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Germantown Baseball League Pitch Count and Tournament Rules

The spirit and intent of the following rules are established to protect athletes throwing arms from over-use injuries. They are not intended to restrict a team’s ability to compete effectively, nor are they targeted towards any specific situation. These rules are immediately in force for all end of season tournament play.

Pitch Counts

1. A pitcher may not pitch in non-GBL games while the team is participating in the end of season tournament.
2. Pitchers removed from the position may not return as Pitchers within the same game.
3. The Head Coach is responsible to remove the pitcher when individual pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below. The pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

Age Bracket:

- I. 15-18: 90 pitches per day
- II. 13-14: 90 pitches per day
- III. 11-12: 80 pitches per day
- IV. 9-10: 60 pitches per day

4. **Exception:** If a pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age bracket while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs:
 - I. That batter reaches base;
 - II. That batter is put out;
 - III. The third out is made to complete the half-inning
5. All Pitchers age 18 and under must adhere to the following requirements:
 - A. If a player pitches 46 or more pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest, (see below), must be observed. Example: Pitch Saturday. Rest Sunday, Monday, eligible to pitch again Tuesday.
 - B. If a player pitches 21 to 45 pitches in a day, one calendar day of rest, (see 6. below), must be observed. Example: Pitch Saturday. Rest Sunday, eligible to pitch again Monday.
 - C. If a player pitches 1 to 20 pitches in a day, no rest is required.

46 or more pitches	2 Days Rest
21 to 45 pitches	1 Day Rest
1 to 20 pitches	Available

6. A player may not pitch in back to back games. **Exceptions** – A player may pitch in consecutive games if:
 - A. Less than 21 pitches were pitched in the previous game, or,
 - B. In a game suspended by darkness, weather, or other causes and resumed the following calendar day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was halted may continue to the

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extent of his/her eligibility, provided player delivered 40 or less pitches.

C. Required rest days have elapsed.

D. **During a tournament Championship game only**, if a team plays back-to-back games on the same day, the pitcher is eligible to accumulate their maximum allowable pitches.

Examples:

- I. 9-10: 45 in game 1, 15 in game 2
- II. 11-12: 45 in game 1, 35 in game 2
- III. 13-14: 45 in game 1, 45 in game 2
- IV. 15-18: 45 in game 1, 45 in game 2

7. In the event of a game that is suspended by darkness, weather, or other causes and resumed more than one calendar day later, the provisions of (6.) above shall apply.
8. Failure to remove a pitcher who has reached his/her maximum number of pitches required by league age or use of an ineligible pitcher is basis for protest. A protest is called by a Head Coach only-in consultation with the umpire while the umpire remains on the field (meaning the game is underway or within time limits). The umpire may choose to include the Director on Duty for clarifications. Umpires can at their discretion revise outs/pitch count if/where a violation has occurred (With or without Director on Duty input). In the event that intentional excess pitch count occurs, the player is to be ejected from the remainder of the game and will remain in the dugout.
9. Additional penalties up to and including disqualification of the Head Coach from further tournament participation may be imposed if, in the opinion of the GBL Directors and Umpires Committee:
A coach takes any action that results in flagrant violation of the GBL Code of conduct. A coach willfully and knowingly disregards the requirements of this set of rules.

Additional Rules

10. Intentional walks require (4) thrown balls to the catcher, outside the hitting zone. (No automatic walks without throwing). Balls thrown do count against total pitches, and are live play (meaning—a batter can attempt to hit them while in batter's box, pass ball's are live for on-base runners).
11. End of Season player evaluations must be completed and turned in to League Directors PRIOR to any post-season play.

Pitch Count Tracking and Reporting

12. Tracking of pitch counts is required to be maintained by each team within their scorebooks. At the conclusion of each inning, scorers from each team should confer on pitch counts and record in their scorebooks. Each team's head coach is responsible for accurate and timely tracking, recording and reporting.
13. The home team is responsible for reporting scores and pitch count information to the league director designee. They will provide pitcher names and pitch count totals for both teams.
14. Directors will track and post pitch counts on GBL website.

Tournament Time of play

15. A game is complete at the end of regulation time. A (15) minute maximum extension to complete 4 or 5 innings is allowable at the Umpires discretion. In the event of a tie, each team will (in order of inning rotation) place the previous inning's last three batters in rotation on base—last on third, second on second base, first on first base. Fourth batter and any sequential batters will face opposing team's pitcher until one out is achieved. Runs scored from any live play apply to score. Winner determined by final score. Repeat if needed to break tie.
 - A. Official Game Time:
 - i. 9-10: 1:20

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- ii. 11-12: 1:45
 - iii. 13-14, 15-18: 1:45
- B. Slaughter rules are enforce (12 runs in 4 innings, 11 runs in 5 innings)