PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTES

Rule 8
NUMBER OF PLAYERS
Each team shall have at least nine eligible players in the game at all times.

The players and the defensive positions by which they are identified are as follows:

(1) Pitcher
(2) Catcher
(3) First Baseman
(4) Second Baseman
(5) Third Baseman
(6) Shortstop
(7) Left Fielder
(8) Center Fielder
(9) Right Fielder

Note:
If a team starts a game with nine players, a Designated Player may not be used.
### NUMBER OF PLAYERS

With a Designated Player -

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1. **Pitcher**
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3. **First Baseman**
4. **Second Baseman**
5. **Third Baseman**
6. **Shortstop**
7. **Left Fielder**
8. **Center Fielder**
9. **Right Fielder**
10. **Flex**

(DP) Designated Player

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**University Softball Team**

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Head Coach: Robert Marshall  Assistant Coach: Traci Morris
Starter refers to the first nine or 10 (if a Designated Player is used) players listed on the lineup card submitted to the umpire before the start of the game.
It is recommended that the uniform numbers of each starting player be circled on the roster at the beginning of the game to prevent a substitution violation. Each starter is entitled to be replaced and to re-enter the game one time as long as she assumes her original spot in the batting order.

Note: The Flex may assume the DP's spot in the batting order any number of times. It is not a re-entry.
Substitute refers to a player not listed on the lineup card as a starter but who may legally replace one of the first nine or 10 players listed on the lineup card submitted to the umpire before the start of the game.

A substitute who is replaced may not re-enter the game at any time for any reason.
DESIGNATED PLAYER (DP)

The player who is initially listed on the lineup card in the team’s batting order but not in the defensive lineup.
The player who is initially listed in the 10th spot on the lineup card who may play any defensive position and may only enter the game on offense in the Designated Player’s spot in the batting order.
OFFENSE PLAYER (OP)

The player in the batting order who is not playing defense because the DP has entered to play defense for her.

Unlike the DP and Flex, the OP does not have a spot in the starting lineup and OP could refer to any number of different players throughout the course of the game.
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A defensive player is entitled to change to a different defensive position at any time as long as the change is reported to the plate umpire. The plate umpire shall report the change to the official scorer and to the opposing coach before the next pitch.

**EFFECT**—Failure to report defensive changes to the plate umpire renders the player unreported.
DESIGNATED PLAYER (DP)

The following regulations govern the use of a designated player.

Lineup Card

• One player in the starting lineup may be batted for by a DP, provided the DP is declared on the lineup card before the game.
• The DP’s name, uniform number and DP position must be placed in one of the first nine batting spots in the lineup.
• The DP must remain in the same spot in the batting order throughout the entire game and can only bat/run for the flex—no one else
DP'S PRIMARY ROLE
The DP plays offense (bats/runs) for the flex
The DP may go in and out of the game for any player (including the flex), at any defensive position, any time and any number of times without it counting as a substitution for anyone except the flex. Except if she is the flex, the player(s) for whom the DP is playing defense is the OP. This movement in and out of the game must be reported to the plate umpire to avoid an unreported player violation.
### DP UNCHARGED SUBSTITUTION

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#17 the DP will be catching for #21.

#21 will now be the OP
DP UNCHARGED SUBSTITUTION

#17 is returning to the DP position.

#21 is returning to the Catcher position.

Circle both positions to indicate that the players will be going back to the original spots.
DP CHARGED SUBSTITUTION

The DP and all players, except the flex, are charged with a substitution only when they leave the batting order. Their movement on and off the field defensively does not count but must be reported to the plate umpire.

The DP may be substituted for at any time, either by the flex or by a pinch hitter/pinch runner off the bench. If replaced by the flex, the number of players in the game is reduced from 10 to nine. If the DP does not re-enter, the game may legally end with nine players.
• Flex will be running for the DP.
• Use an "X" to indicate the position of the flex in the DP spot.
• This counts as a substitution for the DP.
• Team drops to 9 active players.
- #12 will be entering the game in the DP spot.
- Circle #12 in the sub area.
- Circle the "X" to indicate that the flex will be returning to the 10th spot.
- Write #12 in the DP spot.
- Team will be going back to 10.
DP OPTIONS

- The DP may play offense only (for the flex).
- The DP may play both offense and defense for the flex.
  - The flex must leave the game, and it counts as a substitution for the flex.
  - It does not count as a substitution for the DP.
  - The number of players in the game is reduced to nine, and if the flex does not re-enter, the game may legally end with nine players.
- The DP may play offense for the flex and defense for another player (OP) in the batting order.
DP LIMITATIONS

- The DP may not play defense only.
  - While playing defense, the DP must continue to bat/run.

- The DP cannot play offense at the same time as the flex.

- The same player may not be listed as the DP and flex on the lineup card.
FLEX

The following regulations govern the use of the Flex.

Lineup Card

- The player for whom the DP bats is called the flex.  
  - There cannot be a DP without a flex.
  - The flex must be declared on the lineup card before the game.

- The flex’s name, uniform number and position number must be placed in the 10th (non batting) spot in the lineup, immediately after the batting order.

- The flex may remain in the 10th spot for the entire game, or may assume the DP’s position in the batting order and bat/run for herself—no one else.
FLEX PRIMARY ROLE

The flex plays defense, but it can be at any position.
**FLEX UNCHARGED SUBSTITUTION**

The flex may go in and out of the DP’s spot in the batting order any time and any number of times. This action counts as a substitution for the DP. This movement in and out of the game must be reported to the plate umpire to avoid an unreported player violation.

**EFFECT—**
Placing the flex into one of the first nine spots in the batting order for someone other than the original DP (or her substitute) results in ejection of the flex.
FLEX CHARGED SUBSTITUTION

- The flex is charged with a substitution only when she is taken out of the defensive lineup.

  - Movement in and out of the DP’s spot in the batting order does not count but must be reported to the plate umpire.

- The flex may be substituted for at any time by the DP. If replaced by the DP, the number of players on the field is reduced from 10 to 9.

  - If the flex does not re-enter, the game may legally end with 9.
DP will be pitching for the flex.
Write an "X" to indicate that the DP is playing for the flex.
Write the letter "P" next to the DP spot to indicate that she will be pitching.
The team will be dropping to nine.
This counts as a substitution for the flex who has left the game.
FLEX CHARGED SUBSTITUTION

The flex may be substituted for at any time by a player off the bench If the flex is inactive (because the DP has been playing both offense and defense), a substitute may be entered in the 10th spot on the lineup card without first re-entering the flex who has been inactive.
• Circle the "X" to indicate the flex has re-entered the pitching position.

• DP will be returning to her original spot.

• Team is back to 10 active players.

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FLEX RE-ENTRY

If the DP re-enters and the flex was batting in her spot, the flex can:

• Return to the 10th spot in the lineup and play defense only, anywhere on the field.

• Leave the game and let the DP play defense for her.

• Leave the game and let a player come off the bench to become a substitute flex.
FLEX RE-ENTRY

• The starting flex, once replaced defensively, may re-enter one time.
  - She may return to the 10th spot in the lineup and play defense only, anywhere on the field.
  - She may assume the spot in the batting order occupied by the DP or a substitute flex, and play both offense and defense.

• A substitute flex may not re-enter once removed from the game defensively.
FLEX OPTIONS

The flex may play both offense and defense for the DP.

- The DP must leave the game, and it counts as a substitution for the DP.
- It does not count as a substitution for the flex.
- The number of players in the game is reduced to nine, and if the DP does not re-enter, the game may legally end with nine players.
- The flex must leave the 10th spot in the lineup and assume the DP’s spot in the batting order.
FLEX OPTIONS

• The flex may play defense only, and both the DP and the flex may play defense at the same time.
FLEX LIMITATIONS

- The flex may not play offense only. While batting/running, the flex must continue to play defense.
- The flex may not play offense at the same time as the DP.
- The same player may not be listed as the DP and flex on the lineup card.