

RECOMMENDED ARM CARE RULE CHANGES

Note: Proposed rule changes highlighted in red are proposed new rules. Rules highlighted in blue are existing rules that have been modified for clarity to be consistent with the pitch count rules proposed herein.

Motion 1:

To remove P2.10(a)-(c) & (h)-(u) and replace with the following new section P2.11, relettering as necessary:

P2.11 – ARM CARE RULES

- (a) Unless otherwise stated, all Arm Care Rules listed in P2.11 shall be in force throughout the baseball season and apply to all league play and tournament play as sanctioned by Baseball Ontario or any Affiliated Association.
- (b) Unless otherwise stated, all Arm Care Rules listed in P2.11 shall be enforced at all Series 21U-Junior and below.
- (c) Pitchers shall be limited to the number of pitches thrown in a single day as outlined below. Pitchers are required to rest in accordance with the chart below as determined by the total number of pitches thrown on any one calendar day.

11U - Mosquito	13U - Peewee	15U - Bantam	18U - Midget	21U - Junior	Rest Required
1-25	1-30	1-35	1-40	1-45	None
26-40	31-45	36-50	41-55	46-60	1 day
41-55	46-60	51-65	56-70	61-75	2 days
56-65	61-75	66-80	71-85	76-90	3 days
66-75	76-85	81-95	86-105	91-115	4 days
75	85	95	105	115	Daily Maximum

- (d) For the purposes calculating days of rest required, the day after game day is considered Day 1 of the rest period. (ie: If an 11U-Mosquito pitcher throws 27 pitches on Friday, he will be next eligible to pitch again on Sunday).
- (e) If a game extends beyond midnight into the next calendar day, any pitches thrown thereafter shall be counted toward the pitch count of the day the game started. If however, the game is suspended for any reason after midnight, when it resumes, any pitches thrown by any pitcher shall be counted toward the new day.
- (f) Intentional walks and balks shall count toward the pitcher’s pitch count total if a pitch has been thrown.
- (g) Players are permitted to pitch in 2 separate games in the same day as long as they do not exceed the maximum number of pitches that requires **no rest** for their age category in the first game of the day. (ie: If a Mosquito pitcher throws fewer than 25 pitches in the first game, the player may pitch in a second game.) No player is permitted to pitch in more than 2 games per day regardless of the number of pitches thrown.
- (h) Pitchers will be permitted to complete the at-bat of the batter they are facing when their Daily Maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day but must be removed immediately after (i) the batter is retired, or (ii) the batter becomes a runner, or (iii) the third out of the inning is made.
- (i) The total number of pitches thrown by an ambidextrous pitcher shall be charged toward their pitch count regardless of which arm(s), or combination there-of, the pitcher uses to throw.

- (j) No player may pitch on three consecutive days unless their total pitch count for the three days does not exceed the number of pitches where no rest is required for that age category. A pitcher may not pitch on 4 consecutive days regardless of pitch count.
- (k) **Once removed from the pitching position, a player may not catch for the remainder of the day.**
- (l) Any player who is playing in a series higher than their age appropriate series shall be restricted to the pitch count limitations and required rest periods applicable to the age of the player, provided the following:
- i) Rookie Ball aged players **who are called-up to play on a Mosquito or Minor Mosquito team** are not permitted to pitch.
 - ii) **Rookie Ball aged players who are rostered to a Minor Mosquito or Mosquito team shall be permitted to pitch with the following limitations:**
 - 0 Days Rest: 1-20 Pitches
 - 1 Day Rest: 20-35 Pitches
 - 2 Days Rest: 36-50 Pitches
 - Daily Maximum: 50 Pitches
- (m) **Penalty:** For violation of any Arm Care rules as prescribed in P2.11(c) to (l), the Manager is ejected and the game is immediately forfeited. The Manager shall receive a one game automatic suspension.
- (n) **In the event that a player pitches on a required rest day and the violation is not caught until after the game, the player shall be required to rest 4 complete days from the day he/she last pitched and the Manager will receive an automatic two game suspension.**
- (o) Any player who is playing in a series higher than their age must be identified on the lineup card. Any underage player not identified on the lineup card is ineligible to pitch. Should any such unidentified underage player pitch, the pitcher shall be removed from the pitching position and the Manager ejected.
- (p) When a player reaches their Daily Maximum pitch count, the manager or coach may remove the pitcher from the pitching position immediately without penalty, regardless of the number of trips already charged to the pitcher during the inning or at-bat.
- (q) **During league play, the home team shall designate an official pitch counter for their team who shall be responsible for tracking the pitches of both teams.**
- (r) **During OBA sanctioned tournament play, the host shall designate an official pitch counter for each game. The host may designate participating teams as the official pitch counter at their discretion.**
- (s) The official pitch counter must provide the current pitch count upon request by either manager or the umpire.
- (t) The official pitch counter shall inform the plate umpire when a pitcher has delivered their Daily Maximum pitch count. The plate umpire shall inform the manager that the pitcher must be removed, (i) immediately if the Daily Maximum threshold has been reached at the end of an at-bat, or (ii) following the completion of the at-bat or inning, subject to P2.11(h).

Note: *Failure by the Official Pitch Counter to inform the plate umpire of a pitcher reaching their Daily Maximum pitch count does not relieve the Manager of their responsibility to know the pitch count and remove the pitcher.*

Penalty: *Failure to remove the pitcher with no notification by the Official Pitch Counter will result in the manager's immediate ejection and the pitcher shall be removed from the pitching position **immediately and will not be permitted to complete the at-bat. This will be treated as an emergency situation and the incoming pitcher shall receive as many warm-up pitches as the plate umpire deems necessary.***

- (u) During league play, the Manager (or designate) shall record the number of pitches thrown for each of their team's players within 24 hours of the game's start time using the OBA Pitch Count Tracker. During tournament play, pitch counts must be entered within 1 hour following the end of the game by the home team Manager (or designate).
- (v) The Manager of the opposing team will receive notification of the pitch count entry into the system and will have 24 hours from that time to verify or challenge the pitch count from that game.
 - i) Any challenge of an official pitch count will be forwarded to the Series Chair for resolution.
 - ii) The decision of the Series Chair with regard to Pitch Counts shall be final.
- (w) **Penalty:**
 - a) Failure to enter pitch count results within 24 hours of the game start time will result in the following penalties:
 - i) On a team's first offense of the season, immediate suspension of the Manager until the pitch count is entered.
 - ii) On a team's second (or any subsequent offense), the Manager will receive an automatic 5 game suspension.
 - iii) After a second offense by a team, the Affiliated Association will receive a notice from Baseball Ontario and any further incidents from this team will result in a \$500 fine per offense charged to the Local Association.
 - b) Failure by any league or Affiliated Association to adopt these pitch count rules will result in automatic suspension of the league/Affiliated Association and revocation of voting rights. Any league/Affiliated Association not adopting these rules forfeit good standing status with Baseball Ontario.

Motion 2:

To reorganize P2.10 as follows:

P2.10 – PITCHING RULES

- (a) In Minor Mosquito and Mosquito, the number of trips to the mound by the Manager/Coach shall not be limited except when, in the judgement of the umpire, the purpose of the trip is to delay the game.
- (b) In Peewee Girls, Minor Peewee, and Peewee, a third trip by the Manager/Coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position.
- (c) From Midget and below, including Women, a pitcher once removed from the pitching position, regardless of the number of trips to the mound by the Manager/Coach, may continue in the game at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.
- (d) From Minor Bantam to Senior, a second trip by a Manager/Coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position. The pitcher, once removed after the second trip in an inning may continue to play at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.