

Official Designated Hitter Rule for VFW Baseball

Regulations

If a pitcher is removed from the mound during the game he may not return to the mound in the same game though he is retained in the lineup.

Designated hitters may be used in VFW Baseball for any position.

Major League Baseball Rule 6.10 Designated Hitter Rule.

(b) The Rule provides as follows:

The designated hitter named in the starting lineup must come to bat at least one time, unless the opposing club changes pitchers.

It is not mandatory that a team designate a hitter for the player, but failure to do so prior to the game 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 becomes the designated hitter. A replaced designated hitter shall not re-enter the game in any capacity.

The designated hitter may be used defensively, continuing to bat in the same position in the batting order, but the player must then bat in the place of the substituted defensive player, unless more than one substitution is made, and 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 may not pinch run.

A designated hitter is "locked" into the batting order. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting rotation of the designated hitter.

Once a pinch hitter bats for any player in the batting order and then enter the game to pitch, this move shall terminate the designated hitter role for the remainder of the game.

Once the defense player who is being designated hitter for bats for the designated hitter this move shall terminate the designated hitter role for the remainder of the game. (The defense player who is being designated hitter for may only pinch-hit for the designated hitter.)

Once a designated hitter assumes a defense position this move shall terminate the designated hitter role for the remainder of the game. A substitute for the designated hitter need not be announced until it is the designated hitter's turn to bat.