

## Fall Ball Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Do we have to travel to different sides of town?**

If you live in the North Shore Area you would play most, if not all, of your games in the North Shore Area. If you live in the Waukesha Area you would play most, if not all, of your games in the Westside Area. The Richfield location is considered a middle ground, and both locations may play there. To help with the scheduling process, your team may travel minimally during the season.

**2. How do you handle scheduling?**

We schedule the first weeks in advance and then purposely wait until after the Labor Day weekend to schedule the latter weeks as we want to make every effort to have teams of like strength playing each other each week.

**3. Do you take special requests in regards to the scheduling?**

We will make every effort to do so for the teams that enter as a complete team but would need to know what those are by early August in the first half and by early September in the second half of the season.

**4. How do you match up teams of like strength?**

We do our best to schedule like teams. Each team indicates their level of experience on the registration form. Towards the end of the season, we will use team records to schedule competitive games.

**5. How do you handle individual sign-ups?**

You may sign up individually or as small group and request to play with friends and teammates you know if you can't put together an entire team. You will then be placed with kids of like age that are located on the same side of town and assigned a coach.

**6. Why do the older teams cost more?**

Unfortunately the regulation 90 foot diamonds are more expensive to rent and harder to find which forces us to charge a bit more.

**7. How do you handle age eligibility?**

If you played on a 10 year old team this summer you will be allowed to play on a 10 year old team in our league and the same would apply for each age group. If you want to play up you may certainly do so weather you are a team or an individual. Eight year olds may sign up to play with the 9/10 year olds if ready for that level of competition.

**8. How does the 12 playing up division work?**

If you have just completed your season as a twelve year old it means that you are now moving to the 90 foot diamond next season. We feel it's a great way for this class of kids to experience this change in our fall league before they have to do so next spring. Therefore if you choose to play in this division you would be playing against other 12 year old teams on the 90 foot diamond. If you are in this category and still wish to play on the smaller diamond you certainly may do so.

**9. What happens if there are not enough kids on one team to play the game?**

If this were to occur we would ask the team that has more players to either share a few players for that game or have the player who made last out play on defense for the other team. We strongly recommend that each team have 12 to 15 rostered players as there are usually a few conflicts and want to keep this situation to a minimum. We do ask that if you do sign up for our league that you would make every effort to participate each week so that the league would be more fun for all!

**10. What if our games are rained out?**

Every effort will be made to play our games each week. If the weather or field conditions simply will not allow us to do so, games will be made up on our rain date make-up week. Please reserve that week on your calendar in advance as you very well may be making up some games that day.

**11. How do we know if the games had to be cancelled?**

PLEASE always check our website for updates, not only for cancellations but for many other things as well. We will always make a final decision by 8:00am Sunday morning if we are rained out or would post something ASAP if we were to get a downpour sometime during the day.

**12. How do we employ coaches and site coordinators?**

Bigler Sports is always on the lookout for additional coaches. Many of our positions are occupied by staff members, but we are typically in a position to add qualified staff. A coaching background and references is required. If you are interested in heading up one of our teams, please contact KJ Bigler directly at 414-303-7064.

**13. How are uniform/t-shirts taken care of?**

Each team is assigned a color and will be given a Bigler t-shirt with a number on the back which should be worn to each game. Hats, pants and socks are to be taken care of individually as we do not provide these items. If a team wants to bring in or wear their own uniforms, they may do so, but we must be notified if this is the case. If, as a team, you would like to specify which color you want, you could do so but this would be handled on a first come first serve basis.

**14. What are the rules for this league?**

We will be following the WSYBL rules which can be found on the WSYBL website, with certain exceptions which are posted on our fall ball website page.

**15. What is your refund policy?**

A 90% refund will be given, no questions asked, until July 31. A 50% refund will be given from August 1<sup>st</sup> to our start date. Once the league has started, no refund will be given, unless extenuating circumstances occur, which will be taken up on a case by case basis.

**16. Do the teams practice?**

Our fall ball league is designed to give the kids an opportunity to "play" more baseball. As much as we promote and encourage practice, it is not a requirement or an assumption that teams will hold practices during the week. Teams may certainly do so, but your son's attendance will not affect their status or playing time either way on Sundays. All teams that enter as a full team may certainly do whatever they so choose regarding weekly practices. We do ask that you make every effort to communicate with your coach if you cannot attend a scheduled practice or game.

Please always remember that this league is designed for the kids to compete and play more baseball, but also to play different positions and have a blast doing it! Everything else is secondary...