



MIAA REENTRY RULE

2017 MODIFICATION:

A Pitcher removed from the game as a pitcher (other than for 2 trips in an inning) may reenter as a Pitcher if he: (a) remains in the game in a defensive position or (b) is pinch hit or pinch run for and returns to the game immediately (before any other player delivers a pitch or occupies the position). Otherwise, he may reenter defensively, but not as a Pitcher.

NFHS RULE 2, SECTION 36, ARTICLE 3(C) DEFINES AN ILLEGAL SUBSTITUTE AS: "a player who enters the game on defense while the player for whom he is batting is also on defense". This suggests a "link" (they both share the same spot in the batting order) between the DH and the player for whom he is batting. That "link" has been somewhat expanded by the MIAA rule to state that "the defensive player who is being DH'd for may NOT reenter the game unless the DH has been terminated"(see guideline 3). The player who is being DH'd for is always permitted to pinch hit or pinch run for the DH(see guideline 4). (Guidelines 5-9) give examples reaffirming the main principles:

- (1) The DH can be pinch hit or pinch run for and that person becomes the DH and the original DH may reenter.
- (2) The player who is being DH'd for can always pinch hit or pinch run for the DH. DH terminated.
- (3) The player who is being DH'd for CANNOT reenter if there is still a DH.
- (4) Once the DH is terminated by entering the game defensively, the only player that may reenter is the player who was originally DH'd for and that player and the DH cannot both occupy defensive positions.

PENALTY FOR AN ILLEGAL SUBSTITUTE

If there is an illegal substitute/player on offense or defense NFHS RULE 3 SECTION 1 ARTICLE 1 shall apply: If on offense (illegal batter, pinch runner) and discovered by a coach or an umpire before the next pitch to the FOLLOWING batter of either team: The "illegal player" is declared out, all base running advances nullified (return to bases) and the defense gets to keep any outs recorded during the play. The "illegal player" is removed and restricted to the bench.

If there is an illegal substitute/player on defense and discovered by a coach or an umpire before the next pitch to the FOLLOWING batter of either team: the offensive team may elect to take the result of the play or have the batter bat again. The "illegal player" is removed and restricted to the bench.

If a "restricted player" should happen to reenter the game illegally, the above penalties would apply including "ejection" from the game.

If the question of an "illegal player" occurs during a game ending play, it must be discovered before all infielders, including the pitcher, leave fair territory (cross the foul lines).

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