

ESCC BASEBALL— EXTRA HITTER RULE (Reference EH2012 in Athletic Operating Procedures)

— Applies to Sophomore and Freshman levels ONLY.

- Teams may bat a nine (9) player line-up or a ten (10) player line-up using an Extra Hitter (EH). Such a line-up must be declared before the start of the game and used the entire game.

RATIONALE: Teams have the option of batting the traditional 9-man batting order (with or without a DH) or adding a 10th hitter. Using an Extra Hitter will allow more student/athletes to participate in the competition.

- If a team uses a line-up that contains ten (10) players, the player in the Extra Hitter position, while not actually playing a defensive position, will be treated as such for substitution purposes. The declared Extra Hitter may not substitute in any defensive position.

RATIONALE: Unlike the Designated Hitter, who is allowed to substitute in any defensive position, the Extra Hitter is not allowed to substitute in defensively; he is strictly a hitter. This simplifies administration of the rule. The language also clarifies that if the EH is substituted for (pinch hit or pinch run), his substitute now becomes the EH.

- If a team uses a line-up that contains ten (10) players, all starting players may be removed and re-enter the game once, but must re-enter in their original position in the batting order. Non-starters are not allowed to re-enter. When a starter re-enters, the player in the starter's batting position in the batting order must be removed from the game and is ineligible for the remainder of the game.

RATIONALE: The EH is treated the same as the other starters for purposes of the re-entry rule. Once again, this simplifies administration of the rule.