



Tom Kerrigan Memorial Baseball Tournament Designated Hitter Rule

- A hitter may be designated to bat for the starting pitcher and all subsequent pitchers in any game. A designated hitter for the pitcher must be selected prior to the game and must be included in the line-up card presented to the umpire-in-chief.
- It is not mandatory that a club designates a hitter for the pitcher, but failure to do so prior to the games precludes the use of a designated hitter for that game.
- Pinch hitters for a designated hitter may be used. Any substitute hitter for a designated hitter himself becomes a designated hitter.
- The designated hitter may be used defensively, continuing to bat in the same position in the batting order, but the pitcher must then bat in the place of the substituted defensive player, unless more than one substitution is made, the manager then must designate their spots in the batting order.
- A runner may be substituted for the designated hitter and the runner assumes the role of designated hitter.
- A designated hitter is “locked” into the batting order. No multiple substitutes may be made that will alter the batting rotation of the designated hitter.
- Once the game pitcher is switched from the mound to a defensive position, this move shall terminate the designated hitter role for the remainder of the game.
- Once a pinch hitter bats for any player in the batting order and then enters the game to pitch, this move shall terminate the designated hitter role for the remainder of the game.
- Once the game pitcher bats for the designated hitter, this move shall terminate the designated hitter role for the remainder of the game.
- Once a designated hitter assumes a defensive position, this move shall terminate the designated hitter role for the remainder of the game.