

8:00—THE PITCHER

8.01 (Regular Season Only) Players on a regular season team may pitch in any game during the regular season subject to the following limitations. (30/40 HOUR RULE)

NOTE: *An innings rule is added. For the purpose of satisfying the requirement of Rule 8:90 (Regular Season Only) the throwing of one pitch in any inning constitutes having pitched a complete inning.

8:90—A pitcher shall not be allowed to pitch in more than eight (8) innings in any one calendar week.

8:90DB: A pitcher shall not throw more than 95 pitches in the same game or on the same day.

8:90DM: A pitcher shall not throw more than 105 pitches in the same game or on the same day. Exception DB/DM: If the pitcher reaches the pitch count limit while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.

8.91—A pitcher is charged with the number of pitches hurled, **as well as the innings pitched in a specific calendar week**, regardless of whether they are local league games, the resumption of suspended games, exhibition games, or games ruled “no contest” due to being called. **A calendar week is from 12:01 a.m. Monday to 12:00 midnight the following Sunday.**

8.92—If a game is interrupted for any reason before becoming official, and is suspended, the same pitcher may continue when play is resumed, provided he is eligible by the rest rule **and has not used up his total allotted innings per calendar week**. League officials should consider the (30/40) hour rest period when rescheduling the completion of a suspended game.

NOTE: Innings pitched in the suspended and resumed portions of a suspended game shall not be added in order to disqualify a player from pitching.

8.93—RESERVED. **Entering the ball game as a pitcher shall constitute having pitched one inning.**

8.94—The intent of Rules 8.90-8.94 is to help prevent arm injuries and to eliminate the possibility of a team winning a league championship using only one pitcher. These rules will also force a manager to develop other boys’ pitching talents.

(a) A pitcher after throwing more than 60 pitches in one game or on the same day shall have a minimum of forty (40) hours rest before becoming eligible to pitch in another game. The rest period begins when pitcher leaves the mound.

(b) A pitcher after having thrown more than 30 but less than 61 pitches in the same game or on the same day shall have a minimum of thirty (30) hours rest before becoming eligible to pitch in another game. The rest period shall begin when pitcher leaves the mound.

8.95—A manager shall be allowed to change pitchers in local league play as many times as is desired as long as the Free Substitution Rule (3.03) is not violated. Any pitcher being replaced on the mound by another pitcher cannot return to the mound.

8.96—No game will be forfeited because of the violation of one of the Dixie Boys or Majors pitching rules because it is the manager’s responsibility to both know the Dixie Boys and Dixie Majors pitching rules and to ascertain the eligibility of opposing pitchers prior to each of his team’s games. If, however, an ineligible pitcher is used during the course of a game, he shall, upon the protest of the opposing manager, be immediately replaced on the mound by an eligible pitcher and all plays occurring while the ineligible pitcher was on the mound shall become “official”. The ineligible pitcher will further be ineligible from pitching in the team’s next game that he would have been eligible to pitch in. The manager will be ineligible to participate in the team’s next game. A forfeit shall not be considered to be a game in determining the next game that a pitcher would be eligible to pitch in or a manager to coach in. The discovery of an ineligible pitcher may be made and the aforementioned penalty imposed up to one-half (1/2) hour prior to the scheduled time of his team’s next game.

NOTE: For the purpose of determining violation of Dixie Boys and Majors pitching rules, an ineligible pitcher shall violate one of the rules only when he throws a pitch to a batter in an inning or performs any defensive act, not when he takes his warm-up pitches from the pitching rubber. Commissioners’ Note: An eligible pitcher must pitch till the first batter reaches first base or is retired.

8.99-The starting pitcher will be credited with a win when he has pitched three (3) innings and his team is in the lead the remainder of the game. All other credit remains the same as outlined as official scoring within a game.