

## COMMON

### 6:00 PITCHING RULES

“See Appropriate League Age Group on Table”

Pitch Count and Required Rest Limitations- League	Daily Max (Pitches)	Required Rest (Pitches)				
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
9-10	75*	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
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	61-75	76+

**Pitch count example: A pitcher pitches 32 pitches on Monday. The pitcher must rest on Tuesday and will be eligible to pitch again on Wednesday.**

**6:01** A pitcher, once removed from the mound cannot return to the mound as a pitcher in the same game. Penalty: Forfeit.

**6:02** The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her league age group as noted in the table above. The pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

Exception: If a pitcher reaches the daily limit imposed above table for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs:

- a. That batter reaches base;
- b. That batter is put out;
- c. The third out is made to complete the half-inning.

**6:03** Each league must designate the scorekeeper or another game official as the official pitch count recorder. In league play it is recommended that the team bookkeepers maintain the pitch count and sync the count at the end of every inning. In tournament play it is recommended that the bookkeepers sync with the scorekeeper at the end of every inning and when a pitching change is made. The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when

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requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed. 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. The umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed. 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.

**6:04** Violation of any section of this regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs.

**6:05** A player may pitch in more than one game in a day as long as they have not pitched more in that day than is required to need the required rest.

**6:06** 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.

**6:07** In all tournament play, pitching rosters must be signed within (10) ten minutes of the completion of play by both managers. If not, they will be signed by the tournament director and become official and cannot be altered.

- 6:08** Pitching changes must be reported to the home plate umpire who will announce the changes to the scorekeeper.
- Failure to do so may result in pitcher of record being charged with all pitches until notification or recognition of change has been made.
  - Manager/Head Coach must check the pitching record for accuracy and sign immediately after the ball game. *See rule 6.07.*
- 6:09** When a pitcher is turned in on a line-up card (or any new pitcher who toes the rubber and throws a warm up pitch to begin a new inning), he is the pitcher of record and shall pitch to the batter then at bat, or any substitute batter, until such batter is put out or reaches first base before he can be replaced or substituted and he will be charged with all pitches pitched (unless the new pitcher becomes injured or ill, during warm-ups, and he will not be charged with any pitches). *Refer to Common Rule 3:04. NOTE: Once an illegal pitcher toes the rubber and throws a warm-up pitch and the opposing manager protests, the game is forfeited at that point.*

**Time limits are now allowed in tournaments – This is a State Option**

**Time limits:**

- o Farm League 1:15 (*One Hour and Fifteen Minutes*).
- o Minor League 1:45 (*One Hour and Forty Five Minutes*).
- o Freshmen League 1:45 (*One Hour and Forty Five Minutes*).
- o Ages 13 thru 19 2:00 (*Two Hours*).

A time limit is acceptable and may be used in district, area, regional and state tournaments. This is a State option and must be clarified prior to any tournament.

**In Farm League clarified that a pitcher may pitch from their feet or knee.**

**6:07** The pitcher may pitch anywhere from in front of the 20 foot foul arc to the pitching circle.

- He may not cross the foul arc or enter the pitching circle.
- He must keep one foot or knee on or astraddle the pitching-line.
- The coach may pitch over-handed or underhand to the 6 & 7 year olds.
- He must pitch overhand to the 8 year olds.

*PENALTY: For not standing or kneeling on or astraddle the pitching-line, the defensive team gets the choice of the play or negate the last pitch thrown.*

**FARM LEAGUE – Allow only 1 executed bunt per half inning**

**20:07** An executed bunt is allowed only once per team per half inning. An executed bunt is defined as a bunt that crosses the foul arc and the batter (or other runner) is either thrown out, reaches base, or flies out. *Violation for subsequent bunts: Delay dead ball, defense gets choice of the play or negate the last pitch thrown.*

**An ejected coach must leave the area and cannot coach from behind the fences.**

- When a manager, coach, or player is ejected, they must leave the dugout area or bench and sit out the remainder of that game and the next scheduled game. The ejected coach will not be allowed to coach from behind the fences.
- The tournament director shall have the authority to remove any manager, coach or player for the remainder of the tournament for any flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct.

**Senior Division – Set age to 17 & 18 year olds**

**The Senior Division is for youth whose 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> birthday falls before April thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) of the current year.**