

DP/FLEX RULE SUMMARY

As of March 2023



BEGINNING THE GAME

- A **DP** does not have to be used.
- If used it must be noted on the starting lineup.
- A team using the **DP** starts the game with 10, but could end with 9 or 10.



THE LINEUP CARD

- The DP is the offensive player and must remain in same batting position for entire game
- The name of player for whom the DP is batting (FLEX) will be placed in 10th position in lineup
- If replaced by a substitute, the DP position remains in the lineup.
- A starting DP may re-enter one time, as long as the DP returns to the original position in the batting order.

NO.		PLAYER	RE	POS.
19	1	HARRIS		6
		SUB.		
17	2	ABLE		4
		SUB.		
20	3	THOMAS		8
		SUB.		
24	4	JONES		7
		SUB.		
15	5	ALEXANDER		3
		SUB.		
22	6	MOORE		2
		SUB.		
25	7	COOPER		DP
		SUB.		
7	8	MORRIS		5
		SUB.		
3	9	RODGERS		9
		SUB.		
18	10	BROWN (FLEX)		1
		SUB.		
NO.		SUBSTITUTES		POS.
10		HOWELL		
4		BAKER		
6		SMITH		
55		GREEN		



SUBSTITUTING FOR THE DP

- The DP may be replaced by:
 - Pinch-runner
 - Pinch-hitter
 - FLEX
- In all cases, the DP has left the game, with one re-entry permitted.
- Baker pinch-runs for Cooper
- Cooper has left the game and has a re-entry remaining
- Baker is now the DP

NO.		PLAYER	RE	POS.
19	1	HARRIS		6
	SUB.			
17	2	ABLE		4
	SUB.			
20	3	THOMAS		8
	SUB.			
24	4	JONES		7
	SUB.			
15	5	ALEXANDER		3
	SUB.			
22	6	MOORE		2
	SUB.			
25	7	COOPER		DP
4	SUB.	BAKER		
7	8	MORRIS		5
	SUB.			
3	9	RODGERS		9
	SUB.			
18	10	BROWN (FLEX)		1
	SUB.			
NO.		SUBSTITUTES		POS.
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THE FLEX MAY PLAY OFFENSE

- If the FLEX bats or runs for the DP, the DP leaves the game
- The FLEX (Brown) is now batting in the 7th position
- Lineup down to 9

NO.		PLAYER	RE	POS.
19	1	HARRIS		6
		SUB.		
17	2	ABLE		4
		SUB.		
20	3	THOMAS		8
		SUB.		
24	4	JONES		7
		SUB.		
15	5	ALEXANDER		3
		SUB.		
22	6	MOORE		2
		SUB.		
25	7	COOPER		DP
		SUB.		
7	8	MORRIS		5
		SUB.		
3	9	RODGERS		9
		SUB.		
18	10	BROWN (FLEX)		1
		SUB.		
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THE DP RE-ENTERS THE GAME

- The DP (Cooper) re-enters to bat or run
- The FLEX (Brown):
 - Returns to #10 position
 - Plays defense only
 - Has never left the game

NO.		PLAYER	RE	POS.
19	1	HARRIS		6
		SUB.		
17	2	ABLE		4
		SUB.		
20	3	THOMAS		8
		SUB.		
24	4	JONES		7
		SUB.		
15	5	ALEXANDER		3
		SUB.		
22	6	MOORE		2
		SUB.		
25	7	COOPER		DP
		SUB.		
7	8	MORRIS		5
		SUB.		
3	9	RODGERS		9
		SUB.		
18	10	BROWN (FLEX)		1
		SUB.		
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THE DP MAY PLAY DEFENSE

- The DP may also play defense at any position
- If the DP plays defense for a player other than the FLEX, that player still bats and has not left the game
- Cooper plays second base and still bats 7th
- Able no longer plays defense but still bats 2nd
- Able has not left the game

NO.		PLAYER	RE	POS.
19	1	HARRIS		6
	SUB.			
17	2	ABLE		X
	SUB.			
20	3	THOMAS		8
	SUB.			
24	4	JONES		7
	SUB.			
15	5	ALEXANDER		3
	SUB.			
22	6	MOORE		2
	SUB.			
25	7	COOPER		DR4
	SUB.			
7	8	MORRIS		5
	SUB.			
3	9	RODGERS		9
	SUB.			
18	10	BROWN (FLEX)		1
	SUB.			
NO.		SUBSTITUTES		POS.
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THE DP MAY PLAY DEFENSE FOR THE FLEX

- Cooper goes in to pitch
- Brown has left the game
- Lineup down to 9
- Brown may re-enter

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19	1	HARRIS		6
		SUB.		
17	2	ABLE		4
		SUB.		
20	3	THOMAS		8
		SUB.		
24	4	JONES		7
		SUB.		
15	5	ALEXANDER		3
		SUB.		
22	6	MOORE		2
		SUB.		
25	7	COOPER		DR1
		SUB.		
7	8	MORRIS		5
		SUB.		
3	9	RODGERS		9
		SUB.		
18	10	BROWN (FLEX)		1
		SUB.		
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ILLEGAL SUBSTITUTION

You CANNOT:

- Place the FLEX player into the first nine positions for someone other than the original DP...
- Results in an illegal substitution.



KEY TAKE AWAYS

- The role of the DP/FLEX is never terminated.
- A team may go from 10 to nine players and back to 10 players any number of times during the game.
- The game may end with 10 or nine players.



BASIC REMINDERS

- The DP **can never** be on defense only.
- The FLEX player **can never** be on offense only.
- The DP and the FLEX **can never** be on offense at the same time.
- The DP and the FLEX **can** play defense at the same time.

