



PITCHING REGULATIONS



Note: These Regulations are found in the WBSC Official Rule Page 174 to 183

A1.6.1.5 In case of difficulties related to the last day of

In the event of a competition, only those games necessary to establish the final positions of the top three teams will be rescheduled. No team will be required to play more than two games on the same day, except in cases of such special circumstances and provided that both teams affected by this measure agree. If the special circumstances persist and any of the teams involved refuse to play two games on the same day, the WBSC CEO has the authority to officially determine whether or not they should play and the team(s) will be obliged to do so if the WBSC CEO's decision so provides. If the team(s) do not agree to play, they will forfeit the game for failure to appear.

A1.6.1.6 According to the WBSC Official Baseball Rules, for nine (9) inning games, a game is considered regulation if five innings have been completed (4 1/2 innings if the home team is winning) and the umpire calls the game. For six (6) or seven (7) inning games, a game is considered regulation if four innings have been completed (3 1/2 innings if the home team is winning) and the umpire calls the game. In all WBSC sanctioned events, umpires must wait a minimum of sixty (60) minutes and a maximum of ninety (90) minutes before making a decision on whether to call the game into regulation.

A1.6.1.7 If a play is in progress at the time when

If a fault occurs in the field lighting system and no further action is possible, the game shall be considered suspended. When the lighting is restored, the game shall continue in the same situation as at the beginning of the last move interrupted by the lack of light.

A1.7 BATES REGULATIONS

Note: The list is available on the WBSC website.

A bat that is not approved must be removed. Any bat that has been altered must be removed from play.

A1.7.1 U-12 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

The bat shall be made of wood or other materials meeting WBSC specifications as set out in this rule:

- It must be smooth and rounded with a constant radius at any point.
- There should be a direct line from the center of the fist to the center of the large end.
- The cuff and end plug, if present, must be firmly attached subjects.
- The length of the bat may not exceed 33 inches (0.83 m).
- The diameter of the bat shall not exceed 2 5/8 inches (0.06 m) not less than 2 1/4 inches (0.05 m).
- Single-piece wooden bats may be used provided they are included in the official list of WBSC approved bats for the current year.
- Multi-piece wooden bats or bats that are not made of Wood bats must have a Bat Performance Factor (BPF) of 1 or less. If the BPF is not visibly indicated on the bat, a manufacturer's proof and/or an alternative equivalent certification may be submitted to the Technical Commission for approval.

A1.7.2 U-15 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

Bats that are allowed to be used in the U-15 Baseball World Cups must be certified by the "Coefficient of

"Bats Restoration" (BBCOR):

- Bats must be BBCOR certified and clearly marked indicated on the bat.
- The entire bat must be round with a constant radius in any point and the finish of the striking area must be smooth.
- There should be a direct line from the center of the fist to the center of the large end. The cuff and end plug, if present, must be firmly attached
- The maximum length is 34 inches (0.86 m) and the maximum diameter is 2 5/8 inches (0.06 m).
- A bat may not weigh, numerically, more than three units less than the length of the bat (for example, a bat 34 inches (0.86 m) in length (0.86 m) may not weigh less than 31 ounces (0.87 kg).
- Single-piece wooden bats may be used provided they are included in the current year's WBSC Official List of Approved Bats.

A1.7.3 U-18 AND U-23 BASEBALL WORLD CUPS

Players may only use one-piece wooden bats that are included in the official list of approved wooden bats published by WBSC in the current year. Please refer to Appendix IV of the WBSC Baseball World Cup Tournament Regulations or the WBSC website.

The use of composite bats is prohibited (composite bats refer to wooden bats wrapped with fiberglass or other components or a combination of pieces rather than a solid piece of wood - the use of these bats is not permitted).

A1.7.4 WOMEN'S BASEBALL WORLD CUP

The use of non-wooden bats is permitted as long as they meet the following requirements:

- The entire bat must be round with a constant radius in any point and the finish of the striking area must be smooth.
- There should be a direct line from the center of the cuff to the center of the large end. The cuff and end plug, if present, should be firmly attached.
- The maximum length is 36 inches (0.91 m) and the maximum diameter is 2 3/4 inches (0.07 m).
- A bat cannot weigh, numerically, more than five units less than the length of the bat (for example, a 35-inch (0.89 m) long bat cannot weigh less than 30 ounces (0.85 kg)).
- It is mandatory that all bats bear a mark of identification 18 inches (0.45 m) from the end of the handle.
- The use of wooden bats is also authorized, provided they are included in the current year's approved official list published by the WBSC.

A1.8 PITCH LIMIT AT WORLD CUP The WBSC is concerned about the welfare and proper development of young athletes. The intent of this Rule is to protect the arms of young athletes during the growth period, therefore, it establishes a pitch limit for certain youth Baseball World Cups.

It is the responsibility of team coaches to keep track of their pitchers' pitch counts at all times and ensure that no athlete exceeds the limit.

maximum number of throws in their respective age categories.

If a pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches during an active at-bat, the pitcher may be substituted or may finish with the same batter.

If the Team Manager does not substitute the pitcher before the maximum number of pitches allowed is exceeded, for the safety of the athlete, the Technical Commissioner will ask the Plate Umpire to stop the game and the pitcher will be substituted. The Manager and/or the National Federation will be subject to the appropriate infraction penalties (see specific penalties below).

A.1.8.1 U-12 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

Each pitcher must serve one day(s) of rest as follows:

NUMBER OF RELEASES	1 – 30	31 – 45	46 – 60	61 – 75	Max. 85
DAYS OF REST	Without rest	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days

The technical commissioner will ultimately determine the exact pitch count using all information gathered from the official scorers plus his own work and will make final decisions on protests.

Note:

- a. Official Scorers must accurately record pitch counts, and pitchers who are not available to pitch will be listed on a daily report;
- b. Pitch counts by the same pitchers in games on the same day will be aggregated to determine pitcher availability;
- c. A pitcher may only pitch three (3) consecutive days, if the
 - The pitch count for the previous two days does not exceed thirty (30) pitches. It should be noted that when a pitcher pitches on consecutive days, his pitch count from the previous day(s) will be used to determine the number of pitches allowed for that day. For example, if a pitcher throws 29 pitches on two days, he is allowed to pitch on the third day because the total pitch count

of pitches was less than 30, but you can only make a maximum of 56 pitches on the third day (maximum of 85 minus the 29). Whatever the number of pitches made on the three consecutive days will determine the days

of rest required. In the example above, the pitcher would need the full 4 days of rest;

- d. If the pitcher's day 1 + day 2 exceed thirty (30), need at least one (1) day of rest. The pitcher cannot pitch four (4) consecutive days. One (1) day of rest is required; and
- e. If a pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches, he may not play as a pitcher under the applicable rest day(s), however, he is permitted to play as a position player during such rest day(s).

Penalty:

- Expulsion of the Team Manager;
- Manager suspended for at least the next game scheduled (including possible rescheduled games) of the team in the same competition;
- National Federation fined with Level-A violation, violation of pitch count limit, minimum \$2,000 USD.

Example of Pitch Count Rule:

PITCHER	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
LAUNCHER 1	25	11	X				
LAUNCHER 2	45	X					
LAUNCHER 3	60	X	X				
LAUNCHER 4	75	X	X	X			
LAUNCHER 5	85	X	X	X	X		
PITCHER 6	15	5	5	X			
PITCHER 7	15	5	15	X			
PITCHER 8	15	5	26	X	X		
PITCHER 9	15	5	41	X	X	X	
PITCHER 10	15	5	65 (max) X		X	X	X

	Launcher Availability
55	Sample number of launches
X	Mandatory rest day according to the Regulation

A1.8.2 U-15 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

Each pitcher must serve one day(s) of rest as follows:

NUMBER OF RELEASES	1 – 35	36 – 50	51 – 65	66 – 80	Max. 95
REST DAYS Without rest		1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days

(no more than 95 pitches will be allowed)

The Technical Commissioner will ultimately determine the exact pitch count using all information gathered from the official scorers plus his own work and will make final decisions on protests.

Note:

- a. Official Scorers must accurately record pitch counts, and pitchers who are not available to pitch will be listed on a daily report;
- b. The count of throws made by the same pitchers in games on the same day to determine pitcher availability;
- c. A pitcher may only pitch three (3) consecutive days, if the pitch count for the two previous days does not exceed thirty-five (35) pitches. It should be noted that when a pitcher pitches on consecutive days, his pitch count from the previous day(s) will be used to determine the number of pitches allowed for that day. For example, if a pitcher throws 34 pitches on two days, he is allowed to pitch on the third day because the total pitch count was less than 35, but he may only throw a maximum of 61 pitches on the third day (maximum of 95 minus the 34). Whatever the number of pitches thrown on the three consecutive days will determine the days of rest required. In the example above, the pitcher would need the full 4 days of rest;
- d. If the pitch count is thirty-six (36) or higher on those two days, that pitcher will need one (1) day of rest;
- e. The pitcher cannot pitch four (4) consecutive days. You will need at least one (1) day of rest;
- f. When a pitcher reaches any of the thresholds, he or she may not play as a pitcher under the applicable rest day(s), however, the pitcher may play as a position player during such rest day(s).

Penalty:

- Expulsion of the Team Manager;
- Manager suspended for at least the next game scheduled (including possible rescheduled games) of the team in the same competition; and
- National Federation fined with Level-A violation, violation of pitch count limit, minimum \$2,000 USD.

Example of the pitch counting rule:

PITCHER	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
LAUNCHER 1	25	11	X				
LAUNCHER 2	50	X					
LAUNCHER 3	65	X	X				
LAUNCHER 4	80	X	X	X			
LAUNCHER 5	95	X	X	X	X		
PITCHER 6	15	15	4	X			
PITCHER 7	15	15	15	X			
PITCHER 8	15	15	21	X	X		
PITCHER 9	15	15	36	X	X	X	
PITCHER 10	15	15	65 (max) X		X	X	X

Launcher Availability
55 Sample number of launches
X Mandatory rest day according to the Regulation

A1.8.3 U-18 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

Each pitcher must serve one day(s) of rest as follows:

NUMBER OF RELEASES	1 – 40	41 – 55	56 – 75	76 – 90	91 – 105
REST DAYS Without rest		1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days

The Technical Commissioner will ultimately determine the exact pitch count using all information gathered from the official scorers plus his own work and will make final decisions on protests.

Note:

- a. Official Scorers must accurately record pitch counts, and pitchers who are not available to pitch will be listed on a daily report;
- b. The count of throws made by the same pitchers in games on the same day to determine pitcher availability;
- c. A pitcher may only pitch three (3) consecutive days, if the Launch count for the previous two days does not exceed the forty (40) pitches. It should be noted that when a pitcher pitches on consecutive days, his pitch count from the previous day(s) will be used to determine the number of pitches allowed for that day. For example, if a pitcher throws 39 pitches on two days, he is allowed to pitch on the third day because the total pitch count was less than 40, but he can only throw a maximum of 66 pitches on the third day (maximum of 105 minus the 39). Whatever the number of pitches thrown on the three consecutive days will determine the days of rest required. In the example above, the pitcher would need the full 4 days of rest;
- d. If the pitch count is forty-one (41) or higher on those two days, said pitcher will need one (1) day of rest;
- e. A pitcher may not pitch four (4) consecutive days. needs at least one (1) day of rest;
- f. When a pitcher reaches any of the thresholds, he or she may not play as a pitcher under the applicable rest day(s), however, the pitcher may play as a position player during such rest day(s).

Penalty:

- Expulsion of the Team Manager;
- Manager suspended for at least the next game scheduled (including possible rescheduled games) of the team in the same competition; and
- National Federation fined with Level-A violation, violation of pitch count limit, minimum \$2,000 USD.



Example of the pitch counting rule:

PITCHER	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
LAUNCHER 1	25	16	X				
LAUNCHER 2	50	X					
LAUNCHER 3	65	X	X				
LAUNCHER 4	80	X	X	X			
LAUNCHER 5	95	X	X	X	X		
PITCHER 6	15	20	4	X			
PITCHER 7	15	20	20	X			
PITCHER 8	15	20	21	X	X		
PITCHER 9	15	20	41	X	X	X	
PITCHER 10	15	20	70 (max) X		X	X	X

 	Launcher Availability
55	Sample number of launches
X	Mandatory rest day according to the Regulation

A1.8.4 U-23 AND WOMEN'S BASEBALL WORLD CUPS

There are no limits on the number of pitches for the U-23 and Women's Baseball World Cups.

A2. SCORING RULES

A2.1 GAMES CANCELED DUE TO FORFEIT

In this case, the Official Scorer will consider the final result as the table below, regardless of the result existing at the time the game was cancelled.

U-12 BASEBALL WORLD CUP	6 entries	6-0
U-15, U-18 BASEBALL WORLD CUPS, U-23 & WOMEN	7 entries	7-0
PREMIER12	9 entries	9-0

A2.2 WINNING PITCHER

A starting pitcher to score the victory in the game must pitch a minimum of:

PREMIER12	5 entries	4 innings in a 5 inning regulation game
BASEBALL WORLD CUPS SUB-15, SUB-18, SUB-23 & WOMEN	4 entries	3 innings in a regulation 4 or 5 inning game
U-12 BASEBALL WORLD CUP	4 entries	3 innings in a regulation 4 or 5 inning game

A2.3 PITCHER'S EARNED RUN AVERAGE COEFFICIENT

PREMIER12	9
BASEBALL WORLD CUPS SUB-15, SUB-18, SUB-23 & WOMEN	7
U-12 BASEBALL WORLD CUP	6

A2.4 MINIMUM TIMES AT BAT COEFFICIENT

PREMIER12	2.7
BASEBALL WORLD CUPS SUB-15, SUB-18, SUB-23 & WOMEN	2.1
U-12 BASEBALL WORLD CUP	1.6

