

PIAA BASEBALL PITCHING RESTRICTION (6-2-6)

Total Number of Pitches Thrown	Required Days of Rest
76-100	3 calendar days
51-75	2 calendar days
26-50	1 calendar day
1-25	No rest required

No pitcher may throw more than 100 pitches in a game. If a pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count permitted in a calendar day during an at bat, that pitcher will be permitted to continue to pitch to that batter, or any substitute for that batter, until such batter is put out or reaches first base, or until a third out has been made prior to the end of that at bat.

No pitcher may appear on more than 2 consecutive days of competition.

A pitcher is limited to no more than 200 pitches in a Calendar Week (Sunday through Saturday). If a pitcher throws more than 100 pitches to complete an at-bat, that pitcher will be credited with 100 pitches for the appearance.

Team scorekeepers are requested to frequently confer with one another to confirm pitch counts (no less than once per inning). If a discrepancy occurs between the visiting and home pitch counts that cannot be resolved, the scorebook of the home team shall be the official book.

A representative of the school is required to record pitch counts for their players in MaxPreps, no later than the team's next regularly scheduled contest. Note: PIAA recommends using GameChanger, as it is a free app for Apple products, and can be easily synced with MaxPreps.

Pitching Restriction Q&A

Question:

If a pitcher is removed as pitcher before he reaches a hundred pitches, can he return to pitch in the same game; and/or;

If a pitcher throws less than 100 pitches in the first game of a double header, can he pitch in the second game?

Answer:

The pitching restriction is set up for the calendar day, so both of these situations would permit the pitcher to return.

Question:

If the pitch counter for the HOME TEAM would be a student, should an umpire appoint the visitor, if an adult, to be the pitch counter?

Answer:

Umpires are not to dictate who is to be the official pitch counter as designated by a school. That determination is to be made by the HOME TEAM. If a HOME TEAM is accepting of an adult from the visiting team serving as the official pitch counter, that may occur. This designation should be made in advance of the contest.

In regards to the pitch count, **umpires should only rule if the pitch was a legal pitch, nothing more.**

Question:

For the purpose of the PIAA Pitching Restriction Rule, what is the definition of a pitch?

Answer:

RULE 28 ART. 2... A pitch is defined as a live ball delivered to the batter. The term implies a legally delivered ball. When a pitcher commits a balk and completes his delivery to the batter, or delivers an illegal pitch, it is NOT considered a pitch, because the ball became dead at the time of the infraction.

Interpretation: A pitch is a LIVE ball delivered to the batter resulting in a ball, strike, hit batsman, legally batted ball fair or foul or, an illegally batted ball.