

# The “Slotted” Batting Order

**RULE:** The league utilizes the “slotted” batting order. Each team will present a 9 position, or 10 position, batting order prior to the start of the game. A 9 position batting order is only permissible if only 9 players are present. Each position in the batting order must have at least one (1) player, but is permitted to have up to two (2) players in each position. All eligible players in attendance at the start of the game must be assigned to a position in the batting order prior to the start of the game. Positions with two players assigned shall be interchangeable. The team manager or coach shall designate which player will take the turn at bat when the position comes due in the batting order. The team manager or coach shall designate which player shall run the bases should the batter for that position reach base. Such designation of the base runner must be made prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch of the subsequent batter after the batter reaches base. The order shall, at all times, have at least one (1) player in each of the 9 positions. If a player, who is alone in a specific position in the batting order, is removed from the game for any reason, another player must be advanced, from a 2 person position in the order, to take the place of the departing player. Late arriving players may be inserted to any available position in the order that has only one player occupying a position. Minimum play rules apply.

**Note:** Minimum play is 6 consecutive defensive outs and 1 at bat (**12 players or less**) OR 6 defensive (**not consecutive**) outs and 1 at bat. (**13 players or more**)

**Note:** There is UNLIMITED free defensive substitution. (Exceptions apply to pitchers and catchers). Therefore, there is no requirement that 1 or more players be in the game. For example, for position occupied by two (2) players, both players may play the field at the same time, or both players may sit the bench at the same time.

## Common Slotted Batting Order Scenarios

### Scenario#1- Standard At-Bat

The No. 2 position in the batting order is due up to the plate. The manager may choose which player (Clinton or Taft) will hit. Both Clinton and Taft must take a turn at bat at least once during the game to meet minimum play. (in addition to 6 consecutive outs (12 players or less) OR 6 outs (13 players or more) There is no requirement to “alternate” at bats between Clinton and Taft. For example, if the No. 2 position comes due 5 times during a game, Taft may bat 4 times, while Clinton only bats once.

### Scenario #2- Slotted Runner

Clinton (No. 2 position) reaches base. Taft may be sent in to run for Clinton. The change must be made before the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch to the next batter. Likewise, if Washington (No. 3 position) reaches, there is no other person in the No. 3 position. Therefore, Washington must stay in the game as the runner.

### Scenario #3- Injured Player

Ford (No. 5 in the order) becomes injured and must leave the game. Ford is alone in the number 5 position. The manager must choose a player from the No. 2, 6, 7,8, or 9 position in the order to move to the number 5 position to take Ford’s place. Note- only a single move can be made. No double switches.

### Scenario #4- Late Arriving Player

Carter (a player on your team) arrives late to the game and was not included in your initial lineup provided at the start of the game. You may insert Carter in the lineup, but he can only be added to the No. 1, 3, 4, or 5 positions in the order. No player can move from a position in the order to accommodate his insertion. NOTE- While you may insert him to the lineup, he still must meet minimum play, regardless of at what point in the

Game's progress he was added.

### **Scenario #5- Runner for the Catcher with 2 outs - Single Player in a Slot**

Ford (No. 5 position) is your catcher. He reaches base with 2 outs, or is on base when the 2<sup>nd</sup> out is recorded. Any player from the lineup may be used to run for Ford, but the substitution must be made before the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch to the next batter after he reaches base with 2 outs, or before the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch to next batter after the 2<sup>nd</sup> out is recorded. The substitute (Courtesy) runner must not be imminent in the batting order. The substitute runner cannot be removed as the runner for any reason for another runner. If the runner chosen comes due up to bat (and no other batter is in the slot currently due up) then that player is out.

### **Scenario #6- Runner for the Catcher with 2 outs - Two Player Slot**

Kennedy (No. 8 position) is your catcher. He reaches base with 2 outs, or is on base when the 2<sup>nd</sup> out is recorded. Only Eisenhower may be sent in to run for Kennedy. The substitution must be made before the 1<sup>st</sup> Pitch to the next batter after he reaches base with 2 outs, or before the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch to next batter after the 2<sup>nd</sup> out is recorded.

### **Scenario #7- Ejection**

Hoover is ejected from the game. The manager must choose a player from the No. 2, 6, 7, 8, or 9 position in the order to move to the number 1 position to take Hoover's place. Note- only a single move can be made. No double switches.

## **SAMPLE SLOTTED ORDER**

POS	NAME
1	HOOVER
2	CLINTON
	TAFT
3	WASHINGTON
4	G.W. BUSH
5	FORD
6	JEFFERSON
	LINCOLN
7	G.H.W.BUSH
	REAGEN
8	KENNEDY
	EISENHOWER
9	COOLIDGE
	MONROE