

Designated Player (DP) and Flex Player (FLEX)

Rule 3.1.3 Designated Player:-

A starting offensive player who bats for the Flex Player.

Rule 3.1.6 Flex Player:-

The starting player who is listed in the 10th spot on the line-up card and for whom the DP is batting. The FLEX may play any defensive position and may enter the game on offense only in the DP's batting position.

Rule 3.1.15 Offensive Player Only (OPO):-

A player in the batting order, other than the FLEX Player, for whom the DP is playing defence.

		Pos	Uni	
1	Abbott B.	7	18	
2	Brown L.	4	20	
3	Costello L.	3	12	
4	Dunlop W.	DP	17	
5	Einstein A.	2	5	
6	Flintstone F.	8	23	
7	Griffiths A.	5	7	
8	Howard J.	9	9	
9	Inman C.	6	11	
FLEX	Johnson H.	1	14	
A	Kent C.		15	
B	Lane L.		2	
C	Munroe M.		8	
D	Newton I.		22	
E	Olsen J.		13	

Rule 3.2.4 a)

A DP may bat for any defensive player.

[This means that the FLEX for whom the DP is batting may play in any defensive position]

Rule 3.2.4 b)

The DP may play defence for any player including the Flex Player.

[If the DP plays defence for the FLEX, the FLEX player (or his substitute) has left the game, the starting FLEX Player may re-enter once]

		Pos		Uni		
1	Abbott B.	7		18		
2	Brown L.	4		20		
3	Costello L.	3		12		
4	Dunlop W.	DP	5	17		
5	Einstein A.	2		5		
6	Flintstone F.	8		23		
7	Griffiths A.	5	OPO	7		
8	Howard J.	9		9		
9	Inman C.	6		11		
FLEX	Johnson H.	1		14		
A	Kent C.			15		
B	Lane L.			2		
C	Munroe M.			8		
D	Newton I.			22		
E	Olsen J.			13		

Rule 3.2.4 b) i.

If the **DP** plays defence for any player other than the Flex Player, that other player continues to bat and is identified as the **OPO**.

The **OPO** is not considered to have left the game and continues to bat but does not play defence.

[The DP could effectively play defence for a different player each inning (ie different OPO each time)]

		Pos		Uni		
1	Abbott B.	7		18		
2	Brown L.	4		20		
3	Costello L.	3		12		
4	Dunlop W.	DP	1	17		
5	Einstein A.	2		5		
6	Flintstone F.	8		23		
7	Griffiths A.	5		7		
8	Howard J.	9		9		
9	Inman C.	6		11		
FLEX	Johnson H.	1		14		
A	Kent C.			15		
B	Lane L.			2		
C	Munroe M.			8		
D	Newton I.			22		
E	Olsen J.			13		

Rule 3.2.4 b) ii.

When the **DP** plays defence for the **FLEX**, this is treated like a substitution for the **FLEX** or the **FLEX's substitute** and must be reported to the Umpire. The **DP** may play defence for the **FLEX** any number of times.

Rule 3.2.4 b) iii.

When the **DP** plays defence for the **FLEX**, the line-up reverts to nine (9) players and the game may legally end with nine (9) players.

Rule 3.2.4 b) iv.

A team's line-up may revert to ten (10) players by a player;

- 1) entering a substitute in the **FLEX** position; or
- 2) re-entering the original starting **FLEX** player, but only once.

Rule 3.2.4 c)

The **DP** and the **FLEX** cannot be in the game on offense at the same time.

		Pos	Uni	
1	Abbott B.	7	18	
2	Brown L.	4	20	
3	Costello L.	3	12	
4	Dunlop W.	DP	17	
5	Einstein A.	2	5	
6	Flintstone F.	8	23	
7	Griffiths A.	5	7	
8	Howard J.	9	9	
9	Inman C.	6	11	
FLEX	Johnson H.	1	14	
A	Kent C.		15	
B	Lane L.		2	
C	Munroe M.		8	
D	Newton I.		22	
E	Olsen J.		13	

Rule 3.2.5 a)

If a team declares the use of a **DP**, the team must name a **FLEX** on the line-up card.

Rule 3.2.5 b)

The **FLEX** is placed in the non-batting position (10th) in the starting line-up immediately following the first nine (9) batting positions and may play any defensive position.

		Pos	Uni	
1	Abbott B.	7	18	
2	Brown L.	4	20	
3	Costello L.	3	12	
4	Dunlop W.	DP	17	
	Johnson H.	1	14	
5	Einstein A.	2	5	
6	Flintstone F.	8	23	
7	Griffiths A.	5	7	
8	Howard J.	9	9	
9	Inman C.	6	11	
FLEX	Johnson H.	1	14	
A	Kent C.		15	
B	Lane L.		2	
C	Munroe M.		8	
D	Newton I.		22	
E	Olsen J.		13	

Rule 3.2.5 c)

The **FLEX** may enter the game on offense only for the **DP**.

- 1) the line-up goes to nine (9) players when the **FLEX** enters the game on offense. The team can finish the game with (9) players in the line-up.
- 2) The **Flex Player** may enter the line-up in the **DP** batting position any number of times. This is treated like a substitution for the **DP** or the **DP's substitutes** and must be reported to the Plate Umpire.
- 3) A team's line-up may revert to ten (10) players by a player;
 1. Entering a substitute into the **DP** position or
 2. re-entering the original stating **DP** player, but only once.

Rule 3.2.5 d)

A **FLEX** who enters the game on offense for a player other than the **DP** is considered an illegal re-entry.

		Pos	Uni	
1	Abbott B.	7	18	
2	Brown L.	4	20	
3	Costello L.	3	12	
4	Dunlop W.	DP	17	RE
	Johnson H.	4	14	
5	Einstein A.	2	5	
6	Flintstone F.	8	23	
7	Griffiths A.	5	7	
8	Howard J.	9	9	
9	Inman C.	6	11	
FLEX	Johnson H.	4	14	
	Johnson H.	1	14	
A	Kent C.		15	
B	Lane L.		2	
C	Munroe M.		8	
D	Newton I.		22	
E	Olsen J.		13	

Example 1:-

Legal re-entry of DP to offence, with FLEX returning to defence (10th position in the line-up).

*If the **DP** re-enters, he may play offence and defence (continue the game with nine players), or he may bat in his original place in the batting order, and the **FLEX** returns to the 10th position and plays defence only again.*

		Pos	Uni	
1	Abbott B.	7	18	
2	Brown L.	4	20	
3	Costello L.	3	12	
4	Dunlop W.	DP	17	
	Munroe M.		8	
5	Einstein A.	2	5	
6	Flintstone F.	8	23	
7	Griffiths A.	5	7	
8	Howard J.	9	9	
9	Inman C.	6	11	
FLEX	Johnson H.	1	14	
A	Kent C.		15	
B	Lane L.		2	
C	Munroe M.		8	
D	Newton I.		22	
E	Olsen J.		13	

Example 2:-

DP replaced with a legal substitute.

*The original **DP** (Dunlop), being a starting player, may re-enter the game one time.*

*Munroe now becomes the **DP**, should he be substituted, he may not re-enter.*

		Pos	Uni	
1	Abbott B.	7	18	
2	Brown L.	4	20	
3	Costello L.	3	12	
4	Dunlop W.	DP	17	RE
	Kent G.		15	
5	Einstein A.	2	5	
6	Flintstone F.	8	23	
7	Griffiths A.	5	7	
8	Howard J.	9	9	
9	Inman C.	6	11	
FLEX	Johnson H.	1	14	
A	Kent G.		15	
B	Lane L.		2	
C	Munroe M.		8	
D	Newton I.		22	
E	Olsen J.		13	

Example 3:-

Legal re-entry of the starting DP (Dunlop) to his correct position in the line-up.

The starting player listed as the DP must remain in the same position in the batting order whenever he is in the game.

Kent (who was not a starting player) may only return to the game as a Replacement Player (under the Replacement Player rule).

		Pos	Uni	
1	Abbott B.	7	18	
2	Brown L.	4	20	
3	Costello L.	3	12	
4	Dunlop W.	DP	17	
	Kent C.		15	
5	Einstein A.	2	5	
6	Flintstone F.	8	23	
	Dunlop W.		17	RE
7	Griffiths A.	5	7	
8	Howard J.	9	9	
9	Inman C.	6	11	
FLEX	Johnson H.	1	14	
A	Kent C.		15	
B	Lane L.		2	
C	Munroe M.		8	
D	Newton I.		22	
E	Olsen J.		13	

Example 4:-

Illegal re-entry of the starting DP (Dunlop) to an incorrect position in the line-up.

The starting DP (Dunlop) and his substitute (Kent), may not be in the line-up at the same time.

There are two rules covering this;

Rule 3.2.8:-

b) A starting player and their substitute(s) may not be in the game at the same time.

Effect Rule 3.2.8 - Illegal re-entry:-

f) DP re-entering into a place other than the DP position

This is an illegal re-entry situation, Dunlop and the Head Coach will be ejected from the game.

		Pos		Uni		
1	Abbott B.	7		18		
2	Brown L.	4		20		
3	Costello L.	3		12		
4	Dunlop W.	DP		17		
5	Einstein A.	2		5		
6	Flintstone F.	8		23		
7	Griffiths A.	5		7		
8	Howard J.	9		9		
9	Inman C.	6		11		
FLEX	Johnson H.	1		14		
	Olsen J.			13		
A	Kent C.			15		
B	Lane L.			2		
C	Munroe M.			8		
D	Newton I.			22		
E	Olsen J.			10		

Example 5:-

FLEX Player replaced with a legal substitute.

*The original **FLEX** (Johnson), being a starting player, may re-enter the game one time.*

Olsen now becomes the FLEX Player, should he be substituted, he may not re-enter.

		Pos		Uni		
1	Abbott B.	7		18		
2	Brown L.	4		20		
3	Costello L.	3		12		
4	Dunlop W.	DP		17		
5	Einstein A.	2		5		
6	Flintstone F.	8		23		
7	Griffiths A.	5		7		
8	Howard J.	9		9		
9	Inman C.	6		11		
FLEX	Johnson H.	1		14	RE	
	Olsen J.			13		
A	Kent C.			15		
B	Lane L.			2		
C	Munroe M.			8		
D	Newton I.			22		
E	Olsen J.			10		

Example 6:-

Legal re-entry of the starting FLEX

(Johnson) to defence only (10th position in the line-up).

The starting FLEX may re-enter the game one time, either in the 10th position, or in the DP's position in the batting order.

Olsen (who was not a starting player) may only return to the game as a Replacement Player (under the Replacement Player rule).

		Pos	Uni	
1	Abbott B.	7	18	
2	Brown L.	4	20	
3	Costello L.	3	12	
4	Dunlop W.	DP	17	
	Johnson H.	1	14	RE
5	Einstein A.	2	5	
6	Flintstone F.	8	23	
7	Griffiths A.	5	7	
8	Howard J.	9	9	
9	Inman C.	6	11	
FLEX	Johnson H.	1	14	
	Olsen J.		13	
A	Kent C.		15	
B	Lane L.		2	
C	Munroe M.		8	
D	Newton I.		22	
E	Olsen J.		10	

Example 7:-

Legal re-entry of the starting FLEX

(Johnson) to offence&defence (in the DP (Dunlop's) position in the line-up).

The starting FLEX may re-enter the game one time, either in the 10th position, or in the DP's position in the batting order (line-up returns to nine (9) players).

*The original **DP** (Dunlop), being a starting player, may re-enter the game one time.*

*Olsen (the substitute FLEX, who was not a starting player) **must** leave the game and may only return to the game as a Replacement Player (under the Replacement Player rule).*

		Pos	Uni	
1	Abbott B.	7	18	
2	Brown L.	4	20	
3	Costello L.	3	12	
4	Dunlop W.	DP	17	
5	Einstein A.	2	5	
	Johnson H.	1	14	RE
6	Flintstone F.	8	23	
7	Griffiths A.	5	7	
8	Howard J.	9	9	
9	Inman C.	6	11	
FLEX	Johnson H.	1	14	
	Olsen J.		13	
A	Kent C.		15	
B	Lane L.		2	
C	Munroe M.		8	
D	Newton I.		22	
E	Olsen J.		10	

Example 8:-

Illegal re-entry of starting FLEX (Johnson) to an incorrect position in the line-up.

The starting FLEX may re-enter the game one time, either in the 10th position, or in the DP's position in the batting order (line-up returns to nine (9) players).

There are two rules covering this;

Rule 3.2.8:-

b) A starting player and their substitute(s) may not be in the game at the same time.

Effect Rule 3.2.8 - Illegal re-entry:-

e) The Flex going into the game offensively for a player other than the DP.

This is an illegal re-entry situation, Johnston and the Head Coach will be ejected from the game.