

# 2011 USSSA State Tournament (Pitching Rules)

**8.05 The Pitcher –**

**8.05.A** Leagues and tournaments shall adopt the following rules pertaining to the visit of the manager or a coach to the pitcher. This rule limits the number of visits a manager or a coach may make to any pitcher in any one (1) inning;

**8.05.A.1** A second (2nd) visit to the same pitcher in the same inning will cause this pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position;

**8.05.A.2** The manager or a coach is prohibited from making a second (2nd) visit to the mound while the same batter is at bat, but

**8.05.A.3** If a pinch-hitter is substituted for this batter, the manager or a coach may make a second (2nd) visit to the mound, but must remove the pitcher. A manager or a coach is considered to have concluded his visit to the mound when he leaves the eighteen (18) foot circle surrounding the pitcher's rubber.

**8.05.B** A player removed from the pitching position (starting pitcher or subsequent relief pitcher) may not return to the pitching position for the remainder of the game. The defensive team may correct this rules infraction at any time by substituting a legal pitcher without penalty. If an illegal pitcher is permitted to pitch, any pitch or play that results is legal. The rule violation should be caught by the umpire or the offensive team and immediately corrected.

**Rule 8.05.B Comment:** If the violating pitcher has legal innings remaining, the violation is deemed an improper substitution and is corrected without penalty.

**Rule 8.05.B Penalty:** If the violating pitcher has no legal innings remaining, it's deemed a pitching limitations violation pursuant to USSSA Rule 8.05.C.7.

**8.05.C (Chart 8.05.C-1)** The end of the day for the pitching limitation rules is 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 at night, past midnight (12:00 AM) and are completed before the teams take the night break, will count as being played on the scheduled day. A game not completed before the night break pursuant to USSSA Rules 8.03.C.1(a) & 8.03.C.2(a), shall be a suspended game. Suspended games, when resumed (the next day or another day), shall count as being played on two different days. The outs recorded during the portion of the game played prior to suspension shall count as being played on the regularly scheduled day and the outs recorded during the portion of the game played once resumed, shall count as being played on the resumed day.

AGE DIVISION	ONE DAY MAXIMUM TO PITCH THE NEXT DAY	ONE DAY MAXIMUM	THREE DAY MAXIMUM
<b>10U &amp; 12U</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>14U</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
Chart 8.05.C-1			

**8.05.C.1 ONE DAY MAXIMUM TO PITCH THE NEXT DAY:** The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in one (1) day and still pitch the next day.

**Rule 8.05.C.1 Example:** In the 7U – 14U age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of three (3) innings in one (1) day and still legally pitch the next day. If the player pitches three and one-third (3 1/3) or more innings in one (1) day, the player cannot legally pitch the next day.

**8.05.C.2 ONE DAY MAXIMUM:** The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in one (1) day.

**Rule 8.05.C.2 Example:** In the 7U – 12U age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of six (6) innings in one (1) day. The player would be ineligible to pitch the next day. Similarly, in the 13U – 14U age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of seven (7) innings in one (1) day. The player would be ineligible to legally pitch the next day.

**8.05.C.3 THREE DAY MAXIMUM:** The maximum number of innings a player can legally pitch in three (3) consecutive days.

**Rule 8.05.C.3 Example:** In the 7U – 14U age divisions, a player may legally pitch a maximum of eight (8) innings in three (3) consecutive days. This is to be interpreted as a player may legally pitch any combination of innings to equal eight (8) innings in two (2) days as long as the player doesn't pitch more than three (3) innings the first (1st) day. Similarly, as a player may legally pitch any combination of innings to equal eight (8) innings in three (3) days as long as the player doesn't pitch more than three (3) innings the first (1st) or second (2nd) days.

**8.05.C.4 MANDATORY DAYS OF REST;**

**8.05.C.4(a)** A player that pitches more than three (3) innings in one day **MUST** rest the next day.

**8.05.C.4(b)** A player that pitches eight (8) innings in two (2) consecutive days **MUST** rest the next day.

**8.08.C.4(c)** A player that pitches eight (8) innings in three (3) consecutive days **MUST** rest the next day.

**8.08.C.4(d)** A player that pitches three (3) consecutive days (regardless of total quantity of innings pitched) **MUST** rest the next day.

**8.05.C.5** For all cumulative totals in this rule, one (1) out equals one-third (1/3) of an inning, two (2) outs equals two-thirds (2/3) of an inning and three (3) outs equals one (1) full inning. A pitcher that pitches in a game and records no outs is not charged with any innings pitched.

**8.05.C.6** Outs recorded during a game that ends in forfeit shall count towards a pitchers' innings limits.

**8.05.C.7** For purposes of pitching limitations rules, a pitcher is in violation of the rule if he records any out above the legal pitching limits pursuant to these rules.

**Rule 8.05.C.7 Exception:** Exceeding the maximum innings allowed in the case of a double or triple play shall not be counted against the pitcher.

**Rule 8.05.C.7 Penalty:** It shall be the responsibility of each team manager to challenge pitching 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 pitcher in violation records an out beyond his legal limit **AND** while the pitcher in violation is in the game and in the pitching position. 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. Any violation of USSSA Rules 8.05.C.1 – 8.05.C.7 shall result in immediate forfeiture of the game. If such violation occurs during Pool-Play, the team in violation of the rule may not advance to the championship bracket regardless of record.