

NEW NAFA DS/DP RULE EFFECTIVE 2011

New Rule for NAFA makes our DS/DP Rule the best...

This Sample lineup card and the wording below it details the NEW DS(Defensive Specialist)/DP(Designated Player) NAFA Rule. This rule was designed so that neither Umpires or Coaches could make a mistake as it virtually eliminates lineup card mistakes.

The key aspect of this rule that makes it better than other associations DH/Flex Rule is that the 10th spot in the lineup always stays open and never closes up so umpires don't have to keep track of players as they bounce back and forth from 10 to 9 to 10...etc.... 1) This allows a team to start a pitcher who is not as good as the main pitcher while having the main pitcher in the 10th Spot(Defensive Specialist) in the game but sitting on the bench in case he needs to play defense or go in to pitch if the starting pitcher gets in trouble. As usual the starting pitcher is one of the team's top batters and now doesn't have to leave the game. 2) Another great use for this rule is to get a second catcher on the lineup so that the main catcher doesn't get hurt playing too many innings. We kept the best part about the old rule by allowing the person in the (DS) 10th Spot to still be able to be a sub into the batting order for any player so that the DS can also be used to take an injured players spot as well. (Other groups still tie the DS and the DP together but we don't)

We believe that this will be a beneficial and positive change for the sport as rosters are getting smaller and smaller every year and players(especially at the World Series) don't want to take vacation, and take time away from home and spend hard earned money to come and sit on the bench and this rule gets another player into the lineup without the team being forced to make a substitution.

The new NAFA substitution Rule will be simplified from a whole page to these 5 sentences...

- 1) Any 9 of the 10 players in the lineup can play defense at any time and all starters can re-enter one time but subs cannot re-enter.
- 2) The 10th spot D.S. (Defensive Specialist) box on the lineup card is always active and the D.P. (Designated Player) is a batter in the lineup that may play defense for any player in the lineup as well.
- 3) The player's name in the DS box may play defense for any player (without it being a substitution) and while in the box, he does NOT have to take the field.
- 4) The D.S. can be substituted into the batting order for any player by notifying the plate umpire and he then vacates the D.S. box. A substitute may be entered in the Defensive Specialist box at any time.
- 5) Once the D.S. goes into the batting order he cannot go back to the D.S. Box. However, another substitute who has not played may still be substituted into the D.S. 10th Box as it is always active even if there is not a name listed in it. Once the DS goes into the batting order, he loses his reentry privileges and must stay in the batting order. If he is removed from the game or is substituted for he CANNOT reenter. The penalty is as follows: If on offense, and before the next pitch, the opposing coach gets the choice of taking the result of the play or nullifying the play, taking an out and having the player removed from the game. If on defense and before the next pitch, the opposing coach has the choice of taking the result of the play or a ball on the batter. The player is removed from the game in all cases and after a pitch has been thrown, the player is removed with no other penalty.**

#	Name	POS
1	Robert Hernandez	2
	Sub:	
2	Loren Lathrop	8
	Sub:	
3	Ronn Kopp	DP-7
	Sub:	
4	Jon Kegel	4
	Sub:	
5	Mike Watson	3
	Sub:	
6	Benjie Hedgecock	1
	Sub:	
7	Carley Parish	6
	Sub:	
8	Jim Williamson	5
	Sub:	
9	Kris Russom	9
	Sub:	
10	Mike Clark	Defensive Specialist
	Sub:	
11	Yoke	
12	Chapel	
13	Bucknell	

**Once the DS substitutes into the batting order (for anyone), he cannot go back into the box, and if he is substituted for he cannot reenter the game.