

**Revision to the 2022 USA SOFTBALL OF MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH FAST-PITCH LOCAL TOURNAMENT  
SANCTION PROCEDURES & POLICIES**

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**TEAM LINE UPS (All Divisions EXCEPT 10C & 12C):**

**Pool Play Games** - The following batting line-ups are allowed.

- Straight 9 and/or DP/Flex - Teams may bat 9 players with or without the DP/Flex.
- Continuous Order - When batting “up to” all roster players, any additional batter(s) shall be listed as an EP and may be listed anywhere in the batting order and may play defense as any position.
  - Example - A team may choose to bat 11 players and list one additional player as a substitute. A team is NOT required to bat all 12 players.

**Elimination Games** -

- Teams may use “straight 9” or DP/Flex. Both lines may use only one EP in their lineup (a max batting order of 10 players).

Teams that bat everyone in their line-up will take an out if a player is removed for any reason other than an ejection. Teams will not be allowed courtesy runners, pinch runners or pinch hitters when batting everyone. If a player is ejected when batting everyone, the game will be forfeited.

**TEAM LINE UPS \*(10C & 12C ONLY):**

A team shall consist of players in the following positions:

**Fast Pitch:**

- Nine players: Pitcher (F1), catcher (F2), first base player (F3), second base player (F4), third base player (F5), shortstop (F6), left fielder (F7), center fielder (F8) and right fielder (F9).

The following applies to all “**Pool Play**” and “**Elimination Games**” and will be at the discretion of the team manager – any one of the following options may be employed and must be made known prior to the start of the game:

- With Designated Player (DP) and Flex: 10 Players with nine batting (The DP/Flex is optional)
- Batting up to all roster players, any additional batter(s) shall be listed as an EP and may be listed anywhere in the batting order and may play defense at any position.
- JO Fast Pitch Only with one Extra Player (EP): Pitcher (F1), catcher (F2), first base player (F3), second base player (F4), third base player (F5), shortstop (F6), left fielder (F7), center fielder (F8), right fielder (F9), and one Extra Player (EP) with 10 batting.
- JO Fast Pitch with Designated Player (DP) and FLEX with one Extra Player (EP): 11 players with 10 batting

Note: Teams that bat everyone in their line-up will take an out if a player is removed for any reason other than an “ejection” or “Blood Rule.” Teams will not be allowed courtesy runners, pinch runners or pinch hitters when batting everyone. If a player is ejected when batting everyone, the game will be forfeited. Please reference USA Softball Rule 4 for additional clarification.

*\*This provision is provided on a trial basis for the 2022 season after which point it will be evaluated and assessed for future seasons.*