

ARTICLE 11 – PITCH COUNT FOR MAJOR LEAGUE/JUNIOR MAJOR

The following rules will be followed for regular season games. Year-end Tournaments will follow the Cal Ripken tournament rules.

South Lexington Youth Baseball - Regular Season Pitch Count Rules

Age 9-10					Age 11-12				
Max/Day	Days of Rest				Max/Day	Days of Rest			
	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+		21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
75	1	2	3	4	85	1	2	3	4
WEEKLY Max:	90				110				

The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group based upon the table above. The pitcher may remain in the game at another position. A pitcher can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game. Pitches thrown in Jr. Major League games are combined with the Major League totals.

If a pitcher reaches the pitch limit 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 or game.

The pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) of rest for the threshold he reached during that at-bat, provided that pitcher is removed or the game is completed before delivering a pitch to another batter. In other words, the applicable threshold is used in the calculation towards both “Days of Rest” as well as the “Weekly Maximum”.

Intentional Walk Rule – An intentional base on balls may be given by the defensive team by having its catcher or coach request the umpire to award the batter first base.

Each game will have an official scorekeeper as the official pitch count recorder. The scorekeeper shall record all pitches delivered to the batter by the pitcher and 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 pitcher must be removed. The scorekeeper should inform the plate umpire when a pitcher has delivered his maximum limit of pitches for the game. The umpire will inform the pitcher’s manager that the pitcher must be removed. However, the failure by the scorekeeper and/or the failure of the umpire to notify the manager does not relieve the manager of his responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.

Every reasonable effort should be made by managers, coaches, scorekeepers and umpires to avoid violations of the pitch count rules. If a violation is found, the game shall be stopped and a pitching change shall occur immediately. The game is to resume as if the correct pitch count rules had been followed. The scorekeeper is to notify the player agent of any such violations and all pitches thrown will count toward “Days of Rest” as well as the “Weekly Maximum”.

A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.

The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after that pitcher is announced, or after a preparatory (warm-up) pitch is delivered, but before that player has pitched a ball to a batter, shall not be considered a violation.

Pitches delivered in games declared “Suspended Games” shall be charged against pitcher’s eligibility.