

## **Pitching FAQ:**

1. Can I protest a pitcher who is over his innings on the next pitch after he has reached his max innings? NO, you have to let him record an out above his pitching limits and he has to be the pitcher of record to win the protest. If he has been replaced as the pitcher, you have missed your chance to protest.
2. If a pitcher is over his innings and he is in the dugout on offense, can I protest with that team being on offense. Yes you can, that player is still the pitcher of record.
3. If a starting pitcher is removed from the mound can he return to the mound? NO. If the pitcher has innings left, the pitcher is replaced and there is no forfeit

## **Pitching rules to keep in mind**

1. You can never pitch more than 3 days in a row.
2. You can never pitch more than 6 innings in a day for 12 and under and 7 in a day for 13 and 14u.
3. If you pitch more than 3 innings in a day, you must rest the next day.
4. There is an 8 inning max for any three days for all ages. Remember, you must always look back 2 days from the current day to check on the 8 Inning max.
5. An out has to be recorded before a pitcher is in violation of any pitching rules. A day of rest does not reset pitching.
6. Pitching examples for tournament longer than 2 days:
  1. **A. Examples:** that apply to all ages 14 and below:
    1. Day 1: 3innings, Day 2: 0 Innings, Day 3 max is 5 innings.
    2. Day 1: 1 inning, Day 2: 1/3inning, Day3: 2-1/3 inning, Day 4 player can't pitch because would be 4th day in a row. Day 5: max of 5-2/3.
    3. Day 1: 6innings, Day 2: 0 innings, Day 3: 2 innings max. 4. Day 1: 2innings, Day 2: 3 innings, Day 3: 3Innings, Day 4: 0 innings, Day 5: 5 innings max.
  2. **B. Example:** that only applies to 13 and Up: 1. Day 1: 7 innings, Day 2: 0 innings, Day 3: 1 Inning, Day 4: 3 Inning, Day 5: 4 Inning max. Any verbal answers received by park staff will still be the responsibility of the coach to make sure he is within the pitching guidelines. It is easy to be confused when talking about pitching. Please use this along with the national USSSA rule book to determine what pitching you have left each day. There are no free passes on pitching violations for any reason. Don't ask umpires about pitching rules. That is not their job. This is the responsibility of the manager and there are no acceptable reasons to violate the pitching limits. You will forfeit if protested for being over the pitching limits.