

SAN CLEMENTE LITTLE LEAGUE – PITCH COUNTING

Before The Game:

- Home team tracks the pitch count
- Arrive 10-15 minutes early – get a pitch count sheet from the binder – sit close to the scorekeeper
- Introduce yourself to the home plate umpire and identify yourself as the “official pitch counter”
- Use pencil
- Start your pitch count sheet:
 - Division
 - Date
 - Your name
 - Team names
 - Starting pitchers’ numbers, names and league age
- Each pitcher gets his/her own “count box”

During The Game:

- Cross off one number for each pitch as it happens with a slash mark
- Alternate slash marks for each batter
- Circle the final number for each inning for each pitcher
- It’s always a good idea to reconcile your pitch count with the scorekeeper (remind the scorekeeper to count the pitch that either delivered the out or the batter safely to base)
- If the same pitcher returns to the mound in the next inning, continue his/her pitch count where you left off in the last inning (that circled number)
- Record the information for any relief pitcher (at top and give the relief pitcher his own “count box”)
- Let the plate umpire know the pitch count whenever he/she asks for it
- All other communications must go through the plate umpire – if a manager wants to know the pitch count, he must ask the plate umpire, who will then ask you
- Regardless of whether the plate umpire asks for it, if the pitcher is reaching his maximum pitch count limit, let the plate umpire know within 5 pitches of the maximum amount
- It is not up to you to alert anyone of other threshold pitch limits, such as days rest or games rest
- ANY THRESHOLD – the pitcher may finish the batter or until an out is recorded
 - If it’s a days rest or games rest threshold, the pitcher’s ending pitch count will be that threshold
 - If it’s a maximum pitch count threshold, the pitcher’s ending pitch count will be that threshold
- For 50/70 and Juniors:
 - a balk is not a pitch counted unless it’s ball four and the runner is awarded a walk
 - an illegal pitch is a pitch counted
 - when in doubt, ask the plate umpire

End Of The Game:

- Record the final pitch counts for all pitchers
- Have the plate umpire and both managers sign the pitch count sheet
- Put the pitch count sheet back in binder