

UNDERSTANDING 3-1-4-b (Player/DH)

3-1-4-b THE FOLLOWING ARE BASIC CONCEPTS FOR THE NEW P/DH:

COACHES WILL NOW HAVE THREE OPTIONS AT GAME TIME; NO DH, FED. DH, OR THE NEW P/DH OPTION. THE USE OF OPTIONS TWO OR THREE MUST BE DECLARED AT THE START OF THE GAME OR THE UMPIRES WILL ASSUME THAT NO DH IS BEING USED.

P/DH STANDS FOR POSITION PLAYER/DH, NOT NECESSARILY PITCHER/DH.

- 1) IF A TEAM CHOOSES TO USE THE P/DH, IT MUST BE NOTED ON THE LINEUP CARD PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME (AT GROUND RULES).
- 2) THE STARTING P/DH AND ANY SUBSTITUTES FOR THE P/DH ARE LOCKED INTO THE SAME SPOT IN THE LINEUP.
- 3) THE DH IS TERMINATED IF THERE IS ANY SUBSTITUTION ON OFFENSE FOR THE DH (INCLUDES PINCH HITTER, PINCH RUNNER OR COURTESY RUNNER WHEN APPLICABLE) YOU NOW HAVE A STRAIGHT 9 MAN LINEUP.
- 4) THE STARTING P/DH HAS RE-ENTRY RIGHTS.

KNOWING THE ABOVE SHOULD GIVE COACHES, PLAYERS, AND UMPIRES A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF 3-1-4-b. IN REALITY, IT IS EXPECTED THAT IN THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE TIME, THIS RULE WILL SIMPLY BE USED AS INTENDED, TO ALLOW A STARTING PITCHER TO BE REPLACED AS A PITCHER AND CONTINUE AS THE DH.