

# Regular Season Pitching Rules - Baseball

## VI - PITCHERS

(a) Any player on a regular season team may pitch. (**NOTE:** There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.)

(b) A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher. **Junior, Senior, and Big League Divisions only:** 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.

(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	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:** Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in Regulation VI (c) 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 put out; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning. **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.**

(d) 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.

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 days of rest must be observed.
- If a player pitches 1-30 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

(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 (c). 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) A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day. (Exception: In the Big League Division, 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 protests. When a protest situation is imminent, the potential offender should be notified immediately.

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.

**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.

# Little League -- Baseball Game Pitch Log

Team \_\_\_\_\_ Opponent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pitcher's Name	Uniform Number	League Age	X Cross out the number as that pitch is thrown.																																		
			O Circle the number for the last pitch thrown in each half-inning.																																		
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			71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105

Pitching eligibility varies by the league age of the pitcher, which is the pitcher's age as of May 1 of the current year. The pitching eligibility regulation is Regulation VI (see current rule book for details). A blank electronic version of this form is available for free download at [www.littleleague.org](http://www.littleleague.org).

# Baseball Pitch Count Log

League: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

League Age	Max Pitches per Day	# of Pitches Thrown	# Days Rest Req'd
7-8	50	1 - 20	0
9-10	75	21 - 35	1
11-12	85	36 - 50	2
13-14	95	51 - 65	3
		> 65	4

League Age	Max Pitches per Day	# of Pitches Thrown	# Days Rest Req'd
15-16	95	1 - 30	0
		31 - 45	1
		46 - 60	2
17-18	105	61 - 75	3
		>75	4

**EXCEPTION:** If a pitcher reaches a day(s) of rest threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until that batter reaches base; or that batter is retired or th 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.

**EXCEPTION:** If a pitcher reaches the Max # of pitches for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base, is put out, or the half inning ends.

A player who pitches 41 or more pitches in a game may not play catcher for the remainder of that day.

A player who catches in four or more innings in a game may not pitch for the remainder of that day.

Minor and Major players may NOT pitch in more than ONE game in a Day.

Junior and Senior players may pitch in up to two games in a day. IF a pitcher throws more 31 or more pitches in the first game he/she may not pitch in a second game that day.

Big League players may pitch in up to two games in a day.

Day / Date / Opponent	Pitcher's Name	League Age	Track the Number of Pitches Thrown (Cross Out each Number as the Pitch is Thrown)																																			# of Pitches Thrown	# of Pitches used for Days Rest *	# Days Rest Req'd	Mgr Initials (post game)
			Pitch Counts should be ANNOUNCED to BOTH Managers (Teams) at the End of each HALF INNING.																																						
Saturday 4/1 Red Sox	Example	12	<del>1</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>5</del>	<del>6</del>	<del>7</del>	<del>8</del>	<del>9</del>	<del>10</del>	<del>11</del>	<del>12</del>	<del>13</del>	<del>14</del>	<del>15</del>	<del>16</del>	<del>17</del>	<del>18</del>	<del>19</del>	<del>20</del>	<del>21</del>	<del>22</del>	<del>23</del>	<del>24</del>	<del>25</del>	<del>26</del>	<del>27</del>	<del>28</del>	<del>29</del>	<del>30</del>	<del>31</del>	<del>32</del>	<del>33</del>	<del>34</del>	<del>35</del>	67	65	3	LJB
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\* "# of Pitches used for Days Rest": Per the EXCEPTION above, if a pitcher reached a Days of Rest Threshold he/she can continue to pitch to that batter and only be charged the Days Rest for that threshold.

As shown in the "Example", the pitcher reached 65 pitches and continued pitching to that batter and ended up throwing 67 pitches, BUT, days rest is based on the 65 pitch threshold (3 days) not the > 65 pitches threshold (4 days).