

# PITCH COUNT TRACKING GUIDELINES

1. The tracker shall count pitches using the (colored) pitch count tracking sheets. *Circle* the first pitch to each new batter. *Slash out* the number of each pitch as that pitch is thrown. *Cross-out* the number for the last pitch thrown each half-inning. The color coded numbers help provide clarity as to the days of rest required. Please note that under green book pitch count rules, in order to determine the number of days rest necessary we may need to know not only final pitch count but also the pitch count on the first pitch to the last batter.

<u>PITCHES</u>	<u>COLOR CODE</u>	<u>REST REQUIRED</u>
1 – 20	Green	None
21 - 35	Yellow	1 Day
36 - 50	Tan	2 Days
51 – 65	Blue	3 Days
66 or more	Pink	4 Days

**\*\*Red numbers denote pitch limit per age group. A pitcher who reaches his or her limit for their age group must be removed (if they reach their limit while facing a batter the pitcher may continue to pitch to that batter until the batter is out, the batter reaches first, or the ½ inning ends (whichever comes first))**

**\*\*If a pitcher reaches a pitch count threshold while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch to that batter until the batter is out, the batter reaches first, or the ½ inning ends (whichever comes first), and the pitcher will only be required to observe the calendar day(s) rest for that threshold provided they are removed before delivering a pitch to another batter.**

**\*\* 41 is in white with red because a pitcher who throws 41 or more pitches cannot play catcher for the remainder of the game**

2. The final pitch count record sheets (the ones where there are lines to put pitchers names, uniform numbers, league age, managers signatures, etc) are considered the authoritative or official pitch count of record. Please make sure that information is correctly transferred from the pitch count log form to the eligibility tracking form.
3. The final pitch count record sheets must be signed by both managers for all pitchers for that game, either on each line or by signature across all lines. Lastly, put the opposing team's eligibility tracker sheet back in their teams section for future use.
4. Final pitch count record sheets need to be filled out ***in ink***, not in pencil.