



## Fall Ball FAQs

The following FAQ's address questions we commonly receive about our Fall Ball program. Please contact us via e-mail at [info@dml.org](mailto:info@dml.org) if you have any other questions.

**Question 1: What is Fall Ball?**

**Answer:** Fall Ball is a recreational baseball program hosted jointly by Del Mar and Solana Beach Little Leagues, open to players who are league age 8 through 14:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Fall Ball Division</u>
7-8	Coach Pitch
9-10	Minors
11-12	Majors
13-14	Juniors

Traditionally, Fall Ball includes 3 or 4 instructional clinics conducted by local baseball professionals and weekly team batting practices at a local batting facility.

**Question 2: When is the season played?**

**Answer:** Typically, Fall Ball begins in September and runs through the middle of November, ending just before Thanksgiving. The exact schedule will be released after all players have been registered.

**Question 3: How are teams formed?**

**Answer:** Players are grouped according to skill level, determined by the Player Agent, and assigned to teams accordingly. Since the league is instructional (standings are not kept), try-outs and drafts are not held for Fall Ball.

**Question 4: When are teams formed?**

**Answer:** Teams are formed after the first 3 or 4 instructional clinics are complete, typically the week before the first game.

**Question 5: When do teams practice?**

**Answer:** Teams do not meet for field practices. Batting practice sessions have been held in the past.

**Question 6: When/where are games played?**

**Answer:** Games are played on Sundays, typically between 9:00A and 4:00P. Ashley Falls, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Shores, Del Mar Hills and Earl Warren fields are all used in Fall Ball. Games start after teams are formed, typically after the first 3 or 4 instructional clinics are held.

**Question 7: Why are games played on Sundays instead of Saturdays?**

**Answer:** Games are played on Sundays so that Fall Ball doesn't conflict with other sports (soccer, football, etc) that are usually hosted on Saturdays during the fall season.

**Question 8: What does my player need to provide?**

**Answer:** The league will provide jerseys, caps, bats, balls, batting helmets and catchers gear. Players are expected to bring their own fielding glove, baseball pants and cleats. Only Little League approved bats may be used in Fall Ball.

**Question 9: How much are the fees?**

**Answer:** Fees for Fall Ball are approximately \$120 (subject to change).

**Question 10: How is Fall Ball different from the regular Spring Season?**

**Answer:** The purpose of Fall Ball is simply to offer an "off season" league for players who want to keep their skills sharp. Fall Ball is more developmental and relaxed with a specific focus on allowing those players who're graduating to the next level a chance to experience and practice the skills that will be expected of them in the following spring season.

**Question 11: I'm not sure what "League Age" my player is. How can I tell?**

**Answer:** The Little League Age calculator is available at the following link:  
[http://www.littleleague.org/leagueofficers/Determine\\_League\\_Age/League\\_Age\\_Calculator.htm](http://www.littleleague.org/leagueofficers/Determine_League_Age/League_Age_Calculator.htm)

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