

USSSA PITCH COUNT

7.08.H (Effective as of 1/1/2016) - For the purpose of the Pitch Count rules, the end of the day shall be the time of day or night when the ballpark is shut down and the teams go home for the night break. Games that for any reason extend past midnight (12:00 AM) or start late after midnight (12:00 AM) and are completed prior the teams take the night break, shall count as being played on the regularly scheduled calendar day. A game not completed prior to the night break pursuant to these rules shall be a suspended game and when resumed (the next day or another day), shall count as being played on two different calendar days. The pitches thrown during the portion of the game played prior to suspension shall count as being thrown on the regularly scheduled calendar day and the pitches thrown during the portion of the game played once resumed, shall count as being thrown on the resumed calendar day.



7.08.H.1 Division Of Play: The Pitch Count Limits that govern the division of the tournament regardless of the actual age of a subject player.

7.08.H.2 Daily Max: The maximum number of pitches a player can legally throw in one (1) calendar day.

7.08.H.3 Consecutive Calendar Days of Required Rest (CCDRR): The consecutive calendar days a player who has thrown a pitch or pitches beyond any corresponding Pitch Count Limit(s) shall rest prior to pitching again.

Rule 7.08.H Exception: A player may legally throw beyond any Pitch Count Limit or Max to complete a batter's at-bat that has started prior to the player reaching such Pitch Count Limit or Max. The moment the batter is retired or becomes a runner, the player shall be removed from the pitching position without penalty and charged with the maximum Pitch Count for the corresponding CCDRR limit.

Rule 7.08.H Example 1: A 10U division player has thrown nineteen (19) pitches in one (1) calendar day. The player may face an additional batter and may continue to pitch to such additional batter until such additional batter is retired or becomes a runner. Although the player may exceed the CCDRR 0 Days Limit of twenty (20) pitches, pursuant to Rule 7.08.H Exception, no penalty shall be applied because the at-bat started prior to the player reaching the imposed limit and the player shall only be charged with twenty (20) pitches for the calendar day.

Rule 7.08.H Example 2: An 11U division player has thrown thirty-four (34) pitches in one (1) calendar day. The player may face an additional batter and may continue to pitch to such additional batter until such additional batter is retired or becomes a runner. Although the player may exceed the CCDRR 1 Day Limit of thirty-five (35) pitches, pursuant to Rule 7.08.H Exception, no penalty shall be applied because the at-bat started prior to the player reaching the imposed limit and the player shall only be charged with thirty-five (35) pitches for the calendar day.

Rule 7.08.H Example 3: A 12U division player has thrown forty-nine (49) pitches in one (1) calendar day. The player may face an additional batter and may continue to pitch to such additional batter until such additional batter is retired or becomes a runner. Although the player may exceed the CCDRR 2 Days Limit of fifty (50) pitches, pursuant to Rule 7.08.H Exception, no penalty shall be applied because the at-bat started prior to the player reaching the imposed limit and the player shall only be charged with fifty (50) pitches for the calendar day.

Rule 7.08.H Example 4: A 13U division player has thrown sixty-nine (69) pitches in one (1) calendar day. The player may face an additional batter and may continue to pitch to such additional batter until such additional batter is retired or becomes a runner. Although the player may exceed the CCDRR 3 Days Limit of seventy (70) pitches, pursuant to Rule 7.08.H Exception, no penalty shall be applied because the at-bat started prior to the player reaching the imposed limit and the player shall only be charged with seventy (70) pitches for the calendar day.

Rule 7.08.H Example 5: A 14U division player has thrown ninety-four (94) pitches in one (1) calendar day. The player may face an additional batter and may continue to pitch to such additional batter until such additional batter is retired or becomes a runner. Although the player may exceed the Daily Max of ninety-five (95) pitches, pursuant to Rule 7.08.H Exception, no penalty shall be applied because the at-bat started prior to the player reaching the imposed limit and the player shall only be charged with ninety-five (95) pitches for the calendar day.

7.08.H.4 Pitches thrown during a game that ends in forfeit shall count towards all Pitch Count Limits.

7.08.H.5 For purposes of the Pitch Count rules, a player is in violation of the rule if he throws a pitch or pitches beyond any Pitch Count Limit(s) with exclusion of Rule 7.08.H Exception.

7.08.H.6 It shall be the responsibility of each team manager to challenge Pitch Count Limit violations by notifying the Umpire-in-Chief and then filing a Protest with the League / Tournament Director. A protest may be filed at any point after the player in violation throws a pitch beyond any Pitch Count Limit(s) **AND** while the player 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 7.08.H Penalty: Any Pitch Count Limit violation shall result in immediate forfeiture of the game. If such violation occurs in a Tournament during Pool Play, the team in violation of the rule may not advance to the Tournament Championship Bracket regardless of record.

DIVISION OF PLAY	DAILY MAX	CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS OF REQUIRED REST	0 DAYS	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS
7U	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	—	—	—
8U	50	1-20	21-35	36-50	—	—	—
9U	70	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-60	61+	—
10U	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-60	61+	—
11U	80	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-60	61+	—
12U	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	—
13U	90	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-70	71+	—
14U	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	—
Class of 2019	100	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	—
Class of 2018	100	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	—
Class of 2017	100	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	—
Class of 2016	100	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	—

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