

# Regulations: VI – Pitchers

## *Who can pitch in a game?*

- Any player on the roster may pitch, except...
  - A player who has caught 4+ innings in a game.
    - *And is not eligible to pitch for the remainder of the day!*
  - A player who has not met his “days of rest”.
  - 12-year olds are not eligible to pitch in the Minors.

## **NOTE:**

- A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game, **cannot play the position of catcher** for the remainder of that day.

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## *Pitchers removed from the Mound*

- A pitcher once removed from the mound, cannot return as a pitcher, however...

## **INTR/JR/SR/BL:**

- A pitcher **remaining in the game**, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher at anytime, but only once per game.
  - *“Remaining in the game” means the player must remain in the batting order and continue to play defense.*

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## *Pitching in more than 1 Game in a Day*

### **MNR/MJR/INTR**

- A player **may not** pitch in more than one game in a day.

### **JR/SR**

- A player may pitch in up to two games in one day, provided he did not pitch 31 or more pitches in the first game.

### **BL**

- A player may pitch in 2 games in one day.

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## *Pitch Count*

- The pitcher must be removed from the mound when he reaches his limit for his age group.

League Age	Number of Pitches
17-18	105 pitches per day
13-16	95
11-12	85
9-10	75
7-8	50

**NOTE:** The pitcher may remain in the game at another position.

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## *Pitch Count*

### Exception...

- If the pitcher reaches his limit **while facing a batter**, he may continue to pitch until:
  - The batter reaches base, or...
  - The batter is put out, or...
  - The 3<sup>rd</sup> out is made to complete the half-inning.

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## *Days of Rest*

- Pitchers must adhere to the following days of rest requirements:

7-14 yr olds	
66 or more	4 days
51-65	3 days
36-50	2 days
21-35	1 days
1-20	0 days

15-18 yr olds	
76 or more	4 days
61-75	3 days
46-60	2 days
31-45	1 days
1-30	0 days

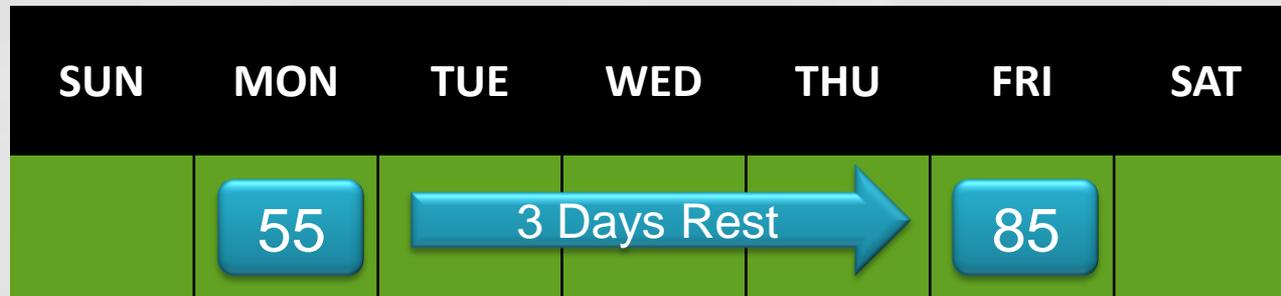
**NOTE:** Number of days are “calendar days”.

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## *Days of Rest*

### Example

- A 12-year old throws 55 pitches on Monday
- He requires three (3) days of rest
- He is eligible to pitch again on Friday
  - Up to 85 pitches



**NOTE:** Number of days are “calendar days”.

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## *Rest Threshold While Facing a Batter*

- If a pitcher reaches a days of rest threshold while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until:
  - The batter reaches base, or...
  - The batter is retired, or...
  - The third out is made to complete the half-inning.
- The pitcher will only be required to observe the days of rest prior to crossing the threshold he reached during the at-bat, provided he is removed before he delivers a pitch to the next batter.

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## *Rest Threshold While Facing a Batter*

### Example

- A 15-year old has thrown 55 pitches when he starts a new batter.
- He throws 7 more pitches to retire the batter – and is then removed from the mound. (Now 62 pitches)
- He requires **only** two (2) days of rest, even though he crossed the rest threshold (61-75 pitches; 3 days of rest)
- He is eligible to pitch again on Thursday (up to 95 pitches)



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## *Pitch Count Recorder*

- The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by:
  - Either manager, or...
  - An umpire
- However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his pitcher must be removed.

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## *Pitching Affidavit*

- The pitch count recorder shall record on the pitching affidavit:
  - The total number of pitches each pitcher throws.
  - The number of days rest required for each pitcher.
  - The next date when each pitcher is eligible to pitch.
- The recorder shall also make a notation if a pitcher reached a threshold while facing a batter, and was removed from the mound before pitching to the next batter.

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## *Pitching Affidavit – Scorekeeper Notation*

- If no notation is recorded, then it will be assumed that the pitcher crossed the threshold and faced another batter.
- If no notation is recorded, then the pitcher is required to rest the full number of days for the threshold crossed.
- The manager is responsible for verifying that the pitching affidavit is accurate and properly notated.