

Hybrid Rules for AB Games and Zone Championships

Pitch Count

- 1) The maximum pitches one player can make, in one day, is 95.
- 2) If a player throws 76 or more pitches, in one day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- 3) If a player throws 46-60 pitches, in one day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
- 4) If a player throws 31-45 pitches, in one day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- 5) If a player throws 1-30 pitches, in one day, no (0) calendar day is required.

-Under the present AB Games and Zone Championship format, only clauses 4, and 5 relate to competition.

Note:

Under no circumstances shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

-A player cannot go back into the game as a catcher, unless he/she has thrown less than 30 pitches.

-If a player pitches one day, and then comes back and throws the next day, his/her total cannot exceed 95.

-Once a player has been removed from the position of pitcher, they are not allowed to assume the pitching position again, during the game. If the player's team plays a second game that same day, he or she will not be allowed to pitch in the next game.

Exception: If a pitcher reaches their threshold while facing a batter, they can continue to pitch until one of the following conditions occurs: a) batter reaches base; b) the batter is retired; c) the third out is made to complete the inning. The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day (s) of rest for the threshold he/she reached during that at-bat, provided that pitcher is removed or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter.

(Little League)

Re-Entry Rule (Substitution)

A player who has been substituted for may re-enter the game provided the following: 1) His replacement has had one at-bat and been in a defensive position for at least three outs. If an injury occurs to the substitute player, the umpire can allow the starter to re-enter the game. If a player is ejected or injured following usage of the re-entry rule, and all substitutes have been in the game, the opposing manager will select the replacement to continue the game.

(Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken/Little League and Southern Alberta High School)

Extra-Hitter

Teams will be allowed to fill a lineup of 10 players, included an extra-hitter. The re-entry rule, as described for other players, will be similar to the extra-hitter position

(Babe Ruth)

Designated Hitter

No designated hitter for AB Games and Zone Championships.

(Baseball Alberta)

Bats

The bats must be wooden or composite.

(Baseball Alberta)

Substitute runner for catcher

A substitute runner for the catcher is allowed under the following conditions:

- two are out
- the substitute runner is not presently in the game
- the choice remains with the manager of the offensive team

(Southern Alberta High School)

Ten-run rule mercy rule

-in effect after 4 ½ if the home team is ahead, 5 if the visiting team is ahead

(American Legion)

Tied Game after 7 innings

-Use of the international tie-breaker---The player responsible for the last out, in the previous inning, will assume position as a runner at second base. A substitution cannot be made until one pitch is thrown.

(MLB, proposed for High School Baseball)

Tie after Pool Play

Ties after tournament play will determine the winner in the following fashion:

- 1) The team with the best win-loss record in the game (s) between or among the tied teams will place higher in the standings.
- 2) If the tie still persists, the placement of teams will be dictated by the ratio of runs scored against per defensive innings for games between or among the original tied teams. (fractional basis)
- 3) If still tied, the placement of teams will be dictated by the ratio of runs scored be offensive inning, for games between or among the originally tied teams.

- 4) If the tie still continues, the team with the best defensive ratio of defensive runs per defensive innings, in all pool play, will place higher in the standings.
- 5) If still tied, then the best win-loss record against teams above them in the standings.

(Baseball Canada, but 4 and 5 are flipped from their list of priorities)

All other rule interpretations shall refer to the Baseball Canada rulebook.

Coach Attire

All base coaches will be required to wear a helmet. The helmet will not cover the ears but will be made of protective material. Helmets will be provided, with an AABC logo on the front, for all coaches.