

District 59 Fall Ball Rules 2023

The Fall Ball baseball program is primarily designed to teach instructional baseball. The emphasis should not be on winning or losing but on improving the development of the individual players you are coaching. The players should play at their appropriate age level (the level they plan to play this coming season (2024)). Please note: LL Age is the ages they are as of August 31, 2024.

Levels of Play for Fall Ball

16U - Juniors/Seniors (New for 2023, 16YO's can pitch)
13U - Intermediate-50/70 (14YO's can play, but can't pitch)
12U - Majors (13YO's can play, but can't pitch)
10U - Minors (11YO's can play, but can't pitch)
8U - Coach Pitch Peewee
6U - Tee-Ball

General Playing Rules for Fall Ball

- Fall Ball is an instructional level of play
- Season begins Sat, 9/9 (10U & above) and Sat, 9/16 (for 8U and 6U)
- The season typically ends Sat, 11/11
- No player will exceed the age limit for a division by more than one year
- Continuous batting order (Bat your full lineup)
 - Free substitutions (note: players should not sit for more than 2 innings in a row)
- There is a time limit for all levels of play
 - 16U - 2.5 hours
 - 13U - 2 hours
 - Note: 13U can be extended by 30 minutes if both teams/umpires agree
 - 12U - 2 hours
 - 10U - 2 hours
 - 8U - 90 minutes
 - 6U - 75 minutes
- Half-inning is over when three outs are recorded or five runs have scored
 - For tee-ball (6U) half inning is over when all kids have batted in the lineup

Fall Ball Regular Season Pitching Rules (10U and Above)

- Any pitcher who exceeds the age limit for that division cannot pitch
- Pitchers can pitch a maximum of two innings per game day, during regular fall season
 - As a result pitch counts are not required for the regular fall season
- For 12U, 13U, and 16U - Dropped 3rd strike is enforced
 - Reminder this rule is applied when 1st base is not occupied or there are two outs and any runner(s) on base
 - If 1st base is occupied and less than two outs, and a dropped 3rd strike occurs, batter is out
- Regular season (Little League) rules apply except where noted above.

Other Fall Ball Notes / Officiating of Games

- All volunteers must complete and turn in their Little League Volunteer Application and have their background checks approved (prior to helping with a practice/game)
- Both teams should provide at least one game ball
 - Note: For some leagues the home team will provide game balls
- Home team sets up the field (chalking is not required for Fall Ball)
- There are no rainouts/weather related makeup games to be scheduled. If a game cannot be played due to inclement weather just move on to the next game
- Teams can roster 14-15 players, but should try to keep rosters to a max of 13 players to maximize playing time
- Umpires are allowed for 10U, 12U, 13U and 16U games (but are not required)
 - If no umpire is provided, defensive team coach will call balls and strikes from behind the mound (and either at second base or at the plate). First and third base coaches will call plays at first and third.
- For Coach Pitch Division (8U)
 - Players get five attempts to hit a coach pitched ball on the sixth attempt coaches can bring out the tee for the player to put the ball in play
 - No walks for the 8U Division
 - L5 balls (or tee-balls) are to be used for the Coach Pitch division