

VI – PITCHERS

- (a) Any player on the team roster may pitch. **EXCEPTION:** A player who has attained a league age of twelve (12) is not eligible to pitch in the Minor League.
- (b) **Minor/Little League (Majors) Division:** A player may pitch in a maximum of **twelve (12)** innings in a day. If a player pitches in **seven or more** innings in a day, one calendar day of rest is mandatory. ~~A player may pitch in a maximum of eighteen (18) innings in a calendar week, Sunday through Saturday.~~ Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning.

~~**Minor Division:** If a player pitches in more than one (1) inning, one calendar day of rest is mandatory. A player may pitch in a maximum of six (6) innings in a game. A player may pitch in a maximum of six (6) innings in a calendar week, Sunday through Saturday. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning.~~

LITTLE LEAGUE (MAJORS) AND MINOR LEAGUE EXAMPLE

If a player pitched in **seven (7)** or more innings on (Column A): ~~and is still eligible~~, that player can pitch again on (Column B):

Column A	Column B
Sunday	Tuesday
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday
Thursday	Saturday
Friday	Sunday
Saturday	Monday

~~**Junior/Senior/Big League:** No pitching restrictions apply. If a player pitches in less than five (5) innings, no rest is required. If a player pitches in five (5) or more innings, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed. A player may pitch in a maximum of ten (10) innings in a day, and a maximum of thirty (30) innings in a calendar week, Sunday through Saturday. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched in an inning.~~

~~**NOTE:** The local league Board of Directors or District may impose additional pitching limitations during the Regular Season and interleague.~~

Pitching Restrictions for 12 year olds participating Major and Junior

For a 12-year-old participating in the Major and Junior League Divisions as permitted under Regulation IV(a), the pitching rules and regulations regarding days of rest that are pertinent to the division in which the pitcher is used will apply to that game. Innings pitched previously in both divisions are taken into account when determining the eligibility of the pitcher for a particular game, with respect to days of rest and number of innings available.

~~————The maximum number of innings allowed in a calendar week will be determined based on the division. In no event will any player who is a pitcher in the Major and Junior Division be permitted to pitch more than 30 innings in a calendar week. Only 18 of those innings may be pitched in the Major Division.~~

Example 1 – A player pitches **seven** innings in a Junior Division game on Sunday. On Monday, she has a scheduled game in the Major Division. She would not be eligible to pitch in that game because the Major Division regulations require her to have one calendar day of rest, as a result of pitching in more than **six** innings on the previous day.

Example 2 – A player pitches **nine** innings in a Major Division **doubleheader** on Sunday. On Monday, she has a scheduled game in the Junior Division and she would be eligible to pitch in that game because the Junior Division **has no pitching restrictions permit pitching on the next calendar day if less than five innings were pitched on the previous day.**

Example 3 – A player pitches in seven innings in a Junior Division game played on Sunday and has a Major Division game later that same day. The player would be limited to five more innings for the Major Division game (for a total of 12 innings in a day in the Major Division).

- (c) 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 in the same inning as he/she was removed.
- (d) **Little League (Majors) Division/Junior/Senior/Big League:** Not more than five (5) pitchers per team shall be used in one game. **EXCEPTION:** In case of illness or injury to a fifth pitcher, an additional pitcher may be used.
- (e) 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.

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. Innings pitched in games declared “Regulation Tie Games” or “Suspended Games” shall be charged against pitcher’s eligibility ~~for that week.~~ **NOTE 1:** In suspended games resumed in a subsequent week, the pitchers of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of their remaining eligibility for that ~~day and calendar week, whichever is less.~~ **NOTE 2:** Innings pitched in games that do not complete one (1) full inning shall not count towards a pitcher’s total for that particular week.
3. **Minors/Little League (Majors) Division:** If doubleheaders are played, the limitation of **twelve (12)** innings ~~(10 innings for Junior/Senior/Big League)~~ in a calendar day would apply to each pitcher. A pitcher who pitches in the first game may pitch in the second game provided that pitcher has eligibility remaining.
4. There is no limit to the number of pitchers of a particular league age group on a team that can be used in a calendar week. **EXCEPTION:** A player who has attained a league age of twelve (12) is not eligible to pitch in the Minor League.