

**DHYS 2009 Pitch Count Rules**

<b>League</b>	<b>Pitch Count Limits</b>	<b>Rest Required</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Recorder</b>
Pony A / B	Thru 1 <sup>st</sup> week of March Maximum 75 per game 125 per week  After first week of March Maximum 80 per game 125 per week	1 - 20 pitches - no rest 21 - 40 pitches – 1 day rest 41 - 60 pitches – 2 days rest 61 + pitches – 3 days rest	Adopted <b>2009 Spring Rules</b>	If pitch count limit is reached in the middle of a batters at-bat, the pitcher may complete the at-bat.  Rest: If you pitch 21-40 pitches on Tuesday, next eligible day is Thursday, etc.  A player may pitch in consecutive games if 40 or less pitches were delivered in the previous BtoB game.	By Scorekeeper or Dugout Manager  Manager <b>must</b> turn in to LD within 24 hours of game completion
Bronco	Maximum 75 per game 100 per week  Maximum 3 innings per game	1 - 20 pitches - no rest 21 - 40 pitches – 1 day rest 41 - 60 pitches – 2 days rest 61 + pitches – 3 days rest	Adopted <b>2009 Spring Rules</b>	If pitch count limit is reached in the middle of a batters at-bat, the pitcher may complete the at-bat.  Rest: If you pitch 21-40 pitches on Tuesday, next eligible day is Thursday, etc.  Maximum innings are established to provide limited outings so DHYS can continue to develop a larger pool of pitchers.  A pitcher may pitch for a maximum of 3 innings per game. The Pitch Count at the end of the maximum will be used to establish Rest Days.	By Scorekeeper or Dugout Manager  Manager <b>must</b> turn in to LD within 24 hours of game completion
International	Maximum 50 per game 75 per week  Maximum 2 innings per game	1 - 20 pitches - no rest 21 - 40 pitches – 1 day rest 41 - 60 pitches – 2 days rest 61 + pitches – 3 days rest	Adopted <b>2009 Spring Rule</b>	This year’s managers, players and parents have been under these Guidelines since Spring 2008.  If pitch count limit is reached in the middle of a batters at-bat, the pitcher may complete the at-bat.  Maximum innings are established to provide limited outings so DHYS can continue to develop a larger pool of pitchers.  Rest: If you pitch 21-40 pitches on Tuesday, next eligible day is Thursday, etc.	By Scorekeeper or Dugout Manager  Manager <b>must</b> turn in to LD within 24 hours of game completion
Mustang	Maximum 50 per game 75 per week  Maximum 2 innings per game	1 - 20 pitches - no rest 21 - 40 pitches – 1 day rest 41 - 60 pitches – 2 days rest 61 + pitches – 3 days rest	Adopted <b>2009 Spring Rule</b>	If pitch count limit is reached in the middle of a batters at-bat, the pitcher may complete the at-bat.  Maximum innings are established to provide limited outings so DHYS can continue to develop a larger pool of pitchers.  Rest: If you pitch 21-40 pitches on Tuesday, next eligible day is Thursday, etc.	By Scorekeeper or Dugout Manager  Manager <b>must</b> turn in to LD within 24 hours of game completion
Pinto	<b>NO</b> Pitching Allowed		Adopt as <b>2009 Spring Rule</b>	No PONY or Dizzy Dean summer tournaments allow player pitching at this age group.	

**DHYS requests that all managers be proactive in promoting safety and developing best practice policies. Anybody who is aware of a potential violation during a game is encouraged to bring it to the attention of the manager and the affected athlete prior to a situation arising where penalties would be applied.**

1. Warm-up pitches do not count. Only pitches that would be recorded in the scorebook count. If a relief pitcher comes in “cold” the umpire **shall** allow the pitcher to warm up properly with **at least** ten warm up pitches.
2. Other throws that the pitcher makes are not counted – only pitches to a batter count (except pitches declared "no pitch" by the umpire).
3. The designated scorekeeper for each game shall be the official pitch counter and shall keep a running total of pitches for both teams and make the total available to both teams at the end of each inning. It is the responsibility of each manager to confirm with the scorekeeper at the end of each half inning that their pitch counts are in agreement. When a pitcher approaches his / her maximum, the scorekeeper will bring it to the attention of the managers and the umpire. Even if the scorekeeper does not notify the umpires / managers, the affected pitcher’s manager is still responsible for monitoring the count for his player and making the pitching change as required.
4. If pitch count limit is reached in a batters at-bat, the pitcher may complete the at-bat, without being charged an extra day (the next tier) of rest requirement.  
Rest: If you pitch 21-40 pitches on Tuesday, your next eligible day to pitch is Thursday, etc. In addition, if you start a new batter’s at-bat at 40 pitches and the last pitch thrown to this batter is pitch #46, the pitcher is charged with 40 pitches and still only required to rest 1 day.
5. The official pitch counter will inform the umpire when a pitcher has reached the maximum pitch count, remembering that if that pitcher reaches a limit during a batter they are allowed to complete that batter. The ump will be notified at the completion of that batter. The ump then informs the Manager that s/he must change pitchers. This is the only time the umpire is involved.
6. Game reports shall be filed with Leagues Directors. Managers will be required to produce their team pitching logs upon request.
7. Pitch Count Disagreement policy - If there is a disagreement between managers as to the number of pitches thrown by a pitcher, and it cannot be resolved by looking at the official book; the manager reporting the lower number of pitches will prevail
8. DHYS players are subject to these pitch count limitations and rest rules during scholastic and recreational inter-league play, irrespective of whether the opposing team is subject to the same limitations.

**Penalties for** First violation by a manager, a written warning will be issued to the manager.

1. **Second violation in a season, a 1 game suspension of the manager.**
  2. **Third violation in a season, a 3 game suspension.**
  3. **Fourth violation, an indefinite suspension until the issues are reviewed by the Rues & Conduct Committee.**
  4. In the event of a protest based on pitch count violations, the game may be subject to forfeit by the offending team, or such other penalty as the league / association may determine.
- The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after that pitcher is announced, or after a warm-up pitch is delivered, but before that player has pitched a ball to a batter, shall not be considered a violation.
  - Pitches delivered in games declared “Suspended Games” shall be charged against pitcher’s eligibility.
  - In suspended games resumed on another day, the pitchers of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of their eligibility for that day, provided said pitcher has observed the required days of rest.
    - Example: A pitcher delivers 70 pitches in game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on Thursday. The pitcher is not eligible to pitch in the resumption of the game because he/she has not observed the required three (3) days of rest.
  - In the replay of a “Protested Games” all player eligibility will be as if the game had not been protested. Pitcher eligibility will apply as they were at the time of protest.
  - A *rest day* is one full day as seen on the calendar. A *rest day* begins at midnight *following the performance* and ends at midnight the following evening.
  - When issuing a warning or suspension, the acting manager for that game and any action taken against an individual person should be taken against the person violating the rule.
    - Example: If the actual Manager of a team gets a warning and then is not present at the next game and one of his assistants who is the "ACTING MANAGER" violates the rule, the second violation should not punish the Manager who is absent but the person who violated the rule.