## **WIAA Pitching Restrictions**

All baseball teams at all levels will maintain a pitch count log for all pitchers during the school baseball season (regular and WIAA tournament).

- (1) The pitch count is based on the number of pitches thrown to batters during the batter's time at bat. Warm up pitches allowed before the game, in between innings or allowed by the umpire in case of injury or game delay do not count.
- (2) Pitches are counted and when the number of pitches reaches a certain level, the pitcher must take of the required days of rest. The maximum number of pitches is 100.

## Maximum number of pitches

Age	Maximum Number of Pitches	Required Days of Rest (Pitches)				
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
HS	100	1-30	31-49	50-75	76-100	
MS 11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
MS 13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+

- (3) When the pitcher reaches 100 pitches, he may not pitch to another batter. He may only finish pitching to the current batter.
- (4) The pitching rule applies even though a game is called (ended) by the umpire because of darkness, rain or some other factor before it has become an official game.
- (5) At the pregame meeting, coaches should have a copy of their pitch count log for any questions about pitcher status. Each team will designate a pitch count person for their team. It is recommended (but not mandatory) that a responsible individual be a separate pitch recorder who will also record pitch counts from an area behind home plate.
- (6) At the end of each complete inning, coaches (and pitch count recorder if present) will meet at a location designated by the team host and/or umpire to review pitch counts. If there is a difference, the coaches must resolve the difference before beginning the next inning.
- (7) If the counts differ, the following will be used to determine the pitch count:
  - If a pitch count recorder is present and two of three agree, the majority will be considered official.
  - If a pitch count recorder is present and none of the three agree, the pitch count recorder will be considered official.
  - If a pitch count recorder is not present, the home counter will be considered official.
- (8) At the conclusion of the game, both head coaches and pitch counter if present will sign the pitch count chart.
- (9) It is not the responsibility of game officials to enforce the pitch count rule. Schools must report violation to the WIAA office following competition. Violations are considered in the same manner as a school using an ineligible student. The minimum penalty for such violations is forfeiture of the game.