

Tournament Pitching Rules as per the Little League Rule Book 2024

- 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 player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day. EXCEPTION: If the pitcher reaches the 20-pitch limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to return to the catcher position, until any one of the following conditions occur: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game; or (4) the pitcher is removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at-bat.
- C. Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers.
- D. The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the pitch limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

Baseball age 9-10 - 75 pitches per day

Baseball age 11-12 – 85 pitches per day

(NOTE: If a pitcher reaches 40 pitches while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day, 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; or (4) the pitcher is removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at-bat. The pitcher would be allowed to play the catcher position provided that pitcher is moved, removed, or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter. If a player delivers 41 or more pitches, and is not covered under the threshold exception, the player may not play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.)

- E. 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.

NOTE: Under no circumstance shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

F. A player cannot pitch in two games in a day.