

You choose the style of batting order: Traditional vs. Bat-the-bench

Teams in ALL CLASSIFICATIONS will have a choice between batting a traditional (or regulation) order, or using a "bat-the-bench" order. The manager must declare to the scorekeeper before the game which style of batting order he/she will be using and fill out the line-up card appropriately.

Effects of each on:	Traditional (or regulation)	Bat-the-bench
# of players on starting line-up (maximum # of players is 20)	Mens and Womens leagues – 10 (or 11 with EP) Coed leagues – 5 men, 5 women (or 6 men, 6 women with EP's) * can start with 9 with automatic out in 10 th position	Mens and Womens leagues – at least 10 Coed leagues – at least 5 or more of each sex
Substitutions	Any player, whether a starter or a substitute, can be substituted for and then re-enter the line-up in that same batting position one time	NO SUBSTITUTIONS – all players present are listed on the line-up and are considered "in the game"
Players arriving late	Must be treated as substitutes and cannot be added to the line-up unless filling a vacant 10 th batting position	Late arrivals can be added to the bottom of the line-up
Players leaving the game due to injury or any other reason	Any player leaving the game must be substituted for or an automatic out will occur every time that position comes to bat; # of players can drop only to one less than regulation	Players may be dropped from the batting order without penalty (unless # drops below regulation); names will be shifted up on the line-up. Once dropped from the line-up, a player cannot return. If an injured player wishes to stay in the game but skip an at-bat, an out will be called.
Replacing an injured base-runner	May do so if a legal substitute is available; if not, the player is called out for vacating the base	Since all players are on the line-up and no substitutions are allowed, an injured player who must leave their base will be called out
Defense	Any 10 players currently in the batting order (in Coed, 5 men and 5 women) can play defense at any time	Any 10 players in the batting order (in Coed, 5 men and 5 women) can play defense at any time

In either style of batting order, a team determined to be batting out of order may be corrected by the game officials without penalty.