

# DP/FLEX RULE ADOPTED (3-3-6)

- Designated Player (DP)/FLEX Rule replaces DH Rule.
- DP/FLEX Rule allows for more participation and flexibility in the game.
- Gives coaches more options:
  - not to use the DP/FLEX at all.
  - use it to the same extent as the DH was used, or
  - use the DP/FLEX option to its fullest extent.



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- 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 nine or 10.
- Practical application and sample exercises to follow.



## 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 the No.10 position in lineup.

NO.		PLAYER	RE	POS.
19	1	HARRIS		6
	SUR.			
17	2	ABLE	Т	4
	8U8.			
20	3	THOMAS	Т	8
	sus.			
24	4	JONES		7
	SUB.			
15	5	ALEXANDER		3
	SUD.			
22	6	MOORE		2
	sua.			
25	7	COOPER	Т	DP
	SUR.			
7	8	MORRIS	Т	5
	8U8.			
3	9	RODGERS	Т	9
	sus.			
18	10	BROWN (FLEX)		1
	sus.			
90.		SUBSTITUTES		P06.
10 4	_	HOWELL BAKER		_
6	-	BAKER SMITH		<u> </u>
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## THE LINEUP CARD

- If replaced by a substitute, the DP position remains in the lineup.
- A starting or substitute DP may reenter one time, as long as the DP returns to the original position in the batting order.



## 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.



## SUBSTITUTING FOR THE DP

- Baker pinchruns for Cooper
- Cooper has left the game and has a reentry remaining
- Baker is now the DP

NO.		FIC	POS.
19	1 HARRIS		6
	sus.		
17	2 ABLE		4
	sus.		
20	3 THOMAS	┙	8
	sua.		
24	4 JONES	$\Box$	7
	sus.		
15	5 ALEXANDER		3
	sus.		
22	6 MOORE		2
	sua.		
-25	COOPER		DP
4	sus. BAKER		DP
.7	8 MORRIS		5
	sus.		
3	9 RODGERS		9
_	sua.		_
18	10 BROWN (FLEX)	_	1
_	sus.	_	
10	SUBSTITUTES HOWELL	-	POS.
4	BAKER	-	_
6	SMITH	_	_
55	GREEN	_	_





THE DP MAY PLAY DEFENSE

The DP may also play defense at

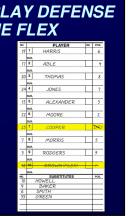
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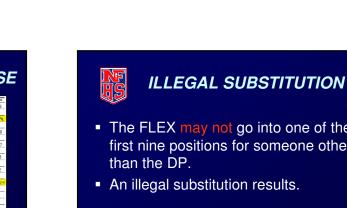
bats and has not left the game.

other than the FLEX, that player still

any position.











## **KEY POINTS**

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



## **EASY REMINDERS**

- The DP can never be on defense only.
- The FLEX 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.





## **DP/FLEX RULE**

## SAMPLE EXERCISES







## SAMPLE LINEUP CARD

All samples will use this lineup card and progress through a series of substitutions.

NO.		PLAYER	BF	POS.
19	1	HARRIS	m.	6
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	808	_		
.17	2	ABLE	Ш	4
	sua			
2.0	3	THOMAS		8
	รมช			
24	4	JONES		DP
	SUB			
15	5	ALEXANDER	П	3
	SUB		_	
22	6	MOORE	П	2
	SUB		ч	h
_	7			7
.25	Н	COOPER	щ	
_	SUB		_	_
.7.	8	MORRIS	Ш	5
_	SUB		_	
3	9	RODGERS		1
	sun			
18	10	GREEN (FLEX)	П	9
	sue			
NO.		SUBSTITUTES		POS.
10		HOWELL BAKER		
4	_			
6				
55		BROWN		
_			_	



## SAMPLE EXERCISE #1

- "Jones" (DP) bats and gets on base safely.
- The offensive coach asks for time for a change.
- "Green will run for Jones."





## **SAMPLE EXERCISE #1**

## Note -

Jones has left the game.



## SAMPLE EXCERCISE #2

- Two innings later, Green singles to left.
- The offensive coach asks for time to make a change.
- "Smith running for Green and Green will still be playing right field."





## SAMPLE EXERCISE #2

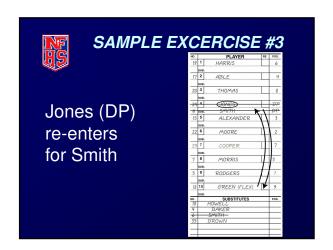
## Note -

- Smith enters the game for the first time and is the new DP.
- Green (FLEX) has NOT left the game – back to defense only.



## SAMPLE EXCERCISE #3

- In the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, the offensive coach asks for time to make another change.
- "Jones to re-enter and bat for Smith."





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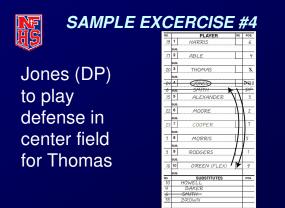
#### Note –

- Jones has used her re-entry.
- Smith has left the game and has a re-entry remaining.



## SAMPLE EXCERCISE #4

- In the next half inning, the defensive coach asks for time to make another change.
- "Jones (DP) will play defense in center field for Thomas."





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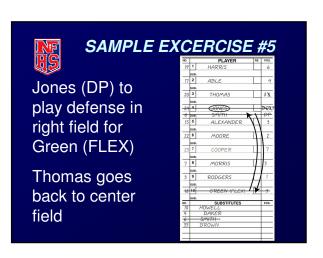
## Note -

- Jones the DP is now playing offense and defense.
- Thomas still bats in the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the lineup and is playing offense only.



## SAMPLE EXCERCISE #5

- An inning later, the defensive coach asks for time to make another change.
- "Jones will move to right field and play defense for Green; Thomas will go back to center field."





## SAMPLE EXERCISE #5

## Note –

- Jones (DP) is still playing offense and defense.
  Green (FLEX) has left the game since she is not playing defense (still has a re-entry remaining).