

NYO FALL BASEBALL UPDATES

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Hope everyone is enjoying what's left of the summer. Here are a few quick reminders and updates for the upcoming fall season.

1. There are no tryouts for fall ball. Teams are being put together by league directors and/or coaches over the next week or so. Coaches will then be in touch with players and their parents by phone or email. Look for contacts to go out in the next 10-14 days. After that practices will begin around August 28 with practices continuing through the start of games on the weekend of Sept. 10-12. Games will then continue through the weekend of November 5-7 (a total of 9 weekends). As fall breaks at the schools are all across the board, we do not take any full weekends off.

2. Teams will play either an 8 or 9 game schedule (some teams will have a weekend or two off). The rising 5 and 6 year old league (Shetland Blue and Red - both coach pitch/tee ball) will play games on Sundays at either Small Field (TB1) or Buckhead Baptist Field. The rising 7 and 8 year old leagues (Rookie and A - both all coach pitch) will play games on either Saturday or Sunday (rotating between leagues) at Sarah Smith Field. The 9 year old league (AA - kid pitch) will play games on Friday on the Field of Dreams (one game each week) and the remainder of their games on Sunday at St. John's Field. The 10 and 11 year old leagues will play games on Friday on the Field of Dreams (on a rotating basis) with remaining games on Sunday on the Field of Dreams. The 12 year old league will play Sundays on Wilkins Field. The 13-14 year old Pony league will play Sundays on Garr Field.

3. Prior to games starting, each team will practice twice per week. Once games start, teams will practice once per week. Your coach will have your practice schedule when he contacts you. We realized there are many conflicts in the fall and that fall ball is designed to be a secondary sport to those participating in football. Please make every effort to attend practices to get the most out of the fall, but it's understood that this is not the spring season and there will be conflicts.

4. Please take a moment to confirm that your child is in the right league. We have spent a good bit of time being sure that all requests to play up or down have been addressed and also checked on those who did not appear to be in the right place based on where they played last spring. You can confirm by checking their tryout number - log on to the registration site using your user name and password, click on View Children from the menu at the left of the screen, look under the heading "Children Registered For Sport(s)" and find their tryout number for Fall Baseball. The first digit of your tryout number (or two digits for players 10-14) will let you know what league you are in; go up to paragraph 2 for a description of those leagues. Remember that everyone is looked at as of their age on 4/30/11, such that the league you play in this fall will be the league you are in during next spring. Also, for those 10, 11 and 12, remember that we divide players by age and not ability in the fall (i.e. the Bronco/Majors/International splits do not happen until the spring).

5. For those of you on our wait list, we will do our best to get you in as soon as space clears. We will send a separate email to those on the wait list with additional info. If you are not certain whether you are wait listed or not, log into the registration site (see paragraph 4 above on how to do that), click on "View Children" on the left menu option, scroll down to the section called "Children Registered for Sport(s), and view your child's status for Fall Baseball under the columns marked "Wait-Listed" where either Yes or No will appear. \

6. We do still have a few openings in the 10, 11 and 12 year old leagues; if you know anyone interested, have them sign up online (they will be waitlisted, but we will let them in as space permits). If you are a rising 13 year old league and would prefer to play in our 12 year old league this spring, we can accommodate you as long as space remains open in the 12 year old league. Just send us an email to baseball@nyosports.com if that's something you're interested in.

7. We have done our best to accommodate coach and parent requests in the 5, 6 and 7 year old leagues. Players will basically come back together for the fall (or be combined with other returning groups). If for some reason we were not able to accommodate, please realize that it's a short season and your child will be just fine and make lots of new friends. Keep in mind that in the spring, we only honor requests in the 4 year old Small Ball league and 5 year old Shetland Blue league, as all leagues 6 and up are drafted by the coaches.

8. All other details can be found under the Fall Ball tab under the Baseball section on the NYO website (www.nyosports.com). All questions should go to baseball@nyosports.com. See you in a few weeks. Thanks, NYO Baseball