# BATTING OUT OF ORDER



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up

#### **PIRATES** TUESDAY, APRIL 13. 2010 DATE/TIME: PNC PARK NO. **PLAYER** POS. **SUBSTITUTE** POS. INN. 24 ZUCKER Р С SMITH 1B LF ROBERTSON 2B CF JOHNSON **PIROCHET** 3B MARSDEN SS 10 11 12 SUBSTITUTES PLAYER PLAYER

MY BASEBALL TEAM

### **MAIN POINTS**

- The lineup card must contain:
  - Player name
  - Shirt number
  - Position
  - Batting order
  - Name and shirt number of each substitute
- Each batter shall take his/her position in the box in the order in which his name appears on the official lineup card
- An entering substitute takes the place in the batting order of the replaced player



### **MAIN POINTS**

- A designated hitter and the player for whom he is batting are locked into the same position in the batting order
- No substitution can be made that alters the batting order
- A batter is in proper order when he follows the player who precedes him in the lineup even if that player batted out of order
- An improper batter is considered to be at bat once he is in the batter's box and the ball is live

## **MAIN POINTS**

- A batter shall be called out, ON APPEAL, when he/she fails to bat in his proper position AND another batter completes a time at bat in his/her place
- The appeal may only be made by the defensive team
- The appeal is made after the batter is put out or becomes a runner and prior to:
  - The next legal or legal pitch
  - The next play or attempted play
  - Intentional base on balls
  - Before the *infielders* have left the field at the end of a half inning

### BATTING OUT OF ORDER- TIMING

### Too Soon

- Wrong batter is still at bat
  - No penalty; proper batter takes his/her place in the box and assumes the count

#### Too Late

- Wrong batter completes his/her time at bat.
   Appeal is made after pitch, play, IBB, or infielders have left.
  - No penalty
  - The next batter is now the player who's name follows the now legalized batter who has just completed his/her at bat

### BATTING OUT OF ORDER- TIMING

### At The Right Time

- The proper batter is the player that is called out
- The next proper batter is the player listed on the lineup following the batter called out.
  - **EXCEPTION**: If the proper batter is on base at the time, the player is skipped in the order and the batter will be the player that follows the player who was skipped

### BATTING OUT OF ORDER- TIMING

### At The Right Time

- Runners who advance independent of an improper batter's actions are entitled to those advancements
- Any advancements made as a result of the improper batter's actions are not permitted
- Outs made by an ordinary play stand after the penalty for batting out of order

### TAKE-HOME POINT

- You need only to concern yourself with the last two players who have batted
  - No matter which player batted last, the batter immediately before him was legal
  - Therefore, the correct last batter will always be the name that follows that of the player who batted immediately before that last batter