

Continuation Games for Majors and Minors

A continuation game is a continuation of a suspended game. A game can be suspended for a number of reasons: weather, darkness, game time injury of a player which prevents a team from fielding 9 players, or other natural or man made issues.

A continuation game is treated as the same game that was suspended; the batting order, pitchers and catchers of record, score, outs, and batting count (if applicable) are carried over.

Continuation games are usually played immediately before a regularly scheduled game between the same two teams.

Here are some things you should know about continuation games:

- The pitchers of record in the suspended game carry over to the continuation game. To pitch in the continuation game, the pitcher of record must have met his or her minimum rest requirements, otherwise a pitching substitution must be made.
- Any player that pitched in the suspended game, and had been replaced with another pitcher, may NOT return to pitch in the continuation game.
- Pitch counts are reset. If the pitcher of record threw (for example) 70 pitches in the suspended game, and has met his/her minimum rest, (s)he may pitch up to their daily limit in the continuation game.
- A pitcher may NOT pitch in more than one game a day. If the continuation game precedes the regularly scheduled game on the same day, a player may not pitch in both games.
- Catcher inning counts are reset for the continuation game. If the catcher caught 5 innings in the suspended game, s(he) may catch up to 3 innings in the continuation game without jeopardizing their ability to pitch in the continuation game.
- Catcher inning counts are per day. If a catcher catches 4 innings in the continuation game, s(he) may NOT pitch in the regularly scheduled game if played on the same day.
- The batting order (lineup) for the continuation game is the same as the suspended game.
- If a player was present in the suspended game but not in the continuation game, that player is skipped in the lineup (standard CBO rules).
- A player present at the continuation game that was not present for the suspended game is inserted at the end of the lineup.
- If the batter of record from the suspended game (assuming the batter had a count) is not present at the continuation game, the player who made the last out (and is present) will take the place of the missing batter and assume the missing batter's count.
- A player who is present at the start of both the suspended and continuation game is subject to minimum play rules (12 defensive outs).