

NDHSAA Pitch Count Regulation

New to Pitch Count Rules for 2018 Season:

- Add – “Play-in games count as part of a tournament”
- Eliminate the “3 consecutive day tournaments” from the regulations
- 3 appearance limit in tournaments.
- (Clarification) For all other pitch limit thresholds, there is no allowance to “finish the batter”. This rule only applies to the pitch count maximum.

Pitch Count regulations:

Regular Season

*120 daily pitch maximum

<u>Pitches</u>	<u>Days Rest</u>
0-30	0
31-45	1
46-60	2
61-75	3
76-120	4

Postseason (State and Region Tournaments, including Region Play-Ins)

*120 daily pitch maximum

*135 tournament maximum

***3 appearance limit during tournament**

<u>Pitches</u>	<u>Days Rest</u>
0-45	0
46-90	1
91-120	2

Other Info

1. Daily Limits – If a team plays two games in one day, a pitcher may pitch in both games, just add pitch totals together.
2. If the daily or postseason max pitch count is reached during an at bat, the pitcher is allowed to finish that batter. **For all other pitch count thresholds, there is no allowance to finish the batter and remain under that threshold, only the daily or postseason maximum.**
3. Home book is the official book for pitch counts. It is recommended that the teams compare pitch numbers during the game.
4. If a pitch count tracker is present, they are the official pitch count.
5. Tournament managers will track pitch counts and update teams accordingly.
6. IBB do not count towards the pitch count.
7. Use care when choosing a position for a removed pitcher (ie catcher).
8. Postseason pitch counts will be used for all State and Region Tournaments **no matter how many days the tournament lasts or if it is on consecutive days.** For all regular season tournament formats regular season pitch count rules apply.