

# Bluffton Youth Sports



## Minors & Majors – Tournament Pitching Rules

1. These rules replace the regular season pitching regulations.
2. Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers.
3. The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit of 75 pitches(minors) or 85 pitches(majors), but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position.
  - a. If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed above while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is put out; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning.
4. A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.
5. Days rest required.
  - a. If a player pitches 1 to 20 pitches in a day, no rest is required.
  - b. If a player pitches 21 to 40 pitches in a day, one calendar day of rest.
  - c. If a player pitches 41 or more pitches in a day, two calendar days of rest is required.
6. 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 eligibility subject to each of these conditions:
  - a. If the pitcher delivered 20 or fewer pitches the pitcher's pitch count will begin at zero for the continuations of the game.
  - b. If the pitcher delivered between 21 or more pitches before the game was suspended, that pitcher's pitch count will begin with the number of pitches delivered in that game;
7. In a game ("Game A") suspended by darkness, weather, or other causes and resumed more than one calendar day later, the provisions of (6.) above shall apply, unless the pitcher of record pitched in another game or games after Game A was halted. In that event, eligibility to pitch in the continuation portion of Game A shall be determined by the number of pitches delivered in the game or games after Game A was halted.
8. Home team is responsible for keeping pitch count for both teams. The official pitch count recorder must provide the pitch for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire.
9. Team manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.
10. The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire when a pitcher has delivered his maximum limit of pitches for the game. The umpire will inform the pitcher's manager that pitcher must be removed. However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire and/or the failure of the umpire to notify the pitcher's manager does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.