

The Pitcher: 7.05.A **A player removed from the pitching position (starting pitcher or subsequent relief pitcher) may not return to the pitching position for the remainder of the game.** The defensive team may correct this rules infraction at any time by substituting a legal pitcher without penalty. If an illegal pitcher is permitted to pitch, any pitch or play that results is legal. The rule violation should be caught by the Umpire or the offensive team and immediately corrected. If the violating pitcher has legal innings remaining, the violation is deemed an improper substitution and is corrected without penalty. If the violating pitcher has no legal innings remaining, it's deemed a pitching limitations violation pursuant to USSSA Rule 7.05. B.7.

7.05.B.1 ONE DAY MAXIMUM TO PITCH THE NEXT DAY: The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in one (1) day and still pitch the next day.

Rule 7.05.B.1 Example: In the 7U – 14U **age (10U and 13U in Tri Co)divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of three (3) innings in one (1) day and still legally pitch the next day.** If the player pitches three and one-third (3 1/3) or more innings in one (1) day, the player cannot legally pitch the next day.

7.05.B.2 ONE DAY MAXIMUM: The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in one (1) day.

Rule 7.05.B.2 Example: In the 7U – 12U (10U and 13U for Tri Co)age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of six (6) innings in one (1) day. The player would be ineligible to pitch the next day

7.05.B.3 THREE DAY MAXIMUM: The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in three (3) consecutive days. Rule 7.05.B.3 Example: In the 7U – 14U (10U and 13U for Tri Co.)age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of eight (8) innings in three (3) consecutive days. This is to be interpreted as a player may legally pitch any combination of innings to equal eight (8) innings in two (2) days as long as the player doesn't pitch more than three (3) innings the first (1st) day. Similarly, as a player may legally pitch any combination of innings to equal eight (8) innings in three (3) days as long as the player doesn't pitch more than three (3) innings the first (1st) or second (2nd) days.

MANDATORY DAYS OF REST: 7.05.B.4(a) A player that pitches more than three (3) innings in one day MUST rest the next day.

7.05.B.4(b) A player that pitches eight (8) innings in two (2) consecutive days MUST rest the next day.

7.05.B.4(c) A player that pitches three (3) consecutive days (regardless of total quantity of innings pitched) MUST rest the next day.

7.05.B.5 For all cumulative totals in this rule, one (1) out equals one-third (1/3) of an inning, two (2) outs equals two-thirds (2/3) of an inning and three (3) outs equals one (1) full inning. ***A pitcher that pitches in a game and records no outs is not charged with any innings pitched *THIS USSSA RULE IS NOT USED IN TRI CO BASEBALL. IF A PITCHER FINISHES AN INNING WITHOUT RECORDING AN OUT, THAT INNING IS RECORDED AS AN INNING PITCHED. Because of league run rules this can often happen.**

7.05.B.6 Outs recorded during a game that ends in forfeit shall count towards a pitchers' innings limits.

7.05.B.7 For purposes of pitching limitations rules, a pitcher is in violation of the rule if he records any out above the legal pitching limits pursuant to these rules. Rule 7.05.C.7 Exception: Exceeding the

maximum innings allowed in the case of a double or triple play shall not be counted against the pitcher for the purpose of this rule but shall be counted towards the pitcher's limits with regards to the eligibility to pitch the next day, etc.

7.05.B.8 It shall be the responsibility of each team to challenge pitching violations by notifying the Umpire and then filing a Protest with the League / Tournament Director. A protest may be filed at any point after the pitcher in violation records any out beyond his legal limit AND while the pitcher in violation is in the game as the pitcher of record. If such violation is the last recorded out of the game, **the protest MUST be filed prior to the Umpires and the protesting team leaving the field of play.** Rule

7.05.B.1 – 7.05.B.7 Penalty: Any violation shall result in immediate forfeiture of the game

7.05.C Pitching mound visits will remain 2 coaches visits per inning, **with the second coaches visit to the same pitcher in the same inning resulting in a pitching change.**

7.05.D A Pitcher shall pitch to one batter, until the batter is put out, or reaches 1st base, or the inning is over. A pitcher that starts an inning must pitch to the first batter until the batter is put out or reaches 1st base. USSSA will NOT be using the MLB mandatory batter limits.

*ALTHOUGH THE 18U DIVISION HAS UNLIMITED PITCHING RULES, TRI CO HIGHLY RECOMMENDS REMAINING CAUTIOUS WITH THE PITCHERS IN THIS DIVISION.

*Tri Co baseball tournament rule for baseball pitchers: Pitch counts will start over on the first day of tournaments, regardless of how soon a league game was played prior to the tournament. **AT NO TIME DURING TOURNAMENTS WILL PITCH COUNTS BE WIPED CLEAN FROM TOURNAMENT PLAY. For example: Pitch counts prior to championship games in tournament will carry over to the championship game. No exceptions. Tournament managers do not have the league's permission to change this league rule.**