



## QUICK GUIDE



### DESIGNATED HITTER

(refer to the latest Babe Ruth League, Inc. Rules & Regulations and the Official Playing Rules for detailed explanations and approved rulings)

**Rule 6.10 and Rule 11.05 - Number 12 - Babe Ruth Baseball 13-16 and 16-18 Division - Designated Hitter (DH) (Local League Option and Tournament Play)** – Any Babe Ruth 13-16 and 16-18 League may elect to use the Designated Hitter Rule. The rule provides as follows:

A hitter may be designated for any one starting player and all substitutes for that player. The Designated Hitter must be named before the game, with both the DH and the player being hit for listed on the lineup card. It is not mandatory that a team use a DH, but failure to do so prior to the game precludes the use of a DH for that game.

If a pinch hitter or runner replaces the DH, that substitute becomes the new DH. The original DH may re-enter under the re-entry rule. The DH and the player being hit for are locked into the batting order. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting rotation of the DH.

A DH may be used in one of two ways:

- a. **Tenth Starter:** The DH bats for one defensive player. The DH role ends when:
  1. The defensive player (or any substitute) bats, pinch-hits, or pinch-runs for the DH; or
  2. The DH (or any substitute) plays defense.
- b. **Player/DH:** A starting defensive player also serves as the DH. The DH role ends when:
  1. A substitute enters that defensive position and later bats, pinch-hits, or pinch-runs; or
  2. The starting defensive Player/DH is substituted for as a hitter or runner.

**NOTE:** The type of DH must be declared before the game. Coaches cannot change the DH option once the game has started.

**EXAMPLE 1:** If you list a DH to bat for your left fielder, the left fielder cannot bat, pinch-hit, or pinch-run later in the game. If he does, the DH is lost for the remainder of the game.

**EXAMPLE 2:** If your lineup lists a LF/DH, that player both plays left field and bats for himself. If you later replace him on defense and that new left fielder comes to bat, the DH is lost for the remainder of the game.

(6.10 NOTE: BR Baseball Rule 6.10 does not apply to the CR Baseball Division.)