



**Fall Baseball Team Formation Rules
BYB / GBA
2009
(Changes in Red)**



The purpose of the Fall Baseball League is to provide a program in which players can continue to develop and enjoy playing baseball beyond the Spring Program. To help form teams and to provide an opportunity to play with their friends, we allow teams to be formed by coaches. The season will start on or around 8/15 and continue through early-October. Weekday and weekend games will be played during the first 2 to 3 weeks of the season. After that, most games will be played during weekends only. Exceptions may be makeup games during the week for some leagues.

Coaches can only bring up to 9 Players (**last year was 10 – we reduced this to provide better balance**) on a team. The remaining players will be assigned by a league representative. The players will be assigned by the independent player's skill level compared to the formed team's players skill level. This will not only help balance out teams but allow independent players to be more evenly distributed across the league. Note: Based on need, it may be necessary to combine teams if a coach only brings a partial team.

The ages for each league are as follows (based on age as of July 31, 2009 for GBA or Aug 31st, 2009 for BYB):

Rookie: 5 & 6 years of age – 12 games scheduled depending on weather

Rookie 7 (Intro to kid pitch): 7 years of age - 12 games - no tournament

Minor: 8 & 9 years of age – 12 games plus seeded tournament depending on weather

Major: 10 & 11 years of age – 12 games plus seeded tournament depending on weather

Pony: 12 & 13 years of age – 12 games plus seeded tournament depending on weather

Players should play with their age or grade. All of this years Fall league's provide a developmental path for next years spring league. There is no reason to "play-up" like we have in the past.

The following restrictions will be in place for All Leagues:

- No more than 4 Travel Team* players per team (see definition below)
- Each team must have at least 4 younger (first year) players. Coaches can not bring more that **5 older** (second year players – based on age cutoffs) when forming teams.
- Must be residents of Geneva or Batavia due to Park District restrictions

* Travel Players are defined as a player who played full time travel baseball in 2009 for any program including independent teams not associated with BYB or GBA. This also includes **9yr** old Tournament Teams for both GBA / BYB. Note: This does not include In-House All-Star players that only participated during All-Star Day games.