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CREATING A BATTING ROSTER

When creating a batting roster the coach must arrange their batting order according to the players they have available. You need to try to balance the line up so that your Offense is as strong as possible thru the entire line up (Lead-off to the #9 hitter). If possible you want to have your better hitters receive more at bats by being at the top of the order.

LEAD-OFF BATTER

- Good on base percentage.
- Solid spray hitter with speed preferably a lefthander because he will see more right-handed pitchers and also is closer to 1st base.
- Knows the strike zone, can go deep in the count (patient).
- Can lay down a bunt for a base hit.

2nd BATTER

- Have good bat control to spray the ball.
- Ability to hit behind the runner.
- Must be able to bunt the ball well.
- Must have speed.
- Some Coaching Philosophies may believe having a left handed batter in the #2 spot for the reason the left-handed hitter is able to pull the ball to the right side to move the runner over.

3rd BATTER

- Most consistent contact hitter on the team to drive in runs (a good line drive hitter).
- Faster than the #4 hitter.
- Should have a very low strike out percentage.

4th BATTER

- The most power on the team.
- The best R.B.I. hitter.
- Has to have consistent power.

5th BATTER

- The second best R.B.I. player on the team.
- Usually has good power to all fields.
- Not a huge difference from the #4 hitter.

6th BATTER

- The 4th best power hitter on the team but not as 3rd, 4th and 5th hitters.
- Should have a very low strike out percentage.

7th BATTER

- Same type of hitter as the second hitter (not quite as consistent).
- Should be a good bunter.
- Should have speed.

8th BATTER

- One who can stay out of the double play.
- Consistent in not being the last out of the inning.
- Must have speed.

9th BATTER

- Second lead off hitter with good on base average.
- Solid hitter with speed and knows the strike zone, can go deep in the count (patience)
- Can lay down a bunt for a base hit.