

Pitch Count “Q & A”

Do we use Pitch Counts for scrimmages?

YES, all games (Scrimmages, Non-District, Tournaments, ...)

Who is responsible for “Official Counter” at a tournament?

The Home Team unless the Tournament Host has a different plan.

If I have a pitcher throws 45 pitches in a tournament on Thursday, can he throw 110 pitches on Saturday since he had a day off on Friday?

NO, if a pitcher is fully rested at the beginning of a tournament, the pitcher can only throw 110 pitches total for the duration of the tournament.

If I have a pitcher throw 30 pitches in the 1st game of a playoff series, does he still have 110 pitches left to throw in games 2 and 3 of the playoff series?

NO, if a pitcher is fully rested at the beginning of a series, the pitcher can only throw 110 pitches total for the duration of that series.

Do all coaches have the right to all pitchers’ “pitch counts”?

No, this rule is not meant for gamesmanship rule; it is a safety rule, and each coach is responsible for his pitchers staying within the pitch count.

Does the DEC need a spreadsheet for all of the district teams to see during District Play?

NO, this is not required, but can be agreed upon in the DEC. The DEC is responsible for the process of how they are going to keep records of the pitch count.

Does there have to be a verification form?

YES, there must be an official record (with signatures) in the event of a discrepancy. This form is created by the DEC.

Does there have to be a verification form for sub-varsity games?

YES, all levels must turn in a verification form.

If I do not agree with the final pitch count at the end of the game, do I have to sign the verification form?

YES, each team coach must sign the verification form at the end of each contest. You can make note on the sheet that you disagree, but the form must be signed. As stated in the rule, in a discrepancy the Official Pitch Counter’s (provided by the home team) record will be used.

How do I treat games scheduled on a Mon.-Tues.-Wed. resulting from rainouts for pitchers?

Back to back rescheduled games will be treated like a tournament or series.

If I have a pitcher throw 3 innings in a game that is cancelled due to weather, do we count those pitches even if the game is not registered as an official contest?

YES, the athlete still threw live game pitches in the contest.

Do I count a pitch towards the official pitch count if the batter steps out and the umpire calls time for the batter?

NO, as it would not be considered an official pitch.

If I have an athlete that can throw with his right and left hand, does he get his pitch count for each arm?

NO, he would only get the maximum (110) pitch count, regardless of which arm is used.

Does the Official Pitch Counter have to sit outside the dugout for Sub-Varsity Games?

NO, it is only REQUIRED for Varsity games.

Can I have a parent be my official counter in the stands?

YES, the home team will choose who they want to be their Official Pitch Counter. We do advise using an adult that understands the job and the importance in the accuracy of the job.

Can the DEC set parameters for violations?

No, the penalty for a violation will be determined by the DEC members using the range of penalties in the UIL Constitution (Section 29).

Can I object to the umpire if I know the opposing team is using an ineligible pitcher?

NO, the umpire has no responsibility to pitch count. This would go to the DEC.

If a pitcher reaches one of the pitch count thresholds during an at-bat, can he finish the at bat and revert his pitch count back to the limit of that particular threshold?

YES, and this should be noted on the final verification form to account for the overage.

Example: Pitcher has hit pitch number 65 during an at bat with a (2-2 count). The pitcher finishes the at bat throwing three more pitches. His total now being 68. If he is immediately removed from the mound, his pitch count total will revert back to the 46-65 threshold, thus requiring 2 days rest. In the same scenario, if a pitcher throws 20 more pitches in that particular at bat, giving them 85 pitches, then the pitcher will be required 3 days rest

Note: In tournaments, series, and back-to-backs, this exception is only allowed at the MAX (110) pitch count.

****There are some instances in which the pitch count regulations could still put undue stress on a pitchers' arm. We strongly suggest coaches use their professional judgment in order to keep athletes out of these situations.**

Example: Pitcher (A) throws 65 pitches in a Tuesday District Ball Game. He is eligible to throw 110 pitches on Friday due to sitting out his 2 days rest. If he throws his max number on Friday, he would then have thrown a total of 175 pitches in a 4-day stretch.