

Pitching Rules for Ripken B

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1. The pitching distance is 46 feet. This is measured from the front of the rubber to the rear corner of home plate.
2. The type of pitching delivery will be a standard baseball fast-pitch, from either the full wind-up or the stretch position. From the stretch/wind-up position, the back foot must be in contact with the rubber prior to starting the delivery (pitch). Otherwise, not complying with this rule allows the umpire the option of allowing the pitch (or play) to stand or call a “no pitch” and replay it.
3. Any player may pitch a maximum of six (6) innings per calendar week OR reach their max pitch count for week or game regardless of age. Please see breakdown below.

- Ripken B: 9-year-old MAX weekly pitch count is 95 OR 6 innings.
- Ripken B: 9-year-old MAX game pitch count is 50 OR 3 innings.
- Ripken B: 10-year-old MAX Weekly pitch count is 110 OR 6 innings.
- Ripken B: 10-year-old MAX game pitch count is 60 OR 4 innings.

****A pitcher can go over their pitch count limit during an at-bat, but MAY NOT face another batter after the completion of that at-bat or start another inning****

*****Also, be sure to identify Metro players and their pitching schedules*****

4. The Pitching Calendar Week starts on Monday and runs through Sunday.
35. A pitcher must have two (2) calendar days rest between all pitching assignments in which the pitcher pitches in more than two (2) innings. ****A good rule of thumb, 1 hour of rest for every pitch thrown in a game****
36. Managers will be responsible for keeping pitching logs during a game and both managers must sign off on them. These MUST be turned into the commissioner on duty at the game’s conclusion.
37. Pitcher eligibility regarding a re-scheduled/make-up game goes in accordance to the calendar week in which the game is played. Note: This includes the mandatory rest period if applicable. 38. If a pitcher delivers one (1) pitch in an inning, he shall be charged for one (1) inning pitched.
39. The pitcher will be considered removed when:
 - a) The home plate umpire is notified of a change.
 - b) When a pitcher hits three (3) batters in a game.
 - c) The manager/coach makes a second “trip” to the mound in the same inning to the same pitcher
 - d) The manager/coach makes a third “trip” to the mound in the same game to the same pitcher. Note: Once a pitcher has been removed, he cannot pitch again in the same game
40. All replacement pitchers must pitch to one (1) batter before another pitching change can be made.

41. Any conversation concerning strategy by the manager (or coach) to the pitcher during his route from the coaching box to the dugout (within the foul lines) between innings during warm-ups will be considered one (1) visit to the mound.
42. No balks will be called.
43. Intentional Walks will not be allowed. Violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action not limited to the ejection of the manager.
44. No pitcher will be allowed to wear a shirt with white or gray sleeves, wear a white glove or a glove with white piping while pitching. Multi-colored gloves are not permitted. In addition, no pitcher will be allowed to have any foreign articles (i.e. sweat bands, tape, batting gloves, etc.) on either arm or hand while pitching.
45. Make sure any pitching warm-ups by relievers in the middle of games take place in a designated bullpen area, or as close to the fence and dugout near your respective dugout as possible (stay clear of main walkways, spectators, etc). No other throwing of baseballs should take place outside of the fenced areas.
46. CAL RIPKEN "B" LEAGUE – PITCHING OBLIGATION PER AGE GROUP
- a) One nine (9) year-old player must pitch at least one inning by the conclusion of the fourth inning of each game. The inning pitched shall consist of three (3) outs. The three (3) outs do not have to be in the same inning. Multiple nine-year-old players may be used to comply with this rule.
- b) One ten (10) year-old player must pitch at least one inning by the conclusion of the fourth inning of each game. The inning pitched shall consist of three (3) outs. The three (3) outs do not have to be in the same inning. Multiple ten-year-old players may be used to comply with this rule.
- c) This pitching obligation in (a) or (b) can also be satisfied if a pitcher (the same pitcher) allows five (5) or more runners to reach base AND score while he is still on the mound. When the fifth runner scores, the pitching obligation for that age is met.
47. VIOLATIONS of any one of rules #32, #34, #35 and/or #42 will result in a forfeiture of the game (or next win). All pitching rules will be strictly enforced.