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 - DP starts on offense. If not playing offense, they have left the game.
 - FLEX starts on defense. If not playing defense, they have left the game
- B. Any/All changes must be reported to the plate umpire
- C. The batting order cannot change for any of the starting players.
- D. The FLEX player can only play offense (bat/run) in the DP slot
 - DP has left the game – Lineup goes from 10 to 9 players
 - DP uses their reentry once they return
 - DP/FLEX players cannot be in the batting order / playing offense at the same time
- E. The DP can play defense at any time in any position
 - DP/FLEX can both be playing defense at the same time
 - The starter not playing defense still bats in original batting order
- F. The DP can play defense for the FLEX
 - FLEX has left the game – Lineup goes from 10 to 9 players
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“BO” stands for batting only & “DO” stands for defense only. *(These are NOT official terms, but used to help in understanding)*

When the line-ups are presented the DP (designated player) starts the game BO in any of the 9 batting slots. If you have a DP you must use a Flex. The Flex who is always listed in the 10th slot on the line-up starts DO. Once the line-ups are accepted changes may occur. During the game any legal sub may enter for the DP or Flex and take over their roles and privileges.

As far as subs are concerned for the DP/Flex: 1) If the DP is not playing offense it counts as a sub for the DP 2) If the Flex is not playing defense it counts as a sub for the Flex

On offense the DP & Flex are tied to the same batting SLOT for the entire game and therefore they may not play offense at the same time. If the Flex enters and plays offense it is in the DP SLOT and would count as a sub for DP because they are now not playing offense. You are now using 9 players as there is no one DO. This does not count as a sub for the Flex as they are still playing defense. The Flex may return later to the 10th SLOT without it counting as a sub because they never left defensively.

The DP may play defense once the line-ups are accepted. If the DP enters defensively for the Flex this would count as a sub for the Flex because they are now NOT playing defense. You are now using 9 players because no one in the line-up is BO. The DP & Flex may both play defense at the same time. When the DP enters defensively for any of the other 8 players in the batting line-up the player who is now NOT playing defense is BO. This DOES NOT count as a sub. In ASA & NFHS ALL players may reenter once. In NCAA, only starters may reenter once.