



Regular Season Pitching Rules

1. Any player on a regular season team may pitch.
 - a. Exception: Any player who has played the position of catcher in four (4) or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.
2. A player who played the position of catcher for three (3) innings or less, moves to the pitcher position, and delivers 21 pitches or more in the same day, may not return to the catcher position on that calendar day.
 - a. EXCEPTION: If the pitcher reaches the 20-pitch limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to return to the catcher position, until any one of the following conditions occur: (1) that batter reaches base; (2) that batter is retired; (3) the third out is made to complete the half-inning or the game; or (4) the pitcher is removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at-bat.

Approved Ruling: The catcher receiving one pitch to a batter in the fourth inning constitutes having caught four (4) innings. Warm-up pitches do not count, only when the ball is live will the pitches count toward innings caught.

3. A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher.
4. 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:
5. Pitcher Limit Per Age:
 - a. 6-8 YO: 50 Pitches
 - b. 9-10 YO: 75 Pitches
 - c. 11-12 YO: 85 Pitches
 - i. Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in the Little League International Regulation VI(c) for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs:
 1. The batter reaches base;
 2. The batter is put out;
 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning of the game;
 4. The pitcher is removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at bat.

NOTE 1: If a pitcher reaches 40 pitches while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch, and maintain their eligibility to play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day, until any one of the following conditions occurs: (A) the batter reaches base (B) the batter is retired (C) the third out is made to complete the half inning or the game (D) the pitcher is removed from the mound prior to the batter completing his/her at-bat.

NOTE 2: If a player delivers 41 or more pitches, and is not covered under the threshold exception, the player may not play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

6. Pitchers league age 12 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:
 - a. If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - b. If a player pitches 51-65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - c. If a player pitches 36-50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - d. If a player pitches 21-35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.
 - e. If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

NOTE 1: Under no circumstance shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

NOTE 2: A pitcher's pitch count for the purposes of day(s) rest threshold is determined by the first pitch thrown to a batter. The pitcher may not start a new batter once the limit imposed in the Little League International Regulation VI(c) has been met.

7. At the conclusion of every game, Managers must report an accurate pitch count for both their team and their opponent to their respective Level Coordinator
 - a. To ensure an accurate pitch count, and promptly resolve any discrepancies, at the conclusion of every half inning, Managers from both teams should confirm pitch count with each other
8. The manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.
9. Violation of any section of this regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs.
 - a. Protest shall be made in accordance with Little League International Playing Rule 4.19.
10. Minor League: A player who has attained the league age of twelve (12) is not eligible to pitch. (See Regulation V – Selection of Players)
11. Minor League and Little League (Majors) – A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day

NOTES: The withdrawal of an ineligible 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.

Approved Ruling: Minor League and Little League (Majors): When warming up, if a pitcher is discovered to be ineligible, he/she must be removed and the previous pitcher of record may not return.

12. Pitches delivered in games declared "Regulation Tie Games" or "Suspended Games" shall be charged against pitcher's eligibility.
13. 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.
 - a. 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 days of rest.
 - b. 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 more pitches at the resumption of the game because he/she has observed the required days of rest.
 - c. 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 pitching record during the previous four days.

NOTE: Peabody Little League playing rules and regulations may be more strict than Little League International Rules, but never more lax. All league coaches should review and understand the Peabody Little League Bylaws and the Little League International official rule book. In instances of rule questions and applications, please refer to the PLL Bylaws then the Little League International rule book.