



## Compliance Protocol for AIA Bylaw; Article 20.1.5 Arizona Pitch Smart Guideline Limits

The AIA Legislative Council, last March, 2016 AIA bylaw; article 20.1.5, approved a pitch count rule to be implemented for the 2016-2017 AIA baseball season at all levels of competition, including varsities, junior varsities and freshmen level teams in all six AIA conferences. See AIA bylaw; article 20.1.5 below:

### AIA BYLAW; ARTICLE 20.1.5

No pitcher shall exceed the daily maximum number of pitches per the **Arizona Pitch Smart Guidelines** limit and required rest recommendations. (**Emergency Legislation 12/5/16**)

| YEAR      | MAX PITCHES | REQUIRED REST BASED ON PITCHES THROWN |       |        |        |        |
|-----------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|           |             | 0 DAYS                                | 1 DAY | 2 DAYS | 3 DAYS | 4 DAYS |
| FRESHMAN  | 95          | 1-20                                  | 21-35 | 36-50  | 51-65  | 66+    |
| SOPHOMORE | 95          | 1-30                                  | 31-45 | 46-60  | 61-75  | 76+    |
| JUNIOR    | 105         | 1-30                                  | 31-45 | 46-60  | 61-75  | 76+    |
| SENIOR    | 105         | 1-30                                  | 31-45 | 46-60  | 61-75  | 76+    |

In order to facilitate and provide the capability to monitor compliance to this bylaw, the following procedure are in place for all head baseball coaches of varsity, junior varsity or freshmen teams for all competition (invitational, regular season and state tournament games).

- Both teams competing in a baseball game will keep track of the number of pitches thrown by any and all pitchers in the contest.
  - They can utilize either the:
    - AIA Baseball Game Pitch Log (provided on the AIAonline.org Coach-Baseball Specific page)
      - Link: <http://aiaonline.org/sports/baseball>
    - GameChanger computer program
- Head coach from each team meets immediately following the completion of the game to complete an AIA Official Pitch Count document that each coach will sign and have a copy of.
  - AIA Official Pitch Count document (provided on the AIAonline.org Coach-Baseball Specific page)
    - Link: <http://aiaonline.org/sports/baseball>
- The coach of a team will keep a copy of the signed AIA Official Pitch Count document four days to share with any opposing head coach of a team they play during those four days.

- If a player of a school's lower level team pitches on more than one level team during the four day period, the head coach must have a copy of the AIA Official Pitch Count document from those games to show to the opposing level coach.
- Team coach (varsity, junior varsity or freshman) enters the pitch count from the individual game by 10:00 a.m. the day following the game.
  - Utilize the instructions posted on AIAonline.org Coach Baseball specific page:
    - Link: <http://aiaonline.org/sports/baseball>
    - Instructions for AIA MaxPreps Roster and Stats
      - Link: <http://aiaonline.org/files/14596/aia-maxpreps-roster-and-stats-instructions.pdf>
    - Instructions for How to Enter Pitch Counts on MaxPreps (provided on the AIAonline.org Coach-Baseball Specific page)
      - Link: <http://aiaonline.org/sports/baseball>
- Team coach ( varsity, junior varsity or freshman) will carry, with their team's scorebook, a copy of the **AIA Official Pitch Count Record** from any games that have occurred during the previous four (4) days
- Coaches will be able to see the official pitch count records of opponents by logging into their MaxPreps account.

**Consequences for not following AIA Pitch Count Tracking Procedures**

As with all other non-compliance with AIA bylaws and bylaw related procedure, failure to comply, at any school baseball level, will subject your school's baseball team and/or school to the following (as indicated by AIA bylaw; article 16.1.1:

**16.1 PENALTIES**

16.1.1 Should a violation of any AIA rule or regulation occur, the AIA Executive Board is authorized to impose any penalty specifically indicated in the rule or regulation violated and/or impose one or more of the following: (Form 16.4) :

16.1.1.1 **ADVISEMENT** - A word of caution.

16.1.1.2 **WARNING** - Places school in jeopardy in that further violation of any rules or regulations may result in Probation. School is not eligible for the Overall Excellence Award during the period on Warning. *(See Article 13, Section 13.2).*

16.1.1.3 **PROBATION** - School is ineligible for post-season play and shall not receive any award for achievement in that sport. School is not eligible for the Overall Excellence Award during the period on Probation. *(See Article 13, Section 13.2).*

16.1.1.4 **DISQUALIFICATION** - School is ineligible to participate in a particular contest or tournament.

**Summary - Coach Required Steps:**

- **Enter your roster on MaxPreps (all team levels)**
- **Count pitches thrown by pitchers of both teams (use either AIA Pitch Log form or GameChanger**
- **Complete AIA Official Pitch Count Document at game conclusion with opposing team coach (give copy to school athletic director)**
- **Each team's coach enters their pitchers record of pitches on MaxPreps by 10:00 a.m. the day following the game.**