



New York State
Softball Officials
Organization, Inc.

DP/Re-Entry/Substitutions

I. DESIGNATED PLAYER / FLEX PLAYER (DP/FLEX)

- A. When the coach submits their line-up, check the number of players.
- B. If used, FLEX must be listed 10th in the order.
- C. Mark the starting DP slot – this will be the “HOT” spot in the line-up.
- D. Any 9 players may play offense at any time AND any 9 players may play defense at any time with the following exceptions:
 - 1. The DP and the FLEX can never play OFFENSE at the same time.
 - 2. The DP can never play DEFENSE **only**.
 - 3. The FLEX can never play OFFENSE **only**.

II. RE –ENTRY

- A. All players (including substitutes) may re-enter ONCE, but only in the same batting slot that they departed from.
- B. The starting player and her substitute **CANNOT** be in the order at the same time.
- C. If the DP is used:
 - 1. The FLEX can only enter the offensively in the starting DP slot.
 - 2. If the DP enters the game defensively, the person replaced defensively becomes the OFFO (Offense only or TOP – Temporary Offensive Player) and both players retain their same batting slots.
 - 3. Note: The DP slot in the line-up does not change.
 - 4. PENALTY: DISQUALIFY the offending player.

III. SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. All substitutions must be reported to the plate umpire.
- B. A substitute shall be considered in the game when a pitch has been thrown or a play made. If a substitute enters the game without reporting, there is no penalty.
- C. An unreported courtesy runner is treated the same as an unreported substitute.

USE PREVENTIVE OFFICIATING – DO NOT let a violation occur!!!