



# Connecticut Babe Ruth Leagues

## Tournament Pitching Rules

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These pitch count limitations will apply to all **tournament games played in District, Area, State, Regional and World Series competition**. For the local league season, leagues are still permitted to use pitching limitations as defined in Rule 0.06 and under Local League Options – Pitch Count. There are no limitations on the number of innings a pitcher may pitch in a tournament (bracket or pool play) game subject to the following pitch count limitations:

Tournament Pitching Rest Requirements:

| Age   | Daily Max (Pitches in <del>Game</del> /Day) | Rest Period |       |       |
|-------|---|-------------|-------|-------|
|       |   | 0 Days      | 1 Day | 2 Day |
| 7-8   | 50  | 1-20        | 21-35 | 36+   |
| 9-10  | 75  | 1-40        | 41-65 | 66+   |
| 11-12 | 85  | 1-40        | 41-65 | 66+   |
| 13-15 | 95  | 1-45        | 46-75 | 76+   |
| 16-18 | 105   | 1-45        | 46-75 | 76+   |

a. A League Age 7-8 – Pitcher shall not deliver more than 50 pitches in the same game or on the same day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.

b. A League Age 9-10 – Pitcher shall not deliver more than 75 pitches in the same game or on the same day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.

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c. A League Age 11-12 – Pitcher shall not deliver more than 85 pitches in the same game or on the same day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.

d. A League Age 13-15 – Pitcher shall not deliver more than 95 pitches in the same game or on the same day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.

e. A League Age 16-18 – Pitcher shall not deliver more than 105 pitches in the same game or on the same day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.

f. Intentional Walk Rule – An intentional base on balls may be given by the defensive team by having its catcher or coach request the umpire to award the batter first base. This may be done before pitching to the batter or on any ball and strike count. The ball shall be declared dead before making the award.

g. The pitch count is determined by the age of the tournament regardless of the player's league age. For example, a 12-year-old swing player participates and pitches on a 13-year-old tournament team. The pitch count that will be used for this situation is the 13-15-year-old tournament pitch count. Same would apply to the 15-year-old swing player that participates on a 16-18-year-old tournament play.

h. All pitchers must adhere to the pitch count rest requirements before pitching in another tournament game.

i. In a game suspended by darkness, weather or other causes and resumed the following calendar day, the pitcher at the time the game was halted may continue to the extent of his/her eligibility.

j. Games in which an ineligible pitcher has been used, as specified in paragraph 4, shall be declared forfeited. 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. Tournament Officials are urged to take precautions to prevent protests.

k. All players have full pitching eligibility beginning at each level of tournament competition. (District, State, Area, Regional and World Series)

## Notes and Interpretations:

- A player is limited to the number of pitches listed per ~~game~~ day. However, if the maximum is not reached and his team plays a second that day, then that player may pitch until the “Daily Max” is reached. Examples: a pitcher in a 12-Year-Old game can pitch 42 pitches in the first game of the day and then pitch another 43 pitches in the second game of the day. A player in a 13-Year-Old game can pitch 50 pitches in the first game of the day that the team plays and then 45 pitches in the second game of the day.
- In a game suspended by darkness, weather, or other causes and resumed the following calendar day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was halted may continue to the extent of his/her eligibility for that day, provided said pitcher has observed the required days of rest.
  - **Example 1:** A league age 12-year-old pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on Wednesday. The pitcher is not eligible to pitch in the resumption of the game because he/she has not observed the required days of rest.
  - **Example 2:** A league age 12-year-old pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on Thursday. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 85 pitches in the resumption of the game because he/she has observed the required days of rest.
  - **Example 3:** A league age 15-year-old pitcher delivers 44 pitches in a game on Saturday when the game is suspended and continued the next day. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 95 pitches in the continued game because he did not exceed the 45-pitch threshold to require a day of rest.
- All players have full pitching eligibility beginning at each level of tournament competition. (District, State, Area, Regional, and World Series)
- A team may elect to intentionally walk a batter and request to the umpire that he award first base to the batter. The ball will be declared to be dead and then the batter is awarded first base. However, at any time during the batter’s plate appearance, the defensive team can make the request. Pitches thrown before the request is made count towards the pitchers “Daily Max”. **If no**

pitches are thrown to the batter who is intentionally walked, then no pitches are counted with respect to this rule.

- If an umpire calls a balk or if the plate umpire calls time and the pitcher continues to deliver the pitch to the batter, the pitch is counted with respect to this rule.
- In a case where a game is forfeited before it becomes a regulation game, any pitches thrown in that game do not count towards a pitcher's "Daily Max". However, pitches thrown in a game that is forfeited after it becomes a regulation game count towards the max. See page 20 of the 2017 rulebook for more information. In the digital edition, look in chapter 0, local and tournament play, "Forfeited Game".
- The umpire will be the sole judge as to whether a thrown ball should be considered a pitch or not.

## Official Pitch Count Record

- a. The Tournament Director must designate the scorekeeper or another game official as the official pitch count statistician. The pitch count statistician shall record all pitches as defined in the rule book (Rule 2.00 – A pitch is a ball delivered to the batter by the pitcher), in addition to any pitches delivered to the batter ruled a "no pitch" by the umpire.
- b. The pitch count statistician must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager has the ultimate responsibility for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed to meet the rest requirements above.
- c. The official pitch count statistician should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted above. The umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed. However, the failure by the pitch count statistician to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the 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.