

Pitch Count Situations

(applies to all levels of competition)

Accurate reporting of pitch counts will be vital to a successful season.

Situation 1: Team A (a) lists #45 on the line up as the starting pitcher (b) jogs #45 out to the pitching mound to start the game (c) #45 begins warm up pitches to start the game. Team B in seeing (a), (b), or (c) requests to see the head coach of Team A because to his knowledge #45 is ineligible to pitch due to his appropriate number of days of rest has not been met.

Ruling: In each (a), (b), or (c) both coaches shall get together prior to a competitive pitch to discuss. If both teams agree that #45 should not be pitching on this given day Team A just had an oversight then they will replace #45 with an eligible pitcher without penalty. Number 45 may move to another position defensively or substitutions may be made. IF an agreement cannot be made in a timely manner then the game will go on and the dispute will be settled after the game. The KSHSAA should be contacted.

Situation 2: KSHSAA member school is playing in Colorado.

Ruling: No matter where a KSHSAA member schools plays or which state the other school is from, the KSHSAA Pitch Count Rule must be followed.

Situation 3: In the 3rd inning Team A discovers that Team B is pitching an athlete that has not rested the required amount of days based on the reporting in Max Preps.

Ruling: Team A head coach shall declare time and bring Team B head coach to the plate to discuss the finding. If Team B agrees that a violation has occurred for whatever the reason the game results in a forfeit immediately. If Team B disagrees and that a mistakes was made through Max Preps then the game shall continue. Team A and Team B shall follow up with the KSHSAA after the game.

Situation 4: In the third inning a disruption to the game occurs causing a suspension of the game to a later date. Team A's pitcher was at 47 pitches and Team B's pitcher was at 30 pitches.

Ruling: The pitch count rule is a daily rule. The host school should log the pitches on the pitch count tracking sheet so there is documentation of the number of pitches thrown that day. Team A's pitcher will be required to rest two days before he may pitch again. Team B's pitcher is required no rest days between appearances. When the game resumes at a later date the pitching availability merely depends on who is available; the pitch counts do not resume from the previous suspended game. Recording: For suspended games the recording needs to be done internally and kept on hand. Max Preps and Game Changer are working on a suspended game function to record pitch counts but that is not available at this time. The rule still applies.

Please read over the pitch count rule in its entirety here: KSHSAA Pitch Count Rule

Further situations may arise in the first year of implementation. They will be added here as the season continues.