



WHO WE ARE:

Ottawa West Little League (OWLL), is a community-based, volunteer-driven, non-profit organization dedicated to providing both House and Competitive level baseball for boys and girls (aged 4 to 19), as well as coaching, umpiring, and other volunteer opportunities for community members of all ages. We focus on developing in our players the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being through the game of baseball.

OWLL is part of the Little League program governed by Little League International. Little League Canada is one of its regions. OWLL plays in Ontario District 2, with teams from Kanata and East Nepean.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- JUNE 2-4: PETE LOYEN TOURNAMENT
- JUNE 7: SUMMER BALL REGISTRATION OPENS
- LATE JUNE - DATES VARY: SORT OUTS FOR SUMMER BALL
- LATE JUNE - DATES VARY: SPRING BALL PLAYOFFS
- JUNE 17: TBALL FUN DAY

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All that is happening with OWLL

Hard to believe that mere weeks ago we were facing cold rainy weather and a resulting delay to the start of our spring season. Thanks to our great coaches, convenors, and volunteers we were able to start the season right away when we got the go ahead from the City. It's so nice to see so many players and their families out enjoying baseball!

The launch of the co-ed summer season is just around the corner. We have included some information on our summer programs in this issue. There are three levels of play offered in most divisions, so there will be something for all levels of play. Registration opens on June 7th – watch for it on our website and social media. We are still looking for coaches for the summer teams, so please let us know if you are interested in coaching your player's team.

The month of June will be a busy one for OWLL and OWLL's teams. The spring season is ramping up towards playoffs and fun days, the all-star teams have been selected and will start playing matches against local teams, travelling to tournaments, and getting ready for Districts, the spring house and interlock teams are ramping up towards playoffs, our all girls teams are rocking it on the diamonds, and we are getting ready to host Intermediate Provincials and Major Provincials in July! We will also be looking for your feedback on the spring season, so watch for our survey in the June newsletter.

NEW MASCOT SELECTED!!

We were for thrilled to see all of your submissions for the new OWLL mascot. The submissions were very creative, ranging from gorgeous hand-drawn creatures, to photos, and computer aided creations. We are so excited to share with you our new mascot, a yet to be named owl. The voting by our executive was very tight, but in the end there was one clear winner – CONGRATULATIONS to James Falconer for this amazing submission!

James' submission:



The final version, sporting OWLL's colours and logo:



We are now working on some new swag that will be sporting this great OWLL owl. Watch for more news on that soon!

Summer Ball!

While it seems like the spring season has just started, we are already halfway through the season, and registration for co-ed summer ball is coming up! Look for registration to open on June 7th (priority will be given to spring ball players). NOTE: Players will receive a summer hat and dry fit (team uniform) with their registration so please make sure to update shirt sizes in your registration.

Co-ed summer ball is generally considered to be more competitive than Spring, however, with 3 levels in most divisions, there are still opportunities for all skill levels to participate. Our summer season, for most age groups, starts after Canada Day and continues until the second last week of August. At the senior level, the summer season can start in the last week of June. At the rookie to senior levels, our summer teams interlock with other Little Leagues within the City of Ottawa and surrounding areas.

Player placement on teams begins with the top-tier team, the all-star tournament team, and cascades downward from there. The next level offered is placement on 1 Canadian (A) level team, followed by 1 or more national (B) level teams. Note: rookie doesn't run an all-star team. There are 12 spots available on the all-star team. It is a tournament team and requires a significantly greater time and travel commitment (than A or B.) Like spring ball, the Canadian and national teams usually have 13-14 players.

The sort outs for the all-star teams took place in late May. If players elected not to try out, or were not selected for the all-star teams, but wish to play summer ball, there will be another round of try-outs in mid to late June. These will determine placement on Canadian or national teams.

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At the Rookie to Senior levels, our summer teams interlock with other Little Leagues within the City of Ottawa and surrounding areas. This summer, OWLL will be offering teams in the following divisions:

Division	All-star	Canadian	National
T-Ball (Little League ages 4-6)	<i>There will be four t-ball sections</i>		
Rookie (Little League ages 7-8)	NO	YES	YES
Minor (Little League ages 9-10)	YES	YES	YES
Major (Little League ages 11-12)	YES	YES	YES
Intermediate (Little League age 13)	YES	NO	NO
Junior (Little League ages 13-14)	YES	YES	YES
Senior (Little League ages 15-16)	YES	YES	YES



2023 OWLL HOSTED TOURNAMENTS

EARLY JULY - Intermediate
Provincials involving 5-6 teams

LATE JULY - Major Provincials
involving 7-9 teams

Coming soon - details will be on
<http://www.ontarioprovincials2023.ca/>



OWLL is thrilled to be hosting three tournaments in the coming months!! The Pete Loyen (JUNE 2-4), Intermediate Provincials, and Major Provincials will not only showcase the talent on OWLL's teams, they will bring teams from across the region and province to our parks! If you want to volunteer, please email owllprovincials@gmail.com. More information will be posted at <http://www.ontarioprovincials2023.ca/>.



OWLL is looking for local businesses looking to support our league through sponsorship of the Intermediate and Major provincials. In exchange, we will proudly promote your business to a wide audience on our website, social media channels and the events for the applicable tournament. Sponsorship of OWLL is a wonderful way to show support for your community and the development of our young players.

Please send an email to owllfundraising@gmail.com or president@owll.ca for details.

Pete Loyen Tournament, June 2-4

OWLL is thrilled to once again be hosting our annual minor and major spring tournament, the Pete Loyen Tournament. Pierre 'Pete' Loyen is a former President of Carlingwood Frank Ryan and Ottawa West Little Leagues. Pete was instrumental in merging the former Carlingwood Frank Ryan and Pinecrest Little Leagues in 2013 to form Ottawa West Little League.

Pete has been involved with baseball in the Ottawa West area for many years. After stepping down and leaving the organization in a terrific place, the OWLL Executive decided it was only fitting to name our annual spring tournament after someone who was a pillar in bringing this league to life.

The tournament participants are set and include teams from Carleton-Russell, Casselman, Diamond Baseball Academy, Dundas, East Nepean, Kanata, Kingston, Orleans, Stoney Creek, Upper Ottawa Valley, and four teams representing OWLL!

In general, target teams are All-Star, Select, Travel Team, A tier Little League for minor and major levels, however, all teams are welcome for this competitive weekend of baseball! We hope that that you and your families can come out to Pinecrest and Britannia parks to cheer on the players. The schedule, which starts with our opening game on Friday at 4:00PM, is as follows (larger versions are available on [OWLL's website](#)):

2023 PETE LOYEN TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE MINOR



Game Number	Date / Time	Field	Pool Number	HOME	AWAY
1	Friday 18h00	Pinecrest Rookie	2	Orleans	OWLL 2
2	Friday 18h00	Pinecrest Minor	1	East Nepean	Kingston
3	Friday 18h15	Pinecrest Rookie	4	Stoney Creek	Kanata
4	Friday 18h15	Pinecrest Minor	3	OWLL 1	Dundas
5	Saturday 8h30	Pinecrest Rookie	1	UOVLL	East Nepean
6	Saturday 8h30	Pinecrest Minor	4	Kanata	SOLL
7	Saturday 10h45	Pinecrest Rookie	2	OWLL 2	Diamond
8	Saturday 10h45	Pinecrest Minor	3	Dundas	Casselman
9	Saturday 13h00	Pinecrest Rookie	1	Kingston	UOVLL
10	Saturday 13h00	Pinecrest Minor	4	SOLL	Stoney Creek
11	Saturday 15h15	Pinecrest Rookie	2	Diamond	Orleans
12	Saturday 15h15	Pinecrest Minor	3	Casselman	OWLL 1
13	Saturday 17h30	Pinecrest Rookie	Playoff C	C1	C4
14	Saturday 17h30	Pinecrest Minor	Playoff C	C2	C3
15	Sunday 8h30	Pinecrest Rookie	Playoff B	B1	B4
16	Sunday 8h30	Pinecrest Minor	Playoff B	B2	B3
17	Sunday 10h45	Pinecrest Rookie	Playoff A	A1	A4
18	Sunday 10h45	Pinecrest Minor	Playoff A	A2	A3
19	Sunday 13h00	Pinecrest Rookie	Playoff C	Loser 13	Loser 14
20	Sunday 13h00	Pinecrest Minor	Playoff C	Winner 13	Winner 14
21	Sunday 15h15	Pinecrest Rookie	Playoff B	Loser 15	Loser 16
22	Sunday 15h15	Pinecrest Minor	Playoff B	Winner 15	Winner 16
23	Sunday 17h30	Pinecrest Rookie	Playoff A	Loser 17	Loser 18
24	Sunday 17h30	Pinecrest Minor	Playoff A	Winner 17	Winner 18



2023 PETE LOYEN TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE MAJOR

Game Number	Date / Time	Field	Pool Number	HOME	AWAY
1	Friday 18h00	Britannia	2	OWLL 2	Kanata
2	Friday 18h00	Pinecrest Major	1	Kingston	OWLL 1
3	Saturday 9h00	Britannia	2	East Nepean	OWLL 2
4	Saturday 9h00	Pinecrest Major	1	Carleton-Russell	Kingston
5	Saturday 11h15	Britannia	2	Kanata	East Nepean
6	Saturday 11h15	Pinecrest Major	1	OWLL 1	UOVLL
7	Saturday 13h30	Britannia	2	OWLL 2	Diamond
8	Saturday 13h30	Pinecrest Major	1	OWLL 1	Carleton-Russell
9	Saturday 15h45	Britannia	2	East Nepean	Diamond
10	Saturday 15h45	Pinecrest Major	1	UOVLL	Kingston
11	Sunday 9h00	Britannia	2	Diamond	Kanata
12	Sunday 9h00	Pinecrest Major	1	UOVLL	Carleton-Russell
13	Sunday 11h15	Britannia	Playoff 4v4	A4	B4
14	Sunday 11h15	Pinecrest Major	Playoff 3v3	A3	B3
15	Sunday 13h30	Pinecrest Major	Playoff 2v2	A2	B2
16	Sunday 15h45	Pinecrest Major	Playoff 1v1	A1	B1

We are still welcoming volunteers to move equipment between parks; scorekeep; prepare the fields and general set up and tear down, or helping with the barbeque (If you know any high school students looking for volunteer hours, please invite them to sign up as well). Please send an email to OWLLVolunteers@gmail.com to sign up.