

DESIGNATED HITTER (3-1-4)

Always keep in mind that:

- 1) The DH must be listed on the team's batting order at the start of the game.
- 2) The DH may NEVER be one of the nine listed defensive starters.
- 3) The DH may bat for any of the 9 defensive starters.
- 4) The DH is considered a starter for the purposes of the re-entry rule.
- 5) The DH and the player being Dhed for are "locked" into the batting order.
- 6) Substitutes for the defensive player do not affect the DH.
- 7) Substitutes for the DH do not affect the role of the DH (they become the DH).
- 8) The DH and the player being Dhed for can NEVER be in the batting order or in the field simultaneously.
- 9) The role of the DH is terminated when:
 - a) The DH assumes a defensive position in the field, or
 - b) The player being Dhed for bats, pinch hits or pinch runs for the DH.

PLAYS

Play 1: DH Smith singles. The coach replaces him with a pinch runner. How does this affect the status of Smith? **RULING:** When a pinch runner or pinch hitter replaces the DH, that player becomes the DH.

Play 2: In play 1, can Smith re-enter the game? **RULING:** Yes, Smith is considered a starter and has re-entry privileges.

Play 3: F6, for whom the DH Smith is batting, pinch hits for the DH in the fourth inning. Which of the following are true statements?

- a) The role of the DH is terminated when F6 bats.
- b) Smith may re-enter the game as a pinch hitter for F6 in the sixth inning.

Play 4: Smith, the starting DH who is batting for F7, is pinch hit for by Jones in the fifth inning. In the sixth inning, Jones replaces F7 on defense. In the seventh inning, Smith replaces Jones on defense. Is this legal? **RULING:** Yes, Smith, the starting DH, is a starter and may withdraw and re-enter the game one time. Note: Once Jones replaced F7 on defense, the role of the DH is terminated.