

## **ABOUT THE DP/FLEX**

### **OHSAA/NFHS**

#### **Key Elements**

The DP and Flex can play defense at the same time.

The DP and Flex can never play offense at the same time.

The DP/Flex position must be in the starting lineup.

The DP is supposed to bat. The Flex is supposed to play defense. Otherwise — charged sub

Unreported Substitution for HS — team warning to coach involved and next offender restricted to bench.

Illegal Substitution for HS — called out if at bat or on base, disqualified and replaced by a legal sub

Every starter and substitute can be re-entered one time into the game.

#### **REMEMBER:**

You can't have a DP without a Flex

Each has her own starting position in the lineup. DP can be anywhere. Flex is always tenth.

DP can never play just defense. The Flex can never play just offense.

DP and/or Flex can leave her position in the lineup and return to that same position one time (re-entry).

Each can play both offense and defense, but they both cannot play both at the same time.

The DP can play defense for any of the other nine players in the lineup (Flex can still be in).

The Flex can play offense only for the DP. Any other is an illegal substitution.

#### **Situations**

How many times can the starting Flex bat for the DP before she must be removed?

How many times can the starting DP go in and play defense for the flex before she must be removed?

The Flex is replaced by the DP to play right field in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. Is this legal? What happens?

The Flex is sent in to run for the DP in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. Is this legal? What Happens?

The Flex is running for the second baseman, batting third, who sprained her ankle sliding. Is this legal?

The DP is playing left field while the Flex is playing right. Legal?

Team only has 10 players and utilizing the DP. Flex is pitching. In the 4<sup>th</sup>, the SS is injured and forced to leave the game. What can they do?