

—THE PITCHER—

TOURNAMENT RULES

(Tournament Play Only.) The following pitching rules apply to tournament play only. (30/40 HOUR RULE)

- 1) All players on the tournament team are eligible to pitch subject to pitch count limitations. A pitcher shall not throw more than 95 pitches in the same game or on the same day.
- 2) Pitches thrown in one tournament will affect the status of a pitcher in a succeeding tournament only if proper time (30/40 hours) has not elapsed. Specifically, if a pitcher hurls in excess of the pitch limitations, he must have either (30/40) hours of rest before he is eligible to pitch again, even if the next game is another tournament.
- 3) If a tournament game is interrupted for any reason before becoming official, and is suspended, the same pitcher may continue when play is resumed. Not to conflict with the number of pitches thrown in the same game or on the same day. A suspended game must be concluded before the next scheduled tournament game; therefore all pitching rules will remain the same as any other scheduled tournament game.
- 4) Names of each pitcher actually appearing in the games shall be placed on the back of the manager's copy of the Tournament Eligibility Affidavit along with the number of innings pitched and pitches thrown during his time on the mound. This record shall be signed by one of the following; the official scorer, the tournament director or his representative.
- 5) PITCH COUNT RESTRICTIONS - (30/40 Hour Rest Rules)
 - (a) A pitcher after having thrown more than 45 pitches but less than 76 pitches in the same game shall have a minimum of thirty (30) hours rest before becoming eligible to pitch in another game. A pitcher having thrown in excess of 75 pitches in a game is subject to a forty (40) hours rest period. The rest period begins when the pitcher leaves the mound.
 - (b) A pitcher may pitch in two games on the same day provided he throws less than 46 pitches in the first game and does not throw more than total pitches as allowed. A pitcher who throws more than 45 pitches but less than 76 pitches is subject to a 30 hour rest rule. A pitcher after having thrown more than 45 pitches in the same game or a cumulative total that exceeds 45 pitches on the same day shall be governed by the rest rule.
- 6) A manager shall be allowed to change pitchers in tournament play as many times as is desired as long as the Substitution Rule (in these Tournament Rules) is not violated. Any pitcher being replaced on the mound by another pitcher cannot return to the mound.
- 7) No game will be forfeited because of the violation of one of the RYB pitching rules because it is the manager's responsibility to know the RYB pitching rules and to ascertain the eligibility of opposing pitchers prior to each of his team's games. If, however, an ineligible pitcher is used during the course of a game, he shall, upon discovery, be immediately replaced on the mound by an eligible pitcher and all plays occurring while the ineligible pitcher was on the mound shall become "official." The ineligible pitcher will further be ineligible from pitching in the team's next game that he would have been eligible to pitch in. The manager will be ineligible to participate in the team's next game. A bye or forfeit shall not be considered to be a game in determining the next game that a pitcher would have been eligible to pitch in or a manager to coach in. The discovery of an ineligible pitcher may be made

and the aforementioned penalty imposed up to one-half (1/2) hour prior to the scheduled time of his team's next game.

NOTE: For the purpose of determining violation of RYB pitching rules, an ineligible pitcher shall violate one of the rules only when he throws a pitch to a batter in an inning or performs any defensive act, not when he takes his warm-up pitches from the pitching rubber.

Commissioner's clarification: Any ELIGIBLE pitcher must pitch to a batter until he reaches first base or is retired.