



## 2018 Pitcher/Catcher Restrictions + Pitch Count Limits

### PITCHING RESTRICTIONS

#### All Divisions:

- A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher.
- A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.
- For pitching restrictions in Suspended Games, see Suspended Game Rules.

#### Majors:

- A player who has played catcher for 4 or more innings in a day (even if any of those innings were partial innings) may not pitch for the remainder of the day – applies to extra innings, doubleheaders, suspended games, etc.
- *This rule also applies to any lower division playoff games that may go into extra innings.*

#### Minors:

- No specific restrictions beyond Minors division rules and LL pitch count.

#### AAA & AA:

- Any AAA player who has played catcher for 3 innings, or AA player who has played catcher for 2 innings (even if any of those innings were partial innings, and even if those innings were not consecutive), may not pitch in that game.

### CATCHING RESTRICTIONS

#### All Divisions:

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

#### Majors:

- No player may play catcher for more than 6 innings in a day.

#### Minors, AAA, & AA:

- Catchers may play 3 innings in Minors & AAA, and 2 innings in AA.

#### AAA & AA:

- If a player has played catcher and then pitches in a game, he/she may not return to play catcher, regardless of how many pitches he/she played catcher or pitcher.

**PITCH COUNT LIMITS AND DAYS REST REQUIREMENTS: SEE BELOW**

## PITCH LIMITS – FIRST 5 GAMES OF SEASON\* (INCL. PRE-SEASON)

- MAJORS /MINORS: 2 innings OR 50 pitches, whichever comes first.
- AAA / AA: 1 inning OR 40 pitches, whichever comes first.
  - \*If one of the first 5 scheduled games is rained out or suspended, then the rescheduled game will adhere to the standard LL pitch counts listed below.
  - Pitching even one pitch in an inning counts as an inning pitched.

## PITCH COUNT LIMITS BY AGE – AFTER FIRST 5 GAMES

Below are the standard Little League pitch counts that are applied by age, regardless of SOLL Division:

11-12	85 pitches
9-10	75 pitches
7-8	50 pitches

Exception: If a pitcher reaches his/her limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may finish out the at-bat. (Applies to all games)

## DAYS OF REST REQUIREMENTS

- 66 or more pitches in a day, (4) days of rest needed.  
(i.e. pitched on Saturday, may pitch on Thursday)
- 51-65 pitches in a day, (3) calendar days of rest needed.  
(i.e. pitched on Saturday, may pitch on Wednesday)
- 36-50 pitches in a day, (2) calendar days of rest needed.  
(i.e. pitched on Saturday, may pitch on Tuesday)
- 21-35 pitches in a day, (1) calendar day of rest needed.  
(i.e. pitched on Saturday, may pitch on Monday)
- 1-20 pitches in a day, he/she may pitch the next day.  
(i.e. pitched on Saturday, may pitch on Sunday)

**NOTE: Under no circumstances shall a player pitch in three (3) consecutive days.**

**Threshold Rule:** If a player begins pitching to a batter while below a particular “days of rest” threshold, but in finishing that batter’s at-bat, exceeds that “days of rest” threshold, the pitcher only needs to observe the days of rest required by the number of pitches he had thrown when the at-bat began. Example: Johnny has pitched 33 pitches. He strikes out the next batter on 3 pitches, pushing his pitch count to 36, and is then removed as pitcher. Since he started pitching to his final batter within the 21-35 threshold, he only needs 1 calendar day of rest.