

VI. PITCHING RULES

- a) Any player on a team roster may pitch.
- b) Pitcher's Eligibility, "the LYBA pitch count rule"
 - 1) Effective beginning opening day and lasts through the end of the regular season. The pitch count rule applies to LYBA teams playing elsewhere during our regular season (including the Shrine Tournament).
 - 2) Pitchers who throw 20 pitches or less per game are required 0 days of rest prior to pitching in another scheduled game.
 - 3) Pitchers who throw 21-40 pitches are required to rest 1 calendar day prior to pitching in another scheduled game.
 - 4) Pitchers who throw 41-60 pitches are required to rest 2 calendar days prior to pitching in another scheduled game.
 - 5) Farm pitchers who throw 61-75 pitches are required to rest 3 calendar days prior to pitching in another scheduled game, no FARM pitcher can throw more than 75 pitches in one game.
EXCEPTION: If a pitcher reaches the division pitch limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue until the batter a) is put out, b) reaches base, or c) the half-inning ends.
 - 6) Varsity pitchers who throw 61-85 pitches are required to rest 3 calendar days prior to pitching in another scheduled game, no VARSITY pitcher can throw more than 85 pitches in one game.
EXCEPTION: If a pitcher reaches the division pitch limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue until the batter a) is put out, b) reaches base, or c) the half-inning ends.

Pitch Count Summary

<u>Division</u>	<u>Max Pitches per Day</u>
Varsity	85 Pitches per day
Farm	75 Pitches per day

<u>Pitches in Game</u>	<u>Calendar Days of Rest</u>
61 or more	3 days
41 to 60	2 days
21 to 40	1 day
1 to 20	no rest

- c) Make-up games fall under pitcher's eligibility on the day the game is made up.
- d) A pitcher may pitch in one or more games per week, but each is limited to the above pitch count and subject to rest periods described in section (b).
- e) A player once removed as a pitcher may not pitch again in the same game.
- f) Not more than five (5) pitchers per team shall be used in the same game.
EXCEPTION: In case of injury to a fifth pitcher an additional pitcher may be used.

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- g) Violation of any section of this regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs. Protest shall be made in accordance with Playing Rule 4.19. **NOTE:** The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after that pitcher is announced, but before a ball is pitched shall not be considered a violation. Lakewood Youth League officials are urged to take precautions to prevent protests. When a protest situation is imminent, the potential offender should be notified immediately. Pitches thrown in games declared "no contest" or "Regulation Drawn Games" shall be charged against pitcher's eligibility for that week.
- h) Violation of the LYBA pitch count rule (pitcher's eligibility) will have the following penalties:
- 1) 1st offense – One (1) game suspension of the head coach.
 - 2) 2nd offense – The head coach will be suspended for the rest of the season.

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