

Line Up Options for USA Softball POOL Play For Use on Saturday ONLY

1 - Bat straight 9 with available substitutes	2 – Use <u>one or more</u> Extra Players (EP) up to the roster. When using EP(s), any 9 players can play defense at any time and there is no “substitution” when an EP plays defense (i.e. no change to the batting line up). Any defensive changes involving the pitcher or catcher must be reported. All substitution rules apply to players listed as substitutes.
3 – Use a DP/Flex - 9 batters with the Flex in the 10th position - with available substitutes. The DP is listed in any of the first 9 line up positions; the Flex is listed 10th. All substitution rules with the DP/Flex apply (rule 4-3). All substitution rules apply to players listed as substitutes.	4 - Use one or more Extra Players (EP) and a DP/Flex; EP(s) and DP may be listed anywhere in the line-up; the Flex is listed in the last spot. All substitution rules apply for the DP/Flex. The EP(s) may play defense at any position at any time and does not constitute a substitution. All substitution rules apply to players listed as substitutes.
Note: Pool play allows for the option of “batting the roster” but does <u>NOT</u> allow for free entry in and out of the line up (aka batting order). Substitution rules and DP/Flex rules still apply. Courtesy Runners: In pool play, <u>any</u> eligible player can be used as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher, including any player who is a substitute <u>or</u> a player currently in the line-up. Two provisions: A - The player must be an eligible player - a rostered player and has not been ejected from the game. B - If the courtesy runner is on base when it is her time to bat: she is removed from base to bat, and the person for whom she is running will be called out. Note: once the courtesy runner is entered into the game, she cannot be removed from base by another courtesy runner or substitution to circumvent this provision. Note: 8-9-A [3] is still in applicable, a player can only run for only the pitcher or catcher in the game.	

Line Up Options for USA Softball Bracket Play

For Use on Sunday

USA Softball approved an Extra Player (“EP”) option for JO fast pitch softball. This provides four options:

1 - Bat straight 9 (no DP/Flex and no EP)	2 – Use an EP, 10 players batting The EP can be listed anywhere in the line-up. Any 9 players listed in the line-up can play defense; only need to report the change if there is a different pitcher or catcher.
3 – Use a DP/Flex, 9 batting, 10 players in the line-up Same historical option, nothing about DP/Flex rule has changed. The DP may be defense at any position and does not need to be reported unless the Flex is not playing defense (the Flex has left the game) or involves the DP becoming the pitcher or catcher. The Flex may play offense (bat/run) for only the DP (the DP has left the game). This must be reported.	4 - Use a DP/Flex and EP, batting 10, 11 in the line-up When the EP or DP play defense, this does not need to be reported unless: A. The DP or EP replaces the Flex on defense. This means the Flex has left the game (and subject to substitution rules). B. The DP or EP becomes the new pitcher or catcher, regardless if the Flex was the pitcher or catcher of record. While the EP may play defense for the Flex, the Flex may play offense (bat/run) for the DP only, which must be reported.
Note: Bracket play allows for a line up to be 9 batters; 9 batters with an EP (Flex is #10 in the line up); 10 batters with a EP; or 10 batters with a EP and DP (Flex is #11 in the line up). All substitution rules apply. Courtesy Runners: all line-up options do not change or alter the courtesy runner rule. Only substitutes who have not played in the game may run for either the pitcher or catcher. A player cannot be courtesy runner for both the pitcher and catcher. If you do NOT have any substitutes, you do not have any courtesy runners. EP or DP can have a courtesy runner if either are the pitcher or catcher “of record” (in that position at the last out)	