

Rule 23: Pitching Rules

23.01 Number of Pitches and Required Rest

| Division | Spring Season | Single or Summer Season | |
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| Mosquito | 1-20 pitches = no rest 21-30 pitches = 2 nights rest 31-45 pitches = 3 nights rest 46-55 pitches = 4 nights rest 56-70 pitches = 5 nights rest 70 pitches max in a week | 1-30 pitches = no rest 31-40 pitches = 2 nights rest 41-55 pitches = 3 nights rest 56-65 pitches = 4 nights rest 66-80 pitches = 5 nights rest 80 pitches max in a week | |
| Pee Wee A | 1-45 pitches = no rest 46-65 pitches = 2 nights rest 66-85 pitches = 3 nights rest | 1-55 pitches = no rest 56-80 pitches = 2 nights rest 81-95 pitches = 3 nights rest | |
| Pee Wee AA & AAA | 1-35 pitches = no rest 36-55 pitches = 2 nights rest 56-75 pitches = 3 nights rest | 1-45 pitches = no rest 46-70 pitches = 2 nights rest 71-85 pitches = 3 nights rest | |
| Bantam | 1-35 pitches = no rest 36-65 pitches = 2 nights rest 66-85 pitches = 3 nights rest | 1-45 pitches = no rest 46-75 pitches = 2 nights rest 76-95 pitches = 3 nights rest | |
| Midget | 1-45 pitches = no rest 46-65 pitches = 2 nights rest 66-100 pitches = 3 nights rest | 1-50 pitches = no rest 51-75 pitches = 2 nights rest 76-115 pitches = 3 nights rest | |

Note 1: There are no maximum total pitch counts for a week (except in Mosquito) or tournament.

Note 2: Pitches thrown in warm-up, bullpen, or ruled no pitch by the umpire because time was called prior to the pitch, or thrown when ruled no pitch due to a balk do not count towards pitch count.

23.02 Exceeding Limits to Finish Batter

A pitcher is permitted to exceed the maximum limit (for a day) to complete pitching to a batter.

23.02 Pitching on consecutive days

Pitchers may not pitch on three consecutive days except during BCMBA sanctioned tournaments and provincial championships.

23.03 Pitching and Catching on the same day

If pitcher pitches less than the lowest number of pitches allowed in pitch count without requiring rest, the player is still permitted to catch during that day.

23.05 Suspended Games

If a game is suspended the pitchers rest would be determined based on the number of pitches thrown to that point and recorded for that day. If a pitcher is ineligible to pitch at the beginning of a game, that is

suspended after the first pitch, the pitcher remains ineligible to pitch in that game when it is completed at a later date.

23.06 Pitcher Removed

A pitcher may not pitch twice in the same game. A pitcher who is removed for a pinch hitter or pinch runner during an offensive inning is considered to have been removed from the game as a pitcher for the purpose of this rule.

23.07 Rules Always in Effect

BCMBA pitching rules are always in effect for all BCMBA teams at all times regardless of whether or not the event is sanctioned by the BCMBA. BCMBA pitching rules will not be in effect for any team participating in a Western or National Championship where the team will be required to follow only the regulations of that governing body.

23.08 Penalty for Violations

A) Maximum Pitch Count Violation

If a pitcher is about to exceed his/her maximum pitch count for the day the opposing manager and/or official scorekeeper and/or tournament director must inform the pitcher's manager before the violation occurs. If a violation is discovered after it occurs the pitcher is simply removed from the mound and no further penalty will be invoked.

B) Rest Rule Violation

If a pitcher pitches without proper rest as defined in Rule 23.01 the game will be forfeited to the opposing team. Such a violation may be protested by the opposing team up to 48 hours after the game upon the discovery of the violation. At a Provincial Championship, the violation must be protested at the time it occurs.

23.09 Enforcement and Tracking

- A)** Managers will be responsible for tracking the pitch count of their pitchers and may assign this duty to their scorekeeper, assistant coach, etc., however it is ultimately the manager's responsibility to ensure pitch count is followed.
- B)** Each team is responsible for maintaining a log of pitches thrown by their pitchers on the form provided by BC Minor. A team may request to view their opposition's pitch count log prior to a game. A manager failing to maintain an accurate log may be reported to BC Minor and may face supplemental discipline including the forfeiture of games.
- C)** Under no circumstances will umpires be expected to track or enforce pitch count.
- D)** In provincial tournaments the official scorekeeper will be responsible for tracking pitch count. The official scorer will be responsible for ensuring a pitcher does not exceed his/her daily pitch limit. Pitch counts logs must be made available to all teams upon request.