

Pitch count regulation

Regular season

Regulation VI - pitchers:

(a) Any player on a regular season team may pitch. Exception: any player, who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game, is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.

Note: the catcher receiving one pitch to a batter in the fourth inning constitutes having caught (4) innings. Warm-up pitches do not count, only when the ball is live will the pitches count toward innings caught.

(b) A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher. Intermediate (50-70), Junior, Senior and Big League divisions only: a pitcher remaining on defense in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.

(c) The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

League age

7-8 50 pitches per day

9-10 75 pitches per day

11-12 85 pitches per day

13-16 95 pitches per day

17-18 105 pitches per day

Exception: if a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in regulation VT (c) for his/her league age while facing

A batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following occurs:

1. That batter reaches base;
2. That batter is put out;
3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning.

Note: a pitcher who delivers 41 (forty-one) or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

(1) Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 51 - 65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 36 - 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 21 - 35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 1 - 20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

Pitchers league age 15 - 18 must adhere to the following rest requirements:

If a player pitches 76 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 61 - 75 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 46 - 60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 31 - 45 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 1 ~- 30 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day is required.

Exception: if a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; or (3) the third out is made to complete the half-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.

(e) Each league must designate the scorekeeper or another game official as the official pitch count recorder.

(f) The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.

(g) The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted in regulation VI (c). The umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed in accordance with regulation VI (0). However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in-chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.

(h) Violation of any section of this regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs. Protest shall be made in accordance with playing rule 4.19.

(j) A player who has attained the league age of twelve (12) is not eligible to pitch in the minor league. (See regulation v - selection of players).

(k) Pitching in more than one game in a day:

Minor league, Little League (Majors) and intermediate (50-70) division - a player may not pitch in more than one game in a day;

Junior league and Senior league.... A player may be used as a pitcher in up to two games in a day. (**Exception:** if the player pitches 31 or more pitches in the first game that player may not pitch in the second game that day);

Note: if a Junior or Senior league pitcher pitches in more than one game in a day, and has not pitched 31 or more pitches in the first game, the total number of pitches that pitcher may pitch in both games combined is the daily maximum of 95. Big League - a player may be used as a pitcher in up to two games in a day.

Notes:

1. The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after that pitcher is announced, or after a warm-up pitch is delivered, but before that player has pitched a ball to a batter, shall not be considered a violation. Little League officials are urged to take precautions to prevent protest. When a protest situation is imminent, the potential offender should be notified immediately.

Note: minor league and Little League (Majors): when warming up, if a pitcher is discovered to be ineligible, he/she must be removed and the previous pitcher of record may not return.

2. Pitches delivered in games declared “regulation tie games” or “suspended games” shall be charged against pitcher’s eligibility.

3. In suspended games resumed on another day, the pitchers of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of their eligibility for that day, provided said pitcher has observed the required days of rest. Exception: in the event that the first inning is not completed, all records including pitching, batting records, etc. shall be disregarded.

Example 1: a league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on the following Thursday. The pitcher is not eligible to pitch in the resumption of the game because he/she has not observed the required three days of rest. **Example 2:** a league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on Saturday. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 85 more pitches in the resumption of the game because she/he has observed the required three days of rest.

Example 3: a league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes two weeks later. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 85 more pitches in the resumption of the game, provided he/ she is eligible based on his/her pitching record during the previous four days.

Tournament Rules for Pitch Count

Pitchers:

Pitching rules - Little League baseball, 9-10 year old division, 10-11 year

Old division, intermediate (50-70) division and Junior league

These rules replace the regular season pitching regulations. Violation of these pitching rules is subject to

Protest and action by the tournament committee in Williamsport if protested or brought to the Tournament Committee's attention.

A. Any player on a tournament team may pitch. Exception: any player, who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game, is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.

B. A tournament pitcher may not pitch in regular season or special games while the team is still participating in the tournament.

C. Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers. Intermediate (50-70), Junior League: a pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.

D. The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position;

League age:

13-14 95 pitches per day

11-12 85 pitches per day

9-10 75 pitches per day

Exception: if a pitcher reaches the limit imposed above for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game.

Note: a pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

E. Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirement:
If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 51 - 65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 36 - 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 21 - 35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 1 to 20 pitches in a day, no rest is required.

Exception: if a pitcher reaches 3 day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game. 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.

A player cannot pitch in two games in a day.

(Exception: Junior league - if a player pitches in 30 or less pitches in the first game, that Player may pitch in the second game on that day);

In a game suspended by darkness, weather, or other causes, and resumed the following calendar day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was halted may continue to the extent of his/her eligibility, provided he/she delivered 40 or less pitches, and subject to each of these conditions:

1. If the pitcher delivered 20 or less pitches before the game was suspended, that pitcher's pitch count will begin at zero for the continuation portion of the game;
2. If the pitcher delivered between 21 and 40 pitches before the game was suspended, that pitcher's pitch count will begin with the number of pitches delivered in that game; In a game suspended by darkness, weather, or other causes and resumed more than one calendar day later, the provisions of (g.) Above shall apply, unless the pitcher of record pitched in another game or games after game was halted. In that event, eligibility to pitch in the continuation portion of a game shall be determined by the number of pitches delivered in the game or games after game a was halted.

Failure to remove a pitcher who has reached his/her maximum number of pitches required by League age or use of an ineligible pitcher is basis for protest. Violation protested or brought to the Tournament committee's attention, shall result (by action of the tournament committee) in the suspension of the team's manager for the next

two scheduled tournament games, even if those games are played at the next tournament level. Additional penalties (up to and including forfeiture of a game and/or disqualification of the team, managers or coaches from further Tournament participation) may be imposed if, in the opinion of the tournament committee:

1. A manager or coach takes any action that results in making a travesty of the game,
2. A team fails to meet the requirements of this rule more than once during the International tournament, which begins with district play and ends at the World Series Level (state level for 9-10 and 10-11), or;
3. A manager wilfully and knowingly disregards the requirements of this rule.
A manager or coach suspended for any reason is not permitted to be at the game site and must not take any part in the game, nor have any communications whatsoever with any persons at the game site. This included pregame and postgame activities. Violation may result, by action of the Tournament committee, in further suspension, forfeiture of a game and/or disqualification of the Team, managers or coaches from further tournament participation.

Pitch count game log (includes pitcher eligibility)

The following tracking sheet is mandatory for each game.

Your manager has been given a supply of them for your team

The scorekeeper assigned is responsible for ensuring completion of these forms.

Extras can be found in the score shack or they can be printed directly off of the website.