

2010 Pitching Rules & Rule Changes:

Rule changes for 2010 can found at:

http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/forms_pubs/media/PitchingRegulationChanges_BB_11-13-09.pdf

Rules that are likely to have the largest impact are:

1. Games of rest are no longer required; instead only days of rest are required. Also, the number pitches for the days rest criteria has changed.
2. Once a pitcher delivers **41** pitches in a game he cannot play catcher for the remainder of the day.

In compliance with Little League pitching rules, the McKinney Little League board has adopted the following rules:

1. The home team will provide the official scorekeeper and the visiting team will be required to provide an individual to record pitch counts on a Pitch Log which will be provided by the visiting team. The count of the official pitch count recorder is conclusive. A copy of the pitch log can be found at http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/old_assets/media/Pitching_Log.pdf
2. The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.
3. The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted in Regulation VI (c). The umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed in accordance with Regulation VI (c). However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in-chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.
4. At the conclusion of the game the coaches from both teams will complete and sign the Baseball Pitcher Eligibility Tracking Forms, which will be signed by coaches from both teams and by the official pitch count recorder. A tracking form is attached or can be downloaded at <http://mckinneyllb.com/ufiles/pitchingform.pdf>
5. Coaches are responsible for only pitching "eligible" pitchers and should have the Tracking Forms from prior games. The official pitch count recorder will review the Tracking Forms prior to the game and note any ineligible pitchers.
6. If a team fails to produce the Tracking Form, then the game will continue to be played, however the opposing team can notify the umpire that they are protesting and the noncompliant team will be required to subsequently provide an Eligibility Tracking Form to the appropriate league commissioner in order to avoid a possible forfeit. A second failure to provide the form will also result in a one game suspension for the manager and a third failure produces a two game suspension, and so forth.

Frequently asked questions regarding pitch count regulations may be viewed at http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/old_assets/media/pitchcount_faq_08.pdf and a the full 22 page publication “Protecting Young Pitching Arms” can be viewed and downloaded at http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/old_assets/media/Pitch_Count_Publication_2008.pdf