

## Technical Bulletin

**Subject:** Line-Up Substitutions, Defensive Changes TB\_2019-3

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To speed up the substitution changes during a game the following procedure should be used for all National Championships.

Line up Substitutions or Defensive Changes

1. Coaches must ensure they have the next inning substitutions or defensive changes to the plate umpire at the conclusion of the half innings.

Note: For continual breaches and after being provided a warning, the plate umpire *may* call a ball or strike on the offending team

2. The coach must go to the plate umpire in the proximity of the official statistician and give the changes to the plate umpire only
3. Where possible, the base umpire should advise the opposing team that changes are taking place, so they are aware
4. If an official runner is available, the changes should be communicated to the teams as soon as possible. The team scorer or team member may go to the official statistician to get or clarify any change at any time.
5. Coaches should communicate the changes to the plate umpire in the following way:
  - 5.1 Uniform number out
  - 5.2 Uniform number in
  - 5.3 Then defensive position changes
  - 5.4 DP or Flex changes should include the words “going to 9 players” if applicable
  - 5.5 If the DP is going to field – “Number X Flex out, DP to defensive position Y”
  - 5.6 If the Flex is coming into the game – “DP out and Flex to DP”
  - 5.7 If the DP is coming into the defence – “Uniform number X to OPO, DP to fielding position Y”
  - 5.8 Temporary runners should be announced, however the announcement of the original player returning does not need to be, this is not considered a re-entry.
  - 5.9 The plate umpire should not wait for the coach to announce the temporary runner if aware the catcher is being replaced. Base umpires should assist in making the plate umpire aware.
  - 5.10 The coach must advise the plate umpire when a starting player or a replaced player re-enters the game.



6. Multiple offence, at bat changes, should not be made at the same time. E.g. each turn at bat should be completed prior to the next substitution.
7. Defensive changes can only be made during the defensive innings
8. Plate umpires should always announce the team name to the statistician prior to stating the changes.
9. Statisticians should repeat the changes back to the plate umpire immediately to allow the plate umpire to confirm the changes are correct and continue the game

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