



2019 Pitching Rules

Minors & Majors

1. Pitching:
 - a. Any player on a team may pitch.
 - b. There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.
 - c. A pitcher once removed from the mound, cannot return as a pitcher.
 - d. **A pitcher can not pitch 3 days in a row.**
 - e. 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	17-18	(105) Pitches per day
	13-16	(95) Pitches per day
	11-12	(85) Pitches per day
	9-10	(75) Pitches per day
	7-8	(50) 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 conditions occurs: 1. that batter reaches base; 2. that batter is retired; 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 before delivering a pitch to another batter.** **NOTE 1: A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.**

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 days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.
- f. The visiting team will provide an official pitch count recorder. The pitch count recorder will use the pitch count sheet provided by FCLL. The pitch count recorder will sit near the official scorekeeper behind the backstop where they will be easily accessible by the plate umpire.
 - g. **A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.**
 - h. **Once a player has caught for a total of 4 innings in a game, they are not eligible to pitch for the remainder of the day.**
 - i. 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.
 - j. The pitch count recorder should inform the umpire when a pitcher has reached his/her maximum pitches for a game. The umpire shall inform the pitcher's
 - k. MANAGER that the pitcher must be removed. However, failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire, or failure by the umpire to notify the manager, shall not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.
 - l. Violation of any section of this rule can result in protest of the game in which it occurs. Protest shall be made in accordance with Playing Rule 4.19.
 - m. A manager or coach may come out twice (MINORS Division: three times) in one game to visit with the pitcher, but the third time (MINORS Division: fourth time) out, the player must be removed as a pitcher. **Example:** If a manager visits Pitcher A twice in the first three innings, then makes a pitching change in the fourth inning, Pitcher B would be allowed two visits in that game before being removed on the third visit, subject to the limits in (a) above.

Notes:

- 1) The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after that pitcher is announced, or after a warm-up pitch is delivered, but before that pitcher has pitched a ball to a batter, shall not be considered a violation. All MANAGERS, coaches, umpires, scorekeepers, pitch counters, and spectators are encouraged to prevent protest situations from arising. When a protest situation is imminent, time should be called and the potential offender should be notified immediately.
- 2) Pitches delivered in games declared "Regulation Tie Games" or "Suspended Games" shall count against a player's eligibility to pitch.
- 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.

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 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 he/she has observed the required 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.

Note: The use of this regulation negates the concept of the “calendar week” with regard to pitching eligibility.

2. Violation of pitching regulations or mandatory playing time rules will be considered grounds for forfeit by the team found to be in violation. Furthermore, repeated violations or violations found to be intentional, may result in the offending manager and/or coach(es) being suspended or removed. Games won by a team found to have used an ineligible pitcher will be overturned regardless of when the infraction is discovered. On the first occurrence of a team found to have used an ineligible pitcher, the manager will receive a warning. On repeat occurrences, the manager will be suspended.