



## PIAA APPROVES BASEBALL PITCH COUNT POLICY

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017, the PIAA Board of Directors approved the baseball pitching restriction policy commonly referred to the pitch count policy. The policy will be in effect for the 2016-2017 baseball season.

Below is a summary of the pitching restriction policy:

[The PIAA Board of Directors] on a 3rd and final reading basis, approved the recommendation of both the Baseball Steering Committee and Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and adopted a baseball pitching restriction policy as follows:

<b>Total Number of Pitches Thrown</b>	<b>Required Days of Rest</b>
76-100	3 calendar days
51-75	2 calendar days
26-50	1 calendar day
1-25	No rest required

Notes:

- If a pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count permitted in a calendar day during an at bat, that pitcher will be permitted to continue to pitch to that batter, or any substitute for that batter, until such batter is put out or reaches first base, or until a third out has been made prior to the end of that at bat.
- No pitcher may appear in more than two consecutive days of competition;
- The maximum pitch limitation is 200 pitches in a Calendar Week. If a pitcher is permitted to throw more than 100 pitches to complete an at-bat, that pitcher will be credited with 100 pitches for the appearance;
- Scorekeepers are requested to frequently confer with one another to confirm pitch counts (no less than once per inning). If a discrepancy occurs between the visiting and home pitch counts that cannot be resolved, the scorebook of the home team shall be the official book; and
- A representative of each school must record pitch counts for their players in MaxPreps no later than the team's next regularly scheduled contest. Note: PIAA recommends using Game Changer, as it is a free app for Apple products and can be easily synched into MaxPreps.

