

Palo Alto Little League 2010 Fall Ball

The Palo Alto Little League (PALL) Fall Ball program ("Fall Ball") is a developmental league that provides youth from 8-11 years old an opportunity to play organized baseball during the fall season. For the Fall 2010, PALL will operate three Fall Ball leagues:

Majors Travel League is for returning Majors players who have played last year on a Majors team. Some games will require traveling to neighboring Little Leagues. 100% commitment is strongly urged.

Majors League is for players of 2010 Little League age 10 or 11 who have played at least one year of PCL and who want to play at the Majors level next year. Returning Majors players who cannot meet the commitment of Majors Travel can play in this league. This league will use current Majors rules.

PCL League is for players of 2010 Little League age 8, 9, or 10 who played at the PCL or Pitching Machine level this year, and who want to play at the PCL level next year. This league will use current PCL rules.

The goal is to provide a fun experience for the players, help them develop and refine their baseball skills, and to encourage their enjoyment for the game. Note that playing Fall Ball at the Majors level does not guarantee that a player will be drafted into Majors in the following year.

Players will be accepted into the league based on their registration date ("first come, first served") and after teams are filled, a wait list will be generated. Both leagues will play 10 games in a fall season from early September through the last week in October. Teams will be competitively balanced and games will be "serious", but not extremely competitive. Standings will not be maintained and a league champion will not be declared. Players who join Majors and PCL Fall Ball will be asked to make a commitment to participate in most of the Fall Ball practices and games – however, it is recognized that some Fall Ball players may participate in another sport during the fall season (e.g., soccer, football, etc.) – conflicts will be managed between the player and their Manager. Players who join the Majors Travel Fall Ball will be strongly requested to attend all practices and all games.

Registration Fees for Fall Ball are \$125 per player which includes a uniform jersey and cap.

Below are additional details about the Fall Ball program's operations.

For questions or additional information, please contact:

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2010 PALL Fall Ball:

<p>1. Majors Travel Player Eligibility:</p>	<p>Majors Travel Fall Ball is open to Palo Alto residents who will be Little League age 10, 11, or 12 for the 2011 Little League season (are Little League 9, 10, or 11 in 2010).</p> <p>To be eligible, players must meet at least <u>one</u> of the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. played in Majors in the 2010 spring season2. be Little League age 12 in the 2011 season. <p>Players who did not play in PALL Little League in the spring of 2010 should contact the Fall Ball Player Agent about eligibility and placement.</p>
<p>2. Majors Level Player Eligibility:</p>	<p>Majors Fall Ball is open to Palo Alto residents who will be Little League age 10, 11, or 12 for the 2011 Little League season (are Little League 9, 10, or 11 in 2010).</p> <p>To be eligible, players must meet at least <u>one</u> of the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. played in Majors in the 2010 spring season, or2. be a current PCL league player who intends to try out for PALL Majors in 2011. <p>Players in group 2. above (current PCL aged 9 or 10 year olds) are required to have a recommendation from their 2010 PCL coach verifying that it is safe for them to play Fall Ball (e.g., can handle ~50-60 MPH fast balls and adequately catch) and to verify that they are candidates to play in the Majors in 2009.</p> <p>Players who did not play in PALL Little League in the spring of 2010 should contact the Fall Ball Player Agent about eligibility and placement.</p>

<p>2. PCL Level Player Eligibility:</p>	<p>PCL Level Fall Ball is open to Palo Alto residents who will be Little League age 9, 10, or 11 for the 2011 Little League season (are Little League 8, 9, or 10 in 2010).</p> <p>To be eligible, players must meet at least <u>one</u> of the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. played in PCL in the 2010 spring season 2. be a current Pitching Machine league player who is Little League ages 8, 9, or 10 in 2010 and who intends to play in the PCL league in 2011. <p>Players currently in Pitching Machine will be asked for a recommendation from their current Manager to assure that it is safe for them to play in a “player pitch” league and also to verify that the player is a candidate to play in the PCL league in the spring of 2011.</p> <p>Players who did not play in PALL Little League in the spring of 2010 should contact the Fall Ball Player Agent about eligibility and placement.</p>
<p>4 Roster Size:</p>	<p>13-14 players per team</p>
<p>5. Team Composition:</p>	<p>Goal will be to provide balanced teams. The Fall Ball Player Agent, in consultation with appropriate Majors and PCL managers and with player evaluation materials, will compose teams.</p> <p>Current PALL Majors teams will be allowed to designate players from their current team to be included in the same Fall Ball roster.</p>
<p>6. Games Played:</p>	<p>10 games (7 on Saturdays; 3 on weekdays)</p> <p>7 Saturday games on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ September 11, 18, 25 ✓ October 2, 9, 16, 23 <p>3 weekday games (2 games each on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) on the weeks of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ October 4th, 11th, and 19th <p>Canceled games (for rain or other reasons) will <u>not</u> be made up.</p>

7. Scores and Standings:	Scores will be kept and results reported (primarily for evaluation purposes). However, no standings will be maintained and no league champion will be declared. There will be no Fall Ball playoffs.
8. Rules:	<p>Majors Travel League will play by PALL Majors rules except;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ the complete roster will be used in the batting order (regardless if they are playing in the field) ✓ players may leave and re-enter games in the field without restrictions ✓ pitchers will be limited to a maximum of 3 innings per game (or 75 pitches) <p>Majors League will play by PALL Majors rules except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ the complete roster will be used in the batting order (regardless if they are playing in the field) ✓ players may leave and re-enter games in the field without restrictions ✓ pitchers will be limited to a maximum of 2 innings per game (or 60 pitches) ✓ games will be limited to 2 hours in length. <p>PCL League will play by PALL PCL rules.</p>
9. Umpires:	Fall Ball will provide one league umpire per game – behind the plate. Coaches will fill second umpire slot.
10. Uniforms:	Each player will receive a baseball shirt and hat as part of their registration fee for Fall Ball. Pants, socks, belts, etc. will not be provided.

<p>11. Practice Schedule Details:</p>	<p>Teams will be formed and practices will begin the week of September 1st (2nd week of PAUSD school). Teams will be assigned a practice slot on one weekday (Monday through Friday) and one batting cage slot per week. Practices will be held at Middlefield Park and/or El Camino - or on other fields as they are available. Teams will have ~3 practices before the season begins – two weekdays and one on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Weekday practices are replaced by weekday games during the weeks of October 4th, 12th, and 18th. In addition, PALL will provide skill training events – for hitting, pitching, catching, etc. The times and location of this training will be announced in September, 2010.</p>
<p>12. Registration:</p>	<p>On-line registration on the PALL web site: www.pabaseball.org. Fall ball registration opens in July 2010 and ends on August 28, 2010 Registration fees are \$125 per player.</p>