Designated Hitter Rule

Designated Hitter: A player with limited mobility must declare that he/she is a designated hitter at the start of the game and remind the ump each time at bat. The batter shall not run or walk to first base. The batter can be walked, strike out, foul out or hit the ball. If the batted ball is mishandled by a fielder in any manor, the DH is considered safe at first. DH's can not run for themselves or anyone else. A player injured during a game, may declare DH status for the remainder of a game.

DH speed: A DH is considered an extremely fast runner and cannot be put out at first base unless the ball is fielded perfectly clean in the infield.

In-Fielders: If a hit ball gets past an infielder or bobbled in any manor, the DH is safe at first. An infielder at his/her discretion may make a play for other base runners in the normal fashion. Upon making such a decision, the DH is automatically safe at first base. A DH can not hit into a double play at first base. A hit ball must be moving when fielded to be considered a cleanly caught ball. A ball that completely stops moving before being picked up, guarantees the DH is safe at first base. A middle infielder playing from the outfield grass is an outfielder.

Outfielders: Can not step onto the infield dirt until the ball is hit. There is no way for an outfielder to get a DH out other than catching a fly ball. A play can be made on any other base runner. Any ball passing the outfielder (not short fielder) is considered a double. A runner from first, therefore must make it successfully to third base to be consider safe.

Runners/person on base when DH comes to bat: Treat the DH like any other batter, if you are forced to run as in normal play you must do so or be considered out.

Extra Base Hits: A DH can get a double by hitting the ball passed an outfielder (excluding short fielder) or a home run if hit over the fence. When a DH hits a double, a runner that may be on first at the time, **must** therefore make it successfully to third base to be consider safe.