

PITCHING RULES

TOURNAMENT PITCHER USE LIMITATION RULES

If a pitcher reaches the daily max (pitches in a game) threshold (95/105) while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following events occur: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is retired; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning.

A pitcher's required rest is based off a hard pitch count of actual pitches thrown and does not reset to the pitch count tallied at the beginning of the last batter faced. If a player has thrown 29 pitches and after facing the last batter of the inning has thrown 34 then that pitcher's pitch count for the day is 34 (not 29) and they must now take one day of rest.

REPORTING

USA Baseball official scorers will be responsible for the official pitch count at each field. An aggregate report for all teams in the tournament will be distributed electronically at the completion of each day's games to the team contact on record. The pitch count monitored and kept in the tower is the only official pitch count that will be used. Managers or coaches pitch counts are NOT official, but they are welcome to periodically check with the official scorer to ensure their count is correct. The official scorekeeper will communicate the pitch count at the beginning of each inning or as needed. Should a pitch count be protested, the protesting team must present an official score book or digital score keeping application to the Site Supervisor and Tournament Director. The pitch count kept by the tower can be overturned if both the Site Supervisor and Tournament Director come to the conclusion that a mistake was made on behalf of USA Baseball's scorekeeper. The new pitch count will be recorded and reflected in the following day's pitch count report.

SUSPENDED GAMES

For purposes of applying the pitcher use limitations in the event a team plays twice on a single day because a prior game was either postponed or suspended, the following rules apply:

The per-game total pitch maximums (but not mandatory rest) shall be deemed to be "reset" for the resumption of the suspended game. (For example, a pitcher who has thrown less than 30 pitches when

a game is suspended may remain in the game and is not required to be removed prior to 95/105 pitches the next day (14U/15U: 95, 17U: 105).;

A player who is a team's pitcher at the time a game is suspended and then becomes subject to a mandatory rest day at the time the suspended game is resumed shall be removed from the game at the time the game is resumed. (For example, a pitcher who is in the game at the time the game is suspended and who has thrown 31 or more pitches in that game may not pitch in the resumption of the suspended game the next day.);

A pitcher who must rest for a day must rest for all games on that day (i.e., rest during a postponed or resumed suspended game shall not be deemed to satisfy a mandatory rest day if there is a subsequent game on the same day). (For example, a pitcher who is in the game at the time the game is suspended and who has thrown 31 or more pitches in that game may not pitch in either the resumption of the suspended game or any subsequent game that day.);

A pitcher who remains in at the resumption of the suspended or postponed game may not pitch in any subsequent game that day. (For example, a pitcher who is in the game at the time the game is suspended and resumed the next day may not pitch in the subsequent regularly scheduled game that same day.)

DOUBLEHEADERS

The second game of a scheduled doubleheader will not serve as a rest day for pitchers having thrown in the first game of the day. (For example, a pitcher who has thrown 31 or more pitches in the first game of the day may not pitch in any subsequent game that day and is subject to the appropriate number of rest days based on the total pitches thrown.)

A pitcher who has thrown 1-30 pitches is eligible to throw in any subsequent game that day, however, he will still be limited to the daily max of 95/105 pitches on the day. (For example, a 14U/15U pitcher who has thrown 20 pitches in game one may pitch in the second game that day, but is limited to only 75 pitches in that given game. At that point, the pitcher will be subject to the appropriate number of rest days based on the total pitches thrown that day, which in this case would be 4 days (76+ pitches).)

Due to the nature of the tournament format, the USA Baseball Operations Staff will provide each coach with an updated pitch count sheet as soon as possible prior to the start of their second game of the day on days where a doubleheader is scheduled.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

If a pitcher is found to have exceeded his allowed numbers of pitches during a game, the illegal pitching situation will be rectified immediately and the incoming pitcher will be permitted as many warm up pitches as the umpire deems necessary prior to resuming the game. The Technical Committee will review the infraction and reserves the right to suspend the manager for the next game if the infraction is deemed a purposeful breach of the rules. The Technical Committee will be comprised of the USA Baseball Tournament Director, Umpire-in-Chief, one USA Baseball Site Supervisor and one member of the USA Baseball Task Force. If a pitcher is found to have exceeded his allowed pitches for a game after the game is completed, the manager may be suspended for the next tournament game. The Technical Committee will review the infraction and reserves the right to suspend the manager for the next tournament game and one additional game if the infraction is deemed a purposeful breach of the rules.

In either case, the pitcher in question will not receive any direct penalty, but will be made to adhere to the prescribed days of rest based on the number of pitches at the time of the infraction. The team in question will not receive any direct penalty (beyond penalization of the manager), but will continually be made to adhere to the prescribed pitch count rules for the remainder of the event.

		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
15-16	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+
17-18	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-80	81+