



PITCH COUNT RULES

- All pitchers must have their pitches counted - regardless of age.
- Maximum pitches thrown per game are as follows:
 - Age 8 and under 40 pitches per day
 - Age 10 and under 75 pitches per day
 - Age 12 and under 85 pitches per day
- Based on the number of pitches thrown, a required rest period must be observed by the pitcher.
- The pitcher must be removed when he/she reaches the limit for that pitcher's age group.
- **ONLY EXCEPTION:** When a pitcher reaches the maximum limit imposed by the league rule while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until that batter reaches base or is put out. At completion of the at bat, the pitcher must then be removed.

P J B L R U L E S

- Intentional Walks: Pitchers **MUST** throw the four balls for an intentional walk.
- Suspended Games:
 - Regardless of how many innings were played, all pitched thrown **MUST** be reported to the league director. All pitchers **MUST** have the required rest as dictated by the pitch count rules.
 - If a game ends due to darkness or rain, and the score reverts to the last full inning of play, all pitches thrown will be counted (including those that were thrown in the inning that was negated by rain or darkness).
 - If a suspended game is continued on the following day, the only pitchers eligible are those that did not pitch in the game, or the pitcher that was on the mound and has not thrown more than 20 pitches.
 - If a suspended game is continued on a later date, available pitchers are dictated by the pitch count required rest rules. Only exception, pitchers that already pitched in the game and were removed - they are not allowed to pitch.

P J B L R U L E S

- The home team manager will assign an individual to be the official pitch counter. This individual can be a coach, a parent, but cannot be a child or sibling.
- Away managers need to track pitches for all pitchers for both teams.
- After each half inning, the away manager and the official pitch counter will confirm counts. If there is a discrepancy, the pitch counter will post the average of the two numbers and round up. The pitch counter will have final say.
- Upon completion of the game, both managers and pitch counter must sign the affidavit. The home manager is responsible to pass the signed affidavit to the league director.
- The home team manager will report all game results (win or lose) and provide pitch counts information via league director's preferred mode of communication. This must occur on the same day of the game. The signed affidavit will be used to confirm counts provided.
- League director will be responsible to track compliance and will direct all issues to the Executive Board.
- Conflicts and Issues need to be escalated to the League Director ASAP.
- The Pitch Count rules will be enforced during the playoffs.
- All rostered players are eligible to pitch, regardless of age. Called up players are not eligible.

P J B L R U L E S - MAJOR LEAGUES

- There is no limit in the number of pitchers used in a game.
- Maximum number of pitches allowed in one day is 85. Only exception: the pitcher may go over 85 to complete the batter at bat. The pitcher **MUST** then be removed at the completion of that at-bat.
- Compliance is mandatory
- A pitcher throwing 20 pitches or less, are eligible to pitch the following day.
- The Mandatory Rest Rules is as follows:

<u>NUMBER OF PITCHES THROWN</u>	<u>MANDATORY DAYS OF REST</u>
61 or more pitches	Three (3) calendar days of rest.
41 or more pitches	Two (2) calendar days of rest.
21 or more pitches	One (1) calendar day of rest
20 or less pitches	Zero (0) calendar days of rest

P J B L R U L E S - MINOR LEAGUE

- There is no limit in the number of pitchers used in a game.
- Maximum number of pitches allowed for a game until May 2nd is 50 pitches, regardless of the child's age.
- Maximum number of pitches allowed for a game on May 3rd and throughout the playoffs is 75, regardless of the child's age.
- Only exception: the pitcher may go over the maximum to complete the batter at bat. The pitcher **MUST** then be removed at the completion of that at-bat.
- A pitcher throwing 20 pitches or less, are eligible to pitch the following day.
- The Mandatory Rest Rules is as follows:

<u>NUMBER OF PITCHES THROWN</u>	<u>MANDATORY DAYS OF REST</u>
61 or more pitches	Three (3) calendar days of rest.
41 or more pitches	Two (2) calendar days of rest.
21 or more pitches	One (1) calendar day of rest
20 or less pitches	Zero (0) calendar days of rest

P J B L R U L E S - P E E W E E L E A G U E

- There is no limit in the number of pitchers used in a game.
- Maximum number of pitches allowed in one day is **40** and or two innings which ever is reached first, regardless of a child's age.
- Only exception: the pitcher may go over the maximum to complete the batter at bat. The pitcher **MUST** then be removed at the completion of that at-bat.
- League Director will decide how many runs per inning maximum.
- League Director will dictate how many balls is a walk (current rules have six).
- Compliance is mandatory
- A pitcher throwing 20 pitches or less, are eligible to pitch the following day.
- The Mandatory Rest Rules is as follows:

<u>NUMBER OF PITCHES THROWN</u>	<u>MANDATORY DAYS OF REST</u>
40 Max	One (1) calendar day of rest
21 or more pitches	One (1) calendar day of rest
20 or less pitches	Zero (0) calendar days of rest

P J B L R U L E S - P L A Y O F F S

- Playoff format remains unchanged. Rounds 1A and 1B will be single game elimination. (1B only applies if there are 8 teams in a league). Round 2 and the Championship round are best of three.
- Regardless of calendar days between games, Round 1A and 1B will be treated as successive days. After Round 1A and 1B there will be two days rest built into the schedule. **If there is a 6-team league: Any pitcher who throws 61 or more pitches in game 1A is not eligible to pitch in Game 1 of Round 2. If there is an 8-team league, any pitcher used in Game 1B who throws over 61 pitches is not eligible to pitch in Game 1 of Round 2. Round 2 and the Championship series will be scheduled and treated as three successive days. There will be two days of rest built in after this round of the playoffs. Any pitcher used in Game 3 of this round and throws 61 or more pitches is not eligible to pitch in Game 1 of the Finals. No matter when the games are played the rest period between series is 2 days.** The pitch count rules stay in effect no matter how many days it takes for Round 2 to end and the Finals to begin.
- Maximum pitches for National and American League playoffs are 75. Major League maximum is 85. A pitcher throwing 20 pitches or less, are eligible to pitch the following day.
- The Mandatory Rest Rules is as follows:

<u>NUMBER OF PITCHES THROWN</u>	<u>MANDATORY DAYS OF REST</u>
61 or more pitches	Three (3) calendar days of rest.

41 or more pitches	Two (2) calendar days of rest.
21 or more pitches	One (1) calendar day of rest
20 or less pitches	Zero (0) calendar days of rest

P J B L R U L E S - SUNDAY TRAVEL

- New Pitch Count rules are to be enforced for Sunday Baseball.
- No pitch count affidavit will be required.
- For a pitcher to be eligible to pitch on Sunday, he or she cannot have thrown more than 50 pitches or three (3) innings on the Saturday.
- Pitch Count Maximums For Sunday Pitchers ONLY
 - Eight Year Olds
 - 20 pitches, if the player has a Monday night game
 - 30 pitches, if the player has no Monday night game
 - Everyone else

- 20 pitches, if the player has a Monday night game
- 40 pitches, if the player has no Monday night game
- The pitcher may go over the maximum to complete the batter at bat. The pitcher **MUST** then be removed at the completion of that at-bat.