no other legal players are available to assume that position....in this case, allow the sub and put either the pitcher or catcher on the base to run

Courtesy Runners cannot run for courtesy runners, if a CR gets injured-the player she is running for must take position as base runner

Once a CR has taken place on the base, the pitcher or catcher that she ran for may NOT run during that play at all (exception: injury)

Unreported Sub: a player that has substitution rights but was not reported to the home plate umpire.

Illegal Sub: A player that has no rights to enter into the game at that position (offensive or defensive)