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Kids**



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Attention: Midget Coaches

Page 11, Rule 9 requires a catcher to have certain listed equipment: Failure to have such equipment to start, play or finish a game can result in a forfeit after a warning by an umpire.

The pitching rule is as follows and can be found on Page 17, Rule 5 in the OK Kids rule book: The pitching rule applies to the number of outs a player may pitch in one day in the Midgets age division: Midgets - 18 outs per day.

A pitcher must retire one (1) batter, or an out occur, while he is in the game as pitcher to be charged with an appearance during that inning or game; however, should he leave the game and then return later at another position this would constitute the re-substitution rule being used for that player. Further explanation or more in depth clarification may be requested by calling the OK Kids President.

If a player in the Midgets age divisions pitches nine (9) outs or less he may pitch again the second day later. If he pitches one pitch more than nine (9) outs he cannot pitch again until the third day later. **EXAMPLE:** If a Midget pitcher pitches nine (9) outs or less on Monday, he may pitch again on Wednesday; if he pitches more than nine (9) outs, he cannot pitch again until Thursday. Violation of this rule forfeits the game from the violating team.

NOTE: This pitching rule for Midgets will be relaxed for tournament play, allowing the pitcher to pitch one day sooner than the rules allow for regular league play. This can be done only one time for each pitcher in a tournament. This rule applies only to tournament games. It cannot be used going into or out of tournament play.

IMPORTANT: Any pitcher announced or substituted must pitch to a batter until such batter is out, reaches first base or the inning ends without the batter being put out. The only exception is when the umpire determines the pitcher is incapacitated for further play.

Defensive conferences are found in National Federation Rule 3-4: A team is allowed three “free” visits to the mound in a game without having to remove the pitcher. If the pitcher is removed it does not count as one of the three “free” visits. In extra innings, a team is allowed one “free” visit per inning.

Offensive conferences are also found in National Federation Rule 3-4: It allows one offensive conference per inning.

Protests During Tournament Play: Protests during the game will be handled by a Protest Committee that generally includes the Tournament Director as Chairperson. Should you as manager or head coach contemplate a protest of a violation of playing rules on the field of play you must notify the home plate umpire immediately of your desire at the time of the play. The home plate umpire will stop the game and refer the protest to the Tournament Director. The Protest Committee will then issue its decision concerning the protest. Play will then continue unless the ruling terminates the game. There will be no protests allowed on judgment calls, nor will any be recognized if one pitch has occurred or a runner was retired following the play being protested. Exception: An ineligible pitcher or player will be recognized at any time until the game ends. No protest of any kind will be allowed after a game ends.

If you have any questions contact your tournament director or me for clarification.

Sincerely,
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