

TOURNAMENT RULES AND GUIDELINES CHANGES FOR 2007

Changes adopted for the 2007 Tournament Rules and Guidelines are noted in **red**.

This paragraph will be added to “Responsibility and Chain of Command” in the preamble to the Tournament Rules (between the fourth and fifth paragraphs) in the baseball and softball rule books...

The Tournament Committee also reserves the right to impose any of the above penalties if, in its judgment, any player, manager or coach displays unsportsmanlike conduct during the game, at the game site, or at any event related to the International Tournament. The decision of the Tournament Committee is final and binding.

The following will replace Tournament Rule 4 in its entirety (including Big League as noted below) in the Baseball Rule Book...

4. PITCHING RULES – LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, 9-10 YEAR OLD, 10-11 YEAR OLD DIVISION, JUNIOR LEAGUE AND SENIOR LEAGUE

These rules replace the regular season pitching regulations. Violation of these pitching rules is subject to protest and forfeiture by decree of the Tournament Committee in Williamsport if protested before the umpire(s) leave the playing field.

- a. Any player on a tournament team may pitch. (**NOTE:** There is no limit to the number of pitchers a tournament team may use in a game.)
- b. A tournament pitcher may not pitch in regular season or Special Games while the team is still participating in the tournament.
- c. Pitchers once removed from the mound may not return as pitchers.
Junior/Senior League: A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.
- d. The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

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| League Age: 13-16 | 95 pitches per day |
| 11-12 | 85 pitches per day |
| 10 and under | 75 pitches per day |

Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed above for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until that batter

reaches base or is put out. **Note 1: Intentional Walk** – Before a pitch is delivered to the batter, the catcher must inform the umpire-in-chief that the defensive team wishes to give the batter an intentional base on balls. The umpire-in-chief waves the batter to first base. The ball is dead.

- e. Pitchers league age 16 and under must adhere to the following requirements:
 - If a player pitches 46 or more pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 21 to 45 pitches in a day, one calendar day of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 1 to 20 pitches in a day, no rest is required.
- f. A player may not pitch in consecutive games. Exceptions – A player may pitch in consecutive games if:
 - 1. less than 21 pitches were pitched in the previous game, or,
 - 2. the previous game was at another level, and the pitcher has received the required number of days of rest as noted in (e.) above. (Levels are District, Section, State, Division, Region, and World Series.)
- g. A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.

4. PITCHING RULES – BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

These rules replace the regular season pitching regulations. Violation of these pitching rules is subject to protest and forfeiture by decree of the Tournament Committee in Williamsport if protested before the umpire(s) leave the playing field.

- a. Any player on a tournament team may pitch. (**NOTE:** There is no limit to the number of pitchers a tournament team may use in a game.)
- b. A tournament pitcher may not pitch in regular season or Special Games while the team is still participating in the tournament.
- c. A pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once per game.

Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed above for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until that batter reaches base or is put out. **Note 1: Intentional Walk** – Before a pitch is delivered to the batter, the catcher must inform the umpire-in-chief that the defensive team wishes to give the batter an intentional base on balls. The umpire-in-chief waves the batter to first base. The ball is dead.

- d. The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

League Age: 16 – 18 105 pitches per day

- e. Pitchers league age 16 and above must adhere to the following requirements:
 - If a player pitches 51 or more pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 26 to 50 pitches in a day, one calendar day of rest must be observed.
 - If a player pitches 1 to 25 pitches in a day, no rest is required.
- f. A player may not pitch in consecutive games. Exceptions – A player may pitch in consecutive games if:
 1. less than 26 pitches were pitched in the previous game, or,
 2. the previous game was at another level, and the pitcher has received the required number of days of rest as noted in (e.) above. (Levels are District, Section, State, Division, Region, and World Series.)
- g. A player may not pitch in more than two games in a day.

The following will replace Tournament Rule 9. c. in its entirety the Baseball and Softball Rule Books...

- c. Failure to meet the mandatory play requirements in this rule is a basis for protest. If one or more players on a roster do not meet this requirement, and if protested before the umpires leave the playing field, it shall result (by action of the Tournament Committee) in the suspension of the team's manager for the next two scheduled tournament games, even if those games are played at the next tournament level. Additional penalties (up to and including forfeiture of a game and/or disqualification of the team, managers or coaches from further tournament participation) may be imposed if, in the opinion of the Tournament Committee:
 1. a manager or coach takes any action that results in making a travesty of the game, causing players to intentionally perform poorly for the purpose of extending or shortening a game, or;
 2. a team fails to meet the requirements of this rule more than once during the International Tournament, which begins with District play and ends at the World Series level (State level for 9-10, and 10-11), or;
 3. a manager willfully and knowingly disregards the requirements of this rule.A manager or coach suspended for any reason is not permitted to be at the game site and must not take any part in the game, nor have any communications whatsoever with any persons at the game site. Violation may result, by action of the Tournament Committee, in further suspension, forfeiture of a game and/or disqualification of the team, managers or coaches from further tournament participation.

This rule replaces the recommendation for the distance from home plate to the outfield fence on baseball fields (Physical Conditions)...

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b. Outfield fences for the Little League Division must be a maximum of 225 feet from home plate and a minimum of 195 feet (Little League); For 9-10 and 10-11 divisions, a maximum of 225 feet and a minimum of 180 feet; For Junior League, a maximum of 300 feet and a minimum of 250 feet; For Senior League and Big League, a maximum of 420 feet and a minimum of 280 feet.

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