

Dubuque PONY League Pitching Rules

(*Dubuque PONY League Baseball*, although affiliated with **PONY League**, utilizes a pitch count that is designed around protecting and developing players' pitching arms during the regular season. Dubuque PONY League will follow PONY League pitching rules during tournament play.)

1. Any player may pitch on a regular season team.
2. Once a player is removed from the mound, he may not return in the same game to pitch. If a coach visits the mound more than twice in an inning, the pitcher must be removed.
3. If a pitcher hits three batters in an inning, the pitcher must be removed.
4. The Visiting team must provide a pitch count recorder who is accessible to the umpire and opposing manager at any time during the game. Failure to provide a pitch count may result in a game being played "under protest."
5. The Home team is responsible for turning in the game's pitch count log to the league in a timely manner.
6. Upon pitching 3 **complete** innings, a pitcher cannot play the catcher position. Upon catching 4 complete innings, a catcher cannot pitch.
7. The commissioner of each respective league will be responsible for declaring pitchers to be ineligible.

Daily Limits

- Palomino 18U League: no more than 105 pitches in a day
- Pony 14U League: no more than 95 pitches in a day
- Bronco 12U League: no more than 85 pitches in a day
- Mustang 10U League: no more than 75 pitches in a day

Days of Rest Requirements:

- Palomino:
 - 30 and under pitches= no days rest
 - 31-45 pitches= 1 day rest
 - 46-60 pitches=2 days rest
 - 61-75 pitches=3 days rest
 - 76+ pitches=4 days rest
- Pony, Bronco and Mustang:
 - 20 and under pitches= no days rest
 - 21-35 pitches= 1 day rest
 - 36-50 pitches= 2 days rest
 - 51-65 pitches= 3 days rest
 - 66+ pitches= 4 days rest
- A pitcher may finish a batter if the pitch count limit for a given threshold is reached during an at bat; the days of rest requirement will be observed for the threshold reached during that at bat. E.g., if a pitcher starts a batter at 47 pitches and the batter is retired or reaches base on the 53rd pitch, and then the pitcher is removed from the game, the pitcher will be required to observe 2 days rest.