

4. PITCHING RULES - LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL, 9-10 YEAR OLD SOFTBALL AND 10-11 YEAR OLD DIVISION

These rules replace the regular season pitching regulations. ***Violation of these pitching rules is subject to protest and action by the Tournament Committee in Williamsport if protested or brought to the Tournament Committee's attention.***

- a. Any player on a tournament team may pitch. (**NOTE:** There is no limit to the number of eligible pitchers a tournament team may use in a game.)
- b. A Tournament pitcher may not pitch in regular season or Special Games while the team is still participating in the Tournament.
- c. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched an inning.
- d. A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning as he/she was removed.
- e. One (1) calendar day of rest must be observed following regular season or Special Games play, and between levels of Tournament Play.
- f. A player may not pitch in more than **twelve (12)** innings in a day. ~~9-10 & 10-11 Year Old Division: players may not pitch in more than seven (7) innings in a day-~~
- g. If a player pitches in less than **seven (7)** innings in a calendar day, no rest is required.
- h. If a player pitches in **seven (7)** or more innings in a calendar day, one day's rest is required. This also applies between regular season games following Tournament elimination or Special Games following the Tournament.

EXAMPLE 1: A player may pitch on Saturday in regular season play then, after one (1) calendar day's rest, pitch again in the next level of tournament play on Monday.

EXAMPLE 2: A player may pitch on Saturday in the final district game then, after one (1) calendar day's rest, pitch again in the next level of tournament play on Monday.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) A player may pitch on consecutive calendar days if less than **seven (7)** innings were pitched in the previous calendar day.
- (2) In a game suspended by darkness, weather or other causes and resumed the following calendar day, the pitchers of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of the remaining eligibility that pitcher would have had during the previous day. However, in no event shall any pitcher pitch more than **twelve (12)** innings ~~(seven [7] innings – 9-10 and 10-11)~~ in any game.
- i. Failure to remove a pitcher who has reached his/her maximum number of innings pitched or use of an ineligible pitcher is basis for protest. Violations protested or brought to the Tournament Committee's attention, shall result (by action of the Tournament Committee) in the suspension of the team's manager for the next two scheduled tournament games, even if those games are played at the next tournament level. Additional penalties (up to and including forfeiture of a game and/or disqualification of the team, managers or coaches from further tournament participation) may be imposed if, in the opinion of the Tournament Committee:
 1. a manager or coach takes any action that results in making a travesty of the game, or;
 2. a team fails to meet the requirements of this rule more than once during the International Tournament, which begins with District play and ends at the World Series level (State level for 9-10 and 10-11), or;
 3. a manager willfully and knowingly disregards the requirements of this rule.A manager or coach suspended for any reason is not permitted to be at the game site and must not take any part in the game, nor have any communications whatsoever with any persons at the game site. Violation may result, by action of the Tournament Committee, in further suspension, forfeiture of a game and/or disqualification of the team, managers or coaches from further tournament participation.

JUNIOR/SENIOR/BIG LEAGUE

- a. Any player on a tournament team may pitch. (**NOTE:** There is no limit to the number of eligible pitchers a tournament team may use in a game.)
- b. A Tournament pitcher may not pitch in regular season or Special Games while the team is still participating in the Tournament.
- c. Delivery of a single pitch constitutes having pitched an inning.

d. A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning as he/she was removed.

e. No pitching restrictions apply. ~~A player may not pitch in more than 10 innings in a day.~~

~~f. If a player pitches in less than five (5) innings in a calendar day, no rest is required.~~

~~g. If a player pitches in five (5) or more innings in a calendar day, one day's rest is required. This also applies between regular season games following tournament elimination or Special Games following the Tournament.~~

~~**EXAMPLE 1:** A player may pitch on Saturday in regular season play then after one (1) calendar day's rest, pitch again in the first game of the district playoffs on Monday.~~

~~**EXAMPLE 2:** A player may pitch on Saturday in the final district game then after one (1) calendar day's rest, pitch again in the next level of tournament play on Monday.~~

EXCEPTIONS

~~(1) A player may pitch on consecutive days if less than five (5) innings were pitched in the previous calendar day.~~

~~(2) In a game suspended by darkness, weather or other causes and resumed the following calendar day, the pitchers of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of the remaining eligibility for that game. However, in no event shall any pitcher pitch more than 10 innings in any game.~~

h. ~~Failure to remove a pitcher who has reached his/her maximum number of innings pitched or~~ The use of an ineligible pitcher is basis for protest. Violations protested or brought to the Tournament Committee's attention, shall result (by action of the Tournament Committee) in the suspension of the team's manager for the next two scheduled tournament games, even if those games are played at the next tournament level. Additional penalties (up to and including forfeiture of a game and/or disqualification of the team, managers or coaches from further tournament participation) may be imposed if, in the opinion of the Tournament Committee:

1. a manager or coach takes any action that results in making a travesty of the game, or;

2. a team fails to meet the requirements of this rule more than once during the International Tournament, which begins with District play and ends at the World Series level, or;

3. a manager willfully and knowingly disregards the requirements of this rule.

A manager or coach suspended for any reason is not permitted to be at the game site and must not take any part in the game, nor have any communications whatsoever with any persons at the game site. This includes pregame and postgame activities. Violation may result, by action of the Tournament Committee, in further suspension, forfeiture of a game and/or disqualification of the team, managers or coaches from further tournament participation.