



Fall Ball Rules @ Westwood Park (Established Fall of 2024)

The fall ball season is optional and not part of the MYBA travel season. With that said, we do support and allow it if managed responsibly. Keep in mind that parents DID NOT “sign up” for a fall season. Their kids tried out for a team to play in the spring/summer season. Many kids will be playing other sports during the fall like JFL, FNA Flag football, soccer, cross country, etc. All fall ball should be OPTIONAL, but...most parents are going to think that if their child isn't there, it will have a negative impact on their playing time in the Spring. So **PLEASE** keep fall activities to a minimum. Use this time to build team comradery and get some reps in. 1-2 days a week for a few weeks is the recommendation; that includes practices AND games. Also, look into other local towns/teams that may offer fall leagues and other options in addition to playing at Westwood.

With that said, below is a list of rules and guidelines to follow if you choose to play at Westwood fields:

1. After travel teams have been established after tryouts, **teams can reserve fields UNTIL we need to shut them down for annual maintenance. This is September 1st in 2025 with exception of field 3. Field 3 can be scheduled up to October 1st.** The fields will need to be closed for aeration and overseeding and to do other maintenance on them. These activities will vary year to year so it is very important to ensure the field maintenance director is aware of plans to utilize each field. (see next item below)
2. **MYBA fields should ONLY be prepped by Rod Wanner** (or current field maintenance lead). Please coordinate with Josh H. and Rod to get **approval** to schedule games or practice on certain fields to ensure there are no conflicts with plans to work on the fields. Rod may allow certain individuals to prep fields, but keep in mind, there is a right and wrong way to prep a field when dragging infields. Bad techniques cause bad lips.
3. **Contact the current Scheduling Director to reserve any fields approved by field maintenance** to ensure EVERYONE is aware of what has been approved and when to avoid conflicts.
4. The indoor facility is NOT to be used for team practices in the fall. Individuals can use the indoor facility, but only once their registration has been paid and a key card provided or existing activated. Team practices will begin in January. (typically start of 3rd week)
5. **Each game played at Westwood will incur a cost of \$25 to be paid by the team to the Treasurer to cover material usage.** Check with them to see how they want to track costs for the fall season. (pay as you play or pay total at end) This may not be the case if you aren't using MYBA materials.
6. Each team is responsible for paying umpires. Please contact Ryan K. (or current Rec League Umpire Director) to help schedule “unpatched” umpire(s) or Rodney Knuppel (or current Travel Umpire Coordinator) to help schedule “patched” umpires.

We hope this helps clarify how to approach the fall season, but if you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact someone from the MYBA Executive Board to assist.

Thank you!

MYBA Executive Board