

OFFICIAL RULES OF BASEBALL- CANADIAN CONTENT

RULES GOVERNING ARM SMART (PITCH COUNT) in 11U (MOSQUITO), 13U (PEE WEE), 15U BOYS & 16U GIRLS (BANTAM), 18U (MIDGET), 21U Men (JUNIOR), and CANADA CUP

Rules Governing the Pitcher

(Exhibition Play, League Play, Play-Off's, Tournaments, & Championships)

6.02 (8.01)

- (1) Any player on the team is eligible to pitch, and there are no restrictions to the number of pitchers a manager may use in a game.
- (2) Pitchers shall be permitted to have 2 appearances in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following 1st appearance, they cannot return in the same calendar day.
- (3) **If a pitcher is permitted to pitch on consecutive days, and the pitcher does not go over the individual day first threshold in game 1, they are permitted to have a 2nd appearance in the same calendar day.**

Pitchers cannot pitch in 3 games during a day.

Example; A 13U pitcher throws 25 pitches on Day 1, on Day 2 game one pitcher throws 10 pitches. The pitcher is eligible to pitch if their team plays another game on Day 2. For purposes of maximum number of pitches in a day, since the 13U pitcher has already thrown 10 pitches in game 1, their first pitch in game 2 should count as number 11 towards the day maximum of 85.

- (4) Pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first 2 days combined does not exceed:

11U (Mosquito) : 25

15U Boys / 16U Girls (Bantam) : 35

13U (Pee Wee) : 30

18U (Midget)/Canada Cup/Canada Games : 40

If pitcher's day 1 + day 2 exceeds figure above for their division, they require at least 1 days rest.

Pitcher cannot pitch 4 consecutive days. One (1) days rest is needed.

- (5) Pitchers and managers shall follow the following guidelines:

11U (Mosquito)	13U (Pee Wee)	15U Boys 16U Girls (Bantam)	18U (Midget) Canada Cup Canada Games	21U Men (Junior)	Rest required
1-25	1-30	1-35	1-40	1-45	None
26-40	31-45	36-50	41-55	46-60	1 day
41-55	46-60	51-65	56-70	61-75	2 days
56-65	61-75	66-80	71-85	76-90	3 days
66-75	76-85	81-95	86-105	91-115	4 days
75	85	95	105	115	Maximum

- (6) The official scorekeeper will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest starting the next calendar day. Athletes must not exceed the maximum pitch count total for that day.
- (7) Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day.
- (8) Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if his or her maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day.
- (9) **Only pitches actually thrown will be included in Pitch Count totals. Automatic balls during an intentional walk do not count towards Pitch Count totals.**

Example; if during a count of 2 balls - 0 strike, a team signals to the umpire that a batter will receive an intentional walk, only 2 pitches will be counted for pitch count.

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- (10) Required Rest shall be defined in “Days” starting at 12:01am and ending at 11:59 pm of the next calendar day.
- (11) If a game continues past 12:01am, those pitches are counted as if pitched prior to midnight. If a game is suspended, when it resumes it is defined as a different day.
- (12) A pitcher who is removed from the mound during a game shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game, even if the pitcher is retained in the game at another position.
- (13) Any violation of any part of the pitch count rule, the result is the Head Coach is ejected from the current game and receives an additional game suspension.
- (14) The total number of pitches thrown by an ambidextrous pitcher are counted for the purpose of calculating pitch count, regardless of which arm or combination there-of is throwing.
- (15) When a game is stopped by inclement weather or for any other reason than a mercy rule, that specific game has to be resumed at the point of stoppage. If Pitcher “A” is the starting pitcher of a game and has a pitch count below the first threshold, Pitcher “A” can then be used as a pitcher again for that particular game but considering he will be carrying the number of pitches thrown when the game stopped. This applies for a game that is resumed on the same day or on the next day.
For example, if Pitcher “A” threw 30 pitches at 15U (Bantam) Nationals, he will then be allowed to throw a maximum of 65 pitches when the game resumes. If Pitcher “A” had thrown 36 pitches when the rain started, he would not be eligible to pitch if that game is re-scheduled for the next day as he needs his full day of rest. If the game is resumed during the same day, he can then come back as pitcher while carrying his pitches.
- (16) A player playing in a division other than their own age group shall pitch based on the pitch count of the lower aged division.
For example; a 13U playing at 15U is subject to the 13U rules;
a 18U playing at 15U is subject to the 15U rules.
- 5.10 (8.06) (c)** The manager or coach may make a 2nd visit to the mound while the same batter in at bat in order to remove the pitcher.