

Ruling 14-02 Free Substitution on Defense – Pitching Position

Editorial changes to Playing Rule 3.03(e) and TOURNAMENT RULE IX(F)(5) are necessary to clarify restrictions on pitching position does not impact the offensive batting line-up or offensive substitution rules.

OFFICIAL RULING: The following editorial changes shall be in effect until the National Board of Directors reviews these rule provisions:

REGULAR SEASON PLAY

3.03(e) FREE SUBSTITUTION ON DEFENSE

(1) With the exception of the pitcher, any player may enter the game in any defensive position as many times as deemed necessary by the team manager.

NOTE: A pitcher removed from the mound for a substitute pitcher in the defensive line-up may return to the game in another defensive position but may not return to the mound as a pitcher.

* (2) Players shall enter the game on defense only at the beginning of each team's defensive inning unless the defensive player enters the game to replace an injured, ill or ejected player or enters the game during a pitching change. Entering the game on defense **with the exception of the pitcher** does not count as entering/reentering on offense for the purposes of Rule 3.03(a).

TOURNAMENT PLAY

TOURNAMENT RULE IX(F)(5)

(5) FREE SUBSTITUTION ON DEFENSE!

(a) With the exception of the pitcher in Majors, "O"Zone and AAA Division play, any player may enter the game on defense in any defensive position as many times as deemed necessary by the team manager.

NOTE: A pitcher removed from the mound for a substitute pitcher in the defensive line-up may return to the game in another defensive position but may not return to the mound as a pitcher.

(b) Players may enter the game on defense only at the beginning of each team's defensive inning unless the defensive player enters the game to replace an injured, ill or ejected player or enters the game during a pitching change. Entering the game on defense **with the exception of the pitcher** does not count as entering/re-entering on offense for the purposes of Rule 3.03(a).

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