

# FALL BALL LEAGUE PLAY

## **WHAT IS IT?**

A few softball programs within driving distance of Palm Beach Gardens typically offer a fall ball softball league for interested players. JTAA, (Jupiter) typically offers a program for teams in the following ages, 10U (A&B), 12U (A&B) and 14U. Lake Lytle (West Palm Beach) offers an open high school age league and the Rising Stars program (Davie) offers play for "A" division teams in the ages of 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U. Fall Ball is not offered in Palm Beach Gardens. However, teams from Palm Beach Gardens are assembled and often participate in one or more of the foregoing leagues.

The leagues are typically comprised of travel teams from various areas of South Florida. While the Jupiter program tends to be frequented by more localized teams, due to the level of competition, the Davie program often draws from a broader area, sometimes as far as Tampa and Orlando. The teams typically play multiple games on every other Sunday (usually 2-3 games a day for four Sundays), and finish the season with an elimination tournament.

## **WHO CAN PLAY?**

The leagues are open to any team desiring to participate. However, entry into the leagues are for teams and not available for individual players desiring to play. In other words, there is no way an individual can register and be placed on a Fall Ball team. As a result, the teams are usually comprised of travel oriented players from the prior summer travel season. The Palm Beach Gardens teams are selected by the league designated Fall Ball managers in each age group. Interested fall ball managers submit application for consideration to the softball board in August. Upon approval, the managers are free to create their teams. Players are usually selected on an invitational basis. However, in the past some 10U teams have held fall ball team tryouts.

## **WHAT IS THE COST?**

The cost of Fall Ball play is dictated by the cost of the league the team enters and whether new uniforms are required. The total league cost is usually distributed between the total number of girls participating. The cost usually ranges from \$40 to \$50.

## **NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

Additional information regarding Fall Ball league play, application for coaching, the league's selected managers for each age division and their contact information, can be obtained by email us through the "Contact Us" page of the web site.