

## LITTLE LEAGUE PITCHING REGULATIONS

The following are important pitching regulations made by Little League in the 2007 season. Please read them thoroughly to become familiar with the new changes before the season starts. These new rules must be followed; **no exceptions**.

### Baseball Divisions

#### **Pitchers:**

- Any player on a regular season team may pitch. (**Note:** There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game)
- **Junior, Senior, and Big League Divisions only:** 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 per game.
- The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position.

<b>League Age:</b>	17-18	105 pitches per day
	13-16	95 pitches per day
	11-12	85 pitches per day
	10 and under	75 pitches per day

**Exception:** If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until that batter reaches base or is put out.

**Intentional Walk:** Before a pitch is delivered to the batter, the catcher must inform the umpire-in-chief that the defensive team wishes to give the batter an intentional base-on-balls. The umpire-in-chief waves the batter to first base. The ball is dead.

- Pitchers league age 16 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:
  - If a player pitches 61 or more pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 41-60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 21-40 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
  - If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest must be observed.
- Each team must designate an official pitch count recorder to record the pitches from their team and the opposing team.
- After each inning managers must confirm the pitch count with the opposing manager.
- The provided Baseball Game Pitch Log must be filled out and turned in at all bi-monthly coach's meeting.
- The pitch count recorder 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/her pitcher must be removed.
- The official pitch count recorder must 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 in accordance with the regulation. However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or 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.

- The provided Baseball Pitch Eligibility Tracking Form must be filled out after each game and turned in at all bi-monthly coach's meetings.
- A player who has attained the league age of twelve (12) is not eligible to pitch in the Minor League.
- A player may not pitch more than one game in a day.

**Notes:**

1. The withdrawal of an eligible 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. Pitches delivered in games declared ("Regulation Tie Games" or "Suspended Games") shall be charged against pitcher's eligibility.
3. 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.

**Example 1:** A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on the following Thursday. The pitcher is not eligible to pitch in the resumption of the game because he/she has not observed the required three days of rest.

**Example 2:** A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on Saturday. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 85 pitches in the resumption of the game because he/she has observed the required three days of rest.

**Example 3:** A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes two weeks later. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 85 more pitches in the resumption of the game, provided he/she is eligible based on his/her record during the previous three days.

**Note:** The use of this regulation negates the concept of the "calendar week" with regard to pitching eligibility.

- **Violation of any section of this regulation will result in manager suspension.**