



MHSAA BASEBALL PLAYER/DH CASE PLAYS

1. The home team head coach gives a lineup to the plate umpire which has no DH or Player/DH listed. After his starting pitcher is hurt in the top of the 1st inning, the head coach tells the plate umpire he'd like to make the substitute pitcher a P/DH.

Ruling: Since the P/DH was not listed on the lineup card to start the game, it may not be added or used at any point in the game. The substitute pitcher will be required to hit in the batting position of the player he replaced.
2. The home team has listed Abel as the 1B/DH to start the game. In the top of the 3rd inning, Baker comes out to play first base and Abel remains in the dugout. The home team head coach does not inform the umpire of the change and the inning begins.

Ruling: Since the substitution becomes legal when the new first baseman takes his position without the plate umpire being notified, Baker will take Abel's position in the lineup both defensively and offensively. The DH role will be terminated for the remainder of the game.
3. The home team has Daniel listed in the 4th spot in the batting lineup and listed as the P/DH. In the 5th inning, Daniel is replaced on the mound by Smith. When the head coach informs the plate umpire of the change, the plate umpire should ask the head coach whether he wants Daniel to remain and the DH and hit for Smith, or for Smith to hit for himself.

Ruling: If he chooses to keep Daniel as the DH, Daniel may only hit for Smith (and any subsequent player in the 4th spot) and Daniel has not been substituted for re-entry purposes. If he chooses to have Smith hit for himself, the DH role is terminated for the remainder of the game and Daniel has been substituted for. Daniel may re-enter the game once as long as he replaces the player in the 4th spot in the batting lineup.

NOTE: *The plate umpire is not required to ask the head coach what his preference is, and if the head coach does not notify him that Daniel will remain in the game as the DH, the DH role will be terminated and Smith must hit for himself.*
4. The home team has Charles listed in the 3rd spot in the batting lineup and listed as the 1B/DH. In the 3rd inning, Charles is replaced at first base by Jones and his head coach notifies the plate umpire that Charles will continue to hit for Jones as his DH. In the 5th inning, the head coach replaces Jones at first base with Kibby and will continue to have Charles hit for Kibby. In the 6th inning, the head coach would like to have Charles go back to play first base.

Ruling: Since Charles is a starter, he may re-enter the game one time and will continue to bat in the 3rd spot in the batting order. Kibby is substituted for and the DH is terminated for the remainder of the game.
5. The home team has Frank listed in the 6th spot in the batting lineup and listed as the P/DH. In the 2nd inning, Frank hits a single. His head coach would like to put in a courtesy runner for Frank since he is the pitcher.

Ruling: This move is not permitted. If the head coach were to put in a runner for Frank, it would be a pinch-runner and a substitution. Frank would be removed (may re-enter once in the 6th spot) and the role of DH would be removed for the remainder of the game.
6. The home team has George listed in the 7th spot in the batting lineup and listed as the P/DH. In the 4th inning, the home team head coach would like to pinch hit for George with Marley.

Ruling: This move is legal; however, the DH role will be terminated for the remainder of the game. Since George was a starter, he may re-enter the game once as long as he replaces the player in the 7th spot in the batting lineup.
7. The home team starts the game with a 10-player lineup, using Jones as a DH in the 5th spot in the batting lineup in the place of the catcher, Edward. In the 4th inning, the home team head coach pinch hits for Jones with Lance (has never been in the game).

Ruling: This move is legal. Lance becomes the new DH and will continue to bat for Edward (and any subsequent player in the 5th spot). Since Jones is a starter, he may re-enter the game once as long as he replaces the player in the 5th spot in the batting lineup.

NOTE: *See #8 below for the ruling in a similar situation with a Player/DH.*
8. The home team has Charles listed in the 3rd spot in the batting lineup and listed as the 1B/DH. In the 3rd inning, Charles is replaced at first base by Jones and his head coach notifies the plate umpire that Charles will continue to hit for Jones as his DH. In the 4th inning, the head coach wants to pinch hit for Charles with Kibby.

Ruling: This move is not permitted. The only player that may hit for Charles is Jones (or any player that replaces Jones and continue to be DH'd for by Charles). If Jones were to hit for Charles, the DH role would be terminated for the remainder of the game.