

# 2020 NHYB Pitching Rules

NHYB follows the guidelines for pitching as outlined herein as local rules and these rules take precedence over the Official Babe Ruth Rule book.

A. Any player on a regular season team may pitch. (NOTE: There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.) 12 year-olds that are playing in Majors National are permitted to pitch.

B. A pitcher once removed from the mound cannot return as a pitcher. This rule applies at all competitive levels including the Senior League. The Manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below with the following exceptions (NOTE: the pitcher may remain in the game at another position):

C. Exceptions: (1) If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in paragraph D below while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: (a) That batter reaches base; (b) That batter is put out; or (c) The third out is made to complete the half-inning.

The total amount of pitches thrown by the pitcher, a number that may exceed the limitations shown in Paragraph D and effect the days rest that pitcher must observe, will be the number used for pitch count purposes. For example, if an 8 year-old pitcher begins a batter at his 49th pitch and completes the batter on his 54th pitch his pitch total is 54. He will need three calendar days rest. It does not revert back to the maximum (50) allotment for a pitcher that age which would require only two calendar days rest. This interpretation is consistent with the basis for all of our pitch count rules which is to protect our pitchers.

D. The maximum amount of pitches per day is as follows:

Ages 7-8	50 pitches per day
Ages 9-10	75 pitches per day
Ages 11-12	85 pitches per day

E. Pitchers league age 12 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day	four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed
If a player pitches 51 - 65 pitches in a day	three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed
If a player pitches 36 - 50 pitches in a day	two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed
If a player pitches 21 - 35 pitches in a day	one (1) calendar days of rest must be observed
If a player pitches 1 - 20 pitches in a day	no (0) calendar days of rest is required

F. In the Senior League a pitcher may not pitch more than 4 innings in any 1 game

G. Violation of any section of this regulation can result in a protest of the game. A protest must be made before the Teams leave the field. Managers should understand these rules thoroughly and do everything possible to avoid protest situations.

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H. A player may not pitch in more than one NHYB game in one day.

## NOTES:

The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after that pitcher is announced, or after a warm-up pitch is delivered, but before that player has pitched a ball to a batter, shall not be considered a violation. NHYB will take every precaution to prevent protests. When a protest situation is imminent, the potential offender should be notified immediately. Pitches delivered in games declared "Regulation Tie Games" or "Suspended Games" shall be charged against pitcher's eligibility. In suspended games resumed on another day, the pitchers of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of their eligibility for that day, provided said pitcher has observed the required days of rest.

Example 1: A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on the following Thursday. The pitcher is not eligible to pitch in the resumption of the game because he/she has not observed the required days of rest.

Example 2: A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on Saturday. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 85 more pitches in the resumption of the game because he/she has observed the required days of rest.

Example 3: A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes two weeks later. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 85 more pitches in the resumption of the game, provided he/she is eligible based on his/her pitching record during the previous three days (or four days, if the league is using Option 2).

## I. Pitching Conferences

- a. A Manager or Coach may request a time out to confer with his/her pitcher. A pitching conference may take place on the field (i.e. on the mound).
- b. A conference may include the catcher, pitcher and any or all players currently on the field.
- c. A pitcher must be removed from the mound on the third conference per inning or fourth overall conference with that pitcher (excluding injuries) even if the conference was not with the pitcher.
- d. If a Manager or Coach goes to the mound between innings, it will count as a conference with the pitcher regardless of whether the pitcher is on the mound or not.
- e. If a Manager or Coach needs to work on the mound or go on the field, they must first get permission from the umpire in charge so that they will not be charged with a conference.

J. Hit Batsman - Any pitcher who hits three (3) batters in the same game shall be immediately removed from the position of pitcher and shall not be eligible to pitch for the remainder of that game.

K. Balks - There will be one (1) warning per pitcher for balks in games played at the 50/70 format. Upon the call of the first balk, the umpire will declare the play dead and any advancement or play will not count and play will resume from the same situation from just prior to the occurrence of balk.