

## DP/FLEX Rule (NFHS and ASA)

### DP/FLEX – Umpire Guidelines

- Both the DP and FLEX must be listed on the lineup card prior to start of game.
- The DP is listed as one of the nine hitters in the batting order.
- The FLEX is listed in the 10<sup>th</sup> position in the lineup.
- Both the DP and FLEX can be substituted for and may return once under the re-entry rule.
- The DP may play defense for any player other than the FLEX and this would not be considered a substitution. *The other player would assume the “offense only” role.*
- The only place the DP or FLEX can bat is in the place the DP occupied at the start of the game.
- If the FLEX plays offense for the DP the lineup drops to nine. If the DP returns, or a substitute, the lineup returns to 10.
- If the DP plays defense for the FLEX the lineup drops to nine. If the FLEX returns, or a substitute, the lineup returns to 10.
- A team may go from 10 to 9 players and back to 10 any number of times during the game.
- The game may also end with 10 or nine players.
- Placing the FLEX into one of the first nine positions other than the DP’s is considered an illegal substitution.
- DP and FLEX may never be on offense at the same time; however, they may play defense at the same time.

### Cheat Sheet Version



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### DP/FLEX Umpire Guidelines – Continued

- DP/FLEX can only bat in DP spot.
- FLEX plays offense 4 DP, lineup to 9. DP returns, or sub, lineup to 10.
- DP plays defense 4 FLEX, lineup to 9. FLEX returns, or sub, lineup to 10.
- Team may go from 10 to 9 and back to 10 any number of times during game.
- Game may also end with 9 or 10.
- Placing FLEX in hitting position other than DP is illegal sub.
- DP and FLEX may never be on offense at the same time but may play defense at the same time.