

Minors division rule changes for 2009

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12.0 **If a batter, in the judgment of the either umpire, throws his bat, the batter will be called out.**

Should a batter **intentionally throw his bat or helmet in a rage, after being called out on strikes he is ejected from the game and second out will be called. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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New

34.0 Each manager/coach is allowed one offensive conference per inning.

35.0 Pitch Count

PITCHES.....Days Rest

1-20	0
21-40	1
41-60	2
61-75	3

35.1 The number of pitches has to be announced and agreed upon each inning by the manager/coach.

35.2 The total pitch count has to be submitted by each manager/coach after each game to the commissioner of the division.

35.3 If the pitch count is not reported, player in question will not be allowed to pitch for three days.

The tenth batter rule will be null and void and the rule would allow this batter to hit until he walks, gets a hit or is put out.