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BASEBALL PEI POLICY

Arm Smart/Pitch Count Rules in 11U, 13U, 15U, 16U Girls, 18U and 21U

Rules Governing the Pitcher (Exhibition Play, League Play, Playoffs, Tournaments and Championships)

- (1) Any player on the team is eligible to pitch, and there are no restrictions to the number of pitchers a manager/head coach may use in a game.
- (2) Pitchers shall be permitted to have two (2) appearances in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following their first appearance, they cannot return in the same calendar day.
- (3) **If a pitcher meets the requirements to pitch on consecutive days and the pitcher does not go over the first daily threshold during Game 1, they are permitted to have a second (2nd) appearance in the same calendar day. Pitchers will not be permitted to exceed the maximum daily allowable number of pitchers in any two-day period. Pitchers cannot pitch in three (3) games during a day.**

For example: An 11U pitcher throws 20 pitches on Day 1. On Day 2, that pitcher is limited to 55 pitches. A 15U pitcher throws 25 pitches on Day 1. On Day 2, that pitcher is limited to 70 pitches. A 21U pitcher throws 45 pitches on Day 1. On Day 2, that pitcher is limited to 70 pitches.

Please note: If an 11U pitcher throws 20 pitches on Day 1 and then 55 pitches on Day 2, that pitcher would require two (2) day's rest, not four (4) day's rest. If a 15U pitcher throws 20 pitches on Day 1 and then 75 pitches on Day 2, that pitcher would require three (3) day's rest, not four (4) day's rest. The pitcher's rest is based on the number of pitches thrown on Day 2, not the combined total of Days 1 and 2.

- (4) A pitcher cannot pitch three (3) consecutive days unless a pitcher's first two (2) days combined does not exceed:
 11U: 25 13U: 30 15U/16U Girls: 35 18U: 40 21U: 45
 If a pitcher's Day 1 + Day 2 exceeds figure above for their division, they require at least one (1) day's rest.

- (5) **A pitcher's combined three (3) day pitch count cannot exceed:**
 11U: 105 13U: 120 15U/16U Girls: 135 18U: 150 21U: 165

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

11U	13U	15U/16U Girls	18U	21U	Rest required
1-25	1-30	1-35	1-40	1-45	None
26-40	31-45	36-50	41-55	45-60	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

- (7) 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.
- (8) Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day.
- (9) **Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if his or her maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day.**
 - (a) **When a pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches allowed for a threshold (see table above), he can complete the at-bat without the penalty on days of rest, as long as he/she does not pitch to another batter. In this situation, the number of pitches corresponding to the threshold reached will be indicated on the pitching log. The coach or manager needs to acknowledge this to the umpire at this moment prior to the next pitch. The umpire will then notify the scorekeeper.**
 - (b) **When the pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches allowed (75, 85, 95, 105 and 115 pitches) during a day during a batter's at-bat, he/she is allowed to complete the at-bat and must be replaced following that batter.**
- (10) Only pitches actually thrown will be included in Pitch Count totals. Automatic balls during an intentional walk do not count towards Pitch Count totals.
 For example: if during a count of two (2) balls and no (0) strikes, a team signals to the umpire that the batter will receive an intentional walk, only two (2) pitches will be counted for the Pitch Count.
- (11) Required rest shall be defined in "Days" starting at 12:01 am and ending at 11:59 pm of the next calendar day.
- (12) If a game continues past 12:01 am, 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.



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- (13) 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.
- (14) Any violation of any part of the Pitch Count rule, the result is the manager/head coach is ejected from the current game and receives an additional game suspension.
- (15) 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.
- (16) When a game is stopped by inclement weather or for any other reason than a mercy rule, that specific game has to 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/she 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 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/she would not be eligible to pitch if the game is rescheduled for the next day as he/she needs his/her full day of rest. If the game is resumed during the same day, he/she can then come back as a pitcher while carrying his/her pitches.
- (17) 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; an 18U playing at 15U is subject to the 15U rules.
- (18) The manager/head coach may make a second (2nd) visit to the mound while the same batter is in an at-bat in order to remove the pitcher.

IMPORTANT PITCHING INFORMATION (ALL MINOR DIVISIONS)

When the use of a pitcher who is ineligible or about to become ineligible is evident, scorekeepers or other officials **MUST** notify the manager/head coach of the offending team so that an opportunity for assignment correction may be immediately affected. In the event that a manager/head coach deliberately overpitches his/her pitcher, the result is the manager/head coach is ejected from the current game and received an additional game suspension.

*Please note these rules around Arm Smart (Pitch Count) has been passed by the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI on 14 February 2020, and they are the same as the Arm Smart (Pitch Count) rules used by Baseball Atlantic.

