#### **DESIGNATED HITTER**

This How To document covers how to score when using the designated hitter, for both the scorebook and GameChanger.

#### STANDARD USAGE AND RULES

The designated hitter is the position allocated to a player that will bat, but not take the field. There will be another player that is a fielder, but will not bat.

For this document, it is assumed that when the designated hitter is being used, the player in the position of pitcher will not bat.

The non-fielding player will be listed in the batting line up with a fielding position of DH and the pitcher will not be listed in the batting line up. If the position of DH is to be used, it must be in the starting line up—it cannot be introduced once the game has started.

The player listed on the starting line up as the DH must bat at least once, unless the opposing team changes pitchers.

Substitutions and fielding changes for the player that is the DH or the pitcher can determine if the position of DH remains in the game.

Substitutions where the DH remains:

- the player that is the DH is substituted with a bench player who becomes the new DH. This happens when the DH is up to bat or when they are a runner.
- the pitcher is substituted with a bench player who becomes the new pitcher.

Substitutions/fielding changes where the DH is removed from the game:

- the player that is the DH goes into the field (as the pitcher or any other position).
- the player that is the DH is replaced by a bench player going into the field (as the pitcher or any other position).
- the current pitcher is now batting for themselves or moves to another fielding position.
- a current fielder or pinch hitter becomes the pitcher.

The position of DH must stay at the same number in the batting order as listed on the starting line up.

A replaced DH cannot re-enter the game.

Once the position of DH is removed, it cannot be re-instated. The pitcher must now bat for themselves for the remainder of the game.

# **LINE UP**

The line up will have a player with the fielding position of DH. There should be no player with the fielding position of 1 or P.

The pitchers name will only be listed next to PITCHER and not appear in the batting order section.

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## **SCOREBOOK—LINE UP**

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Write the pitchers name in the section below the last batting position (next to the end of inning stats). This allows fielding stats to be written for the pitcher.

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# SCOREBOOK—SUBSTITUTIONS/FIELDING CHANGES

Most of the line up changes involving the DH and pitcher are written in the scorebook the same way as any other substitution or fielding position change. The main thing is to recognise when the DH as a position is removed from the game and can no longer be used.

There may be a combination of substitutions and fielding changes, especially when the DH position is removed. Make any substitutions first, then do the fielding changes.

If the current pitcher moves to another fielding position or is now batting, they must substitute another player in the batting line up (may or may not be the DH).

Ensure all fielding positions are filled and players are batting in the correct batting order.

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The pitcher is substituted with a bench player who becomes the new pitcher. No change to the batting line up.

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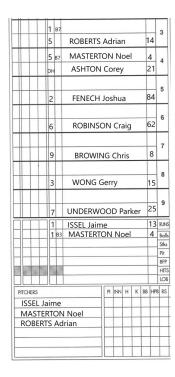
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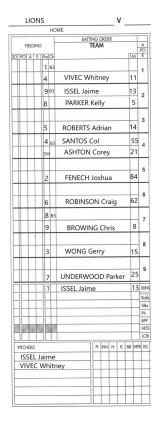
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Current pitcher moves to third base and replaces the DH in the batting line up.

DH removed.

Third base moves to pitcher.



Player from the bench replaces the DH and goes to second base.

DH removed.

Current pitcher moves to right field and replaces centre field in the batting line up.

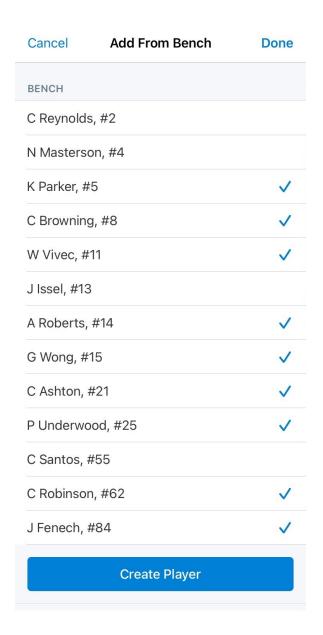
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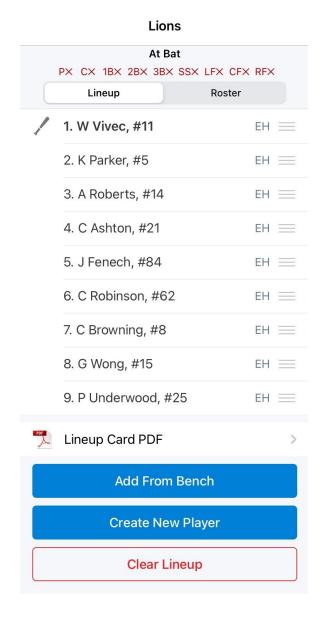
When the DH is removed from the game, the pitcher is now batting, so pitcher names are no longer written in the area next to the end of inning stats.

If the current pitcher is now batting, their fielding stats (put out, assists, errors) are written next to their name in the batting order, so this player may have stats in two sections.

## **GAMECHANGER-LINE UP**

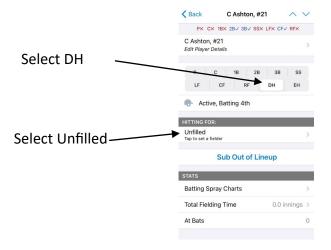
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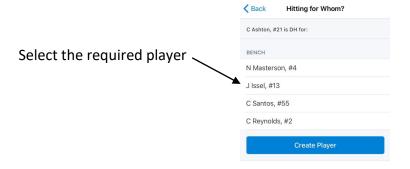


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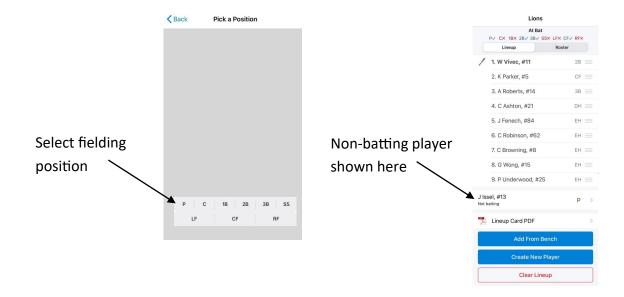
Enter the fielding positions for each player. For the Designated Hitter, tap the fielding position DH. The Hitting For section will appear. Tap Unfilled.



Bench players will be listed. Tap the player that the DH is batting for (ie the pitcher).



Tap the fielding position—P for pitcher. Continue entering fielding positions for the rest of the team.



## **GAMECHANGER—SUBSTITUTIONS/FIELDING CHANGES**

Most of the line up changes involving the DH and pitcher are done in GameChanger the same way as any other substitution or fielding position change.

Changes can be done by tapping a player in the line up, on the field or the P and AB boxes.

Depending on how you make the change, a player may be listed under Fielders, Bench, Batters Without Positions or Non-Hitting Fielders.

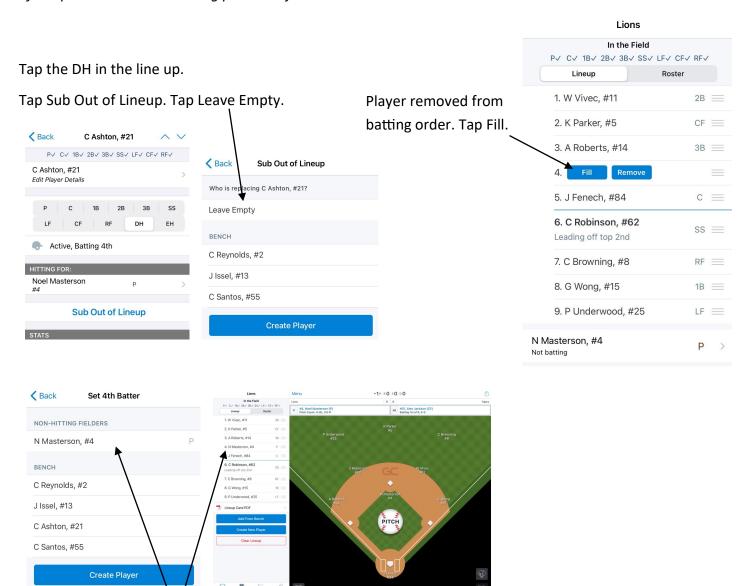
Make any pitching changes first—this moves the current pitcher back to the bench. Then make any other substitutions and fielding changes.

If the current pitcher is still pitching but now batting, how you make the change depends on where they are going to bat in the line up (see next page).

Ensure all fielding positions are filled and players are batting in the correct batting order.

## GAMECHANGER—SUBSTITUTIONS/FIELDING CHANGES

If the pitcher takes the batting position of the DH:



Select the pitcher listed under Non-Hitting Fielders. Player now in the batting line up.

If the pitcher takes the batting position of a current fielder:

Make the changes to the DH position first—substitution and/or fielding change.

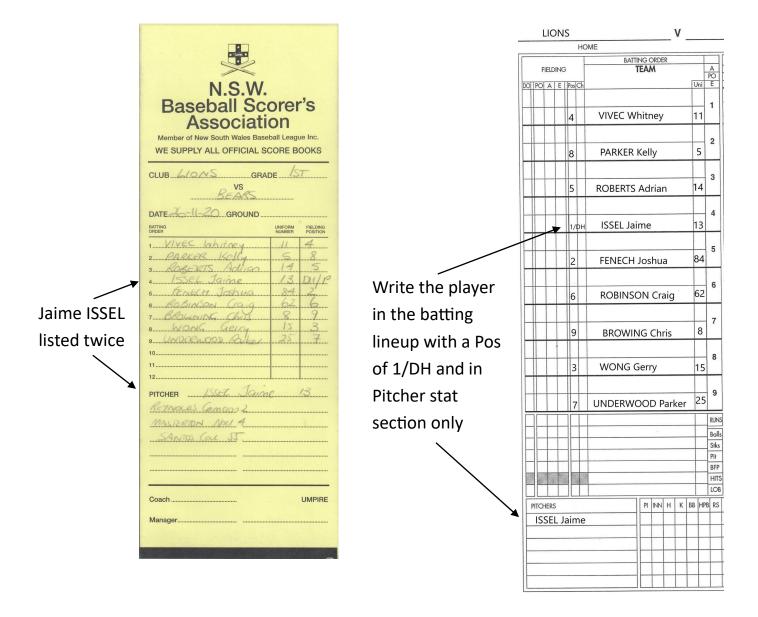
Tap the player the pitcher is replacing in the batting line up and tap Sub Out of Lineup. The pitcher should be listed under Non-Hitting Fielders. Select and change their fielding position back to P. Make any other substitutions and fielding changes.

## STARTING PITCHER AS DESIGNATED HITTER

The second section of the Designated Hitter rule allows the starting pitcher to also act as the DH.

The lineup provided by the coach must indicate the team is utilising this section of rule by listing the starting pitcher twice—in the batting lineup as DH/P and as the pitcher.

For scorers, the player is treated the same way as a pitcher batting for themselves until changes are made. Then they have the option for the starting pitcher to become the DH.



### STARTING PITCHER AS DESIGNATED HITTER—CHANGES

The starting pitcher can be replaced on the mound and remain in the game as the DH, but can no longer pitch in the game.

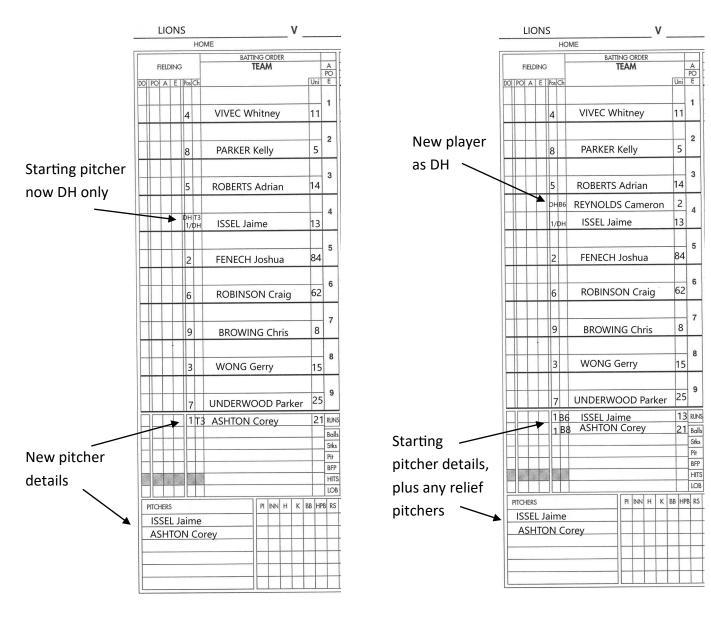
Write when the pitcher became the DH.

Write the new pitchers name in the section next to the end of inning stats and in the pitcher stat section.

If a bench player is to become the DH, the starting pitcher can continue to pitch, but no longer bats.

Write when the new DH entered the game.

Write the starting pitchers name in the section next to the end of inning stats.



All other standard DH rules apply and must be adhered to when making any substitutions or fielding changes.

#### STARTING PITCHER AS DESIGNATED HITTER—GAMECHANGER

Enter the line up in batting order, as per the line up sheet— the starting pitcher must be entered as the Pitcher. No DH will be listed.

If the starting pitcher is replaced on the mound and continues as the DH, change the players position to DH. The Hitting For section will appear. Tap Unfilled. Select the player that is now pitching.

If a bench player becomes the DH, sub the starting pitcher out of the lineup for the new player. Change their position to DH and the Hitting For section will appear. Tap Unfilled. Select the player that is pitching—this may be the starting pitcher or another new player from the bench.