



OWLL News

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.



Spring season midpoint report

Hard to believe that we are already midway through our spring season for most levels. Despite a pretty rainy month, a lot of ball has already been played! Thanks to our amazing coaches, convenors, and volunteers for such a great start to the season. 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 in early-mid June – 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, our girls teams and GOBL are rocking it on the diamonds, and we are getting ready to host major districts mid-July and minor provincials late July/Early August!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- MAY 31-JUNE 2, PETE LOYEN TOURNAMENT (MINOR&MAJOR) PINECREST AND BRITANNIA
- JUNE 7: MINOR/MAJOR EVALUATIONS, FRANK RYAN NORTH, 6:00PM
- JUNE 15: T-BALL FUN DAY, FRANK RYAN PARK
- LATE JUNE: PLAYOFFS FOR HOUSE AND INTERLOCK (ALL DIVISIONS) - DATES TBD
- LATE JUNE - LATE JULY: DISTRICTS FOR MINOR, MAJOR, JUNIOR, AND SENIOR
- JULY 27 - AUGUST 2: MINOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT PINECREST

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WEST
BASEBALL

CANTEEN @ PETE LOYEN

This year's Pete Loyer tournament will feature an onsite canteen at Pinecrest park on Saturday and Sunday (from 11:00AM - 6:00PM). Our friends and partners at the Ottawa Nepean Canadians Baseball Club and West Ottawa Pirates will be helping out at the canteen/bbq. This is a fundraiser for OWLL!

Please see flyer for menu and pricing. Cash / debit / credit accepted.



PETE LOYEN TOURNAMENT
CANTEEN MENU & SPORTS CLUB

Please support our Fundraiser Canteen & BBQ (all profits go back into youth baseball)

MENU & PRICING	
FOOD:	
JUMBO DOG COMBO*	\$6.50
HAMBURGER COMBO*	\$7.50
CHEESEBURGER COMBO*	\$8.00
*COMBO INCLUDES POP & CHIPS	
JUMBO DOG	\$4.00
HAMBURGER	\$5.00
CHEESEBURGER	\$5.50
DRINKS:	
WATER	\$1.00
POP & ICE TEA	\$1.50
GATORADE	\$2.50
SNACKS:	
JUMBO FREEZIES	\$1.00
RING POPS	\$1.00
CHIPS	\$1.50
BAG OF GUM	\$2.00

CANTEEN/BBQ HOURS: SATURDAY & SUNDAY 11AM-6PM

OTTAWA NEPEAN CANADIANS SPORTS CLUB
1125 COBDEN RD
SPORTS CLUB HOURS: FRIDAY - SUNDAY 12 - 10PM

SOCIAL & SPORTING EVENTS / COLD BEVVIES
WALL TO WALL TVS / BILLIARDS & DARTS

RAISING MONEY FOR YOUTH AND AMATEUR SPORTS

BAKE SALE

Our girls division will be holding a bake sale fundraiser at Pinecrest park on Saturday, June 1st, during the tournament! the sale starts at 8:30.



2024 PETE LOYEN TOURNAMENT
May 31 - June 2
Games at Pinecrest major, minor, rookie, and Britannia

OTTAWA West Girls

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER (JUNE 1ST)

WHEN: SATURDAY JUNE 1ST
TIME: 8-30AM
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

WHERE: PINECREST
(BETWEEN THE PARKING LOT AND THE TENNIS COURTS)

COFFEE, MUFFINS, BANANA BREAD, BAGELS ETC

Pete Loyer Tournament, May 31 – June 2

OWLL is thrilled to once again be hosting our annual minor and major spring tournament, the Pete Loyer Tournament. Pierre 'Pete' Loyer 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. We are thrilled that Pete will be at the tournament this year to throw out the first pitch at the 6:00PM game on Friday, May 31 at Pinecrest major.

The tournament participants are set and include teams from Ancaster, Carleton-Russell, Cornwall, Diamond Baseball Academy, East Nepean, Kingston, Orleans, Perth, South Ottawa, Stoney Creek, 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 as well as all important information about the tournament is on [OWLL's website!](#)

We are still welcoming volunteers to move equipment between parks; scorekeep; prepare the fields and general set up and tear down, or help with other tasks (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.

Coach and Volunteer Appreciation Night

Our league wouldn't be as great as it is without the support of our many volunteers!! To say THANK YOU, we will be hosting a coach & volunteer appreciation night on June 5th, from 7:00-10:00pm at the Ottawa-Nepean Sports Club (1125 Cobden Ave). We'll be providing food and refreshments, as well as free pool. Bring your darts if you have them!

Please fill out this simple [RSVP form](#) so that we can plan for quantities. Hope to see you there!



COACH & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT!

OUR WAY TO SAY
Thank You!
FOR ALL THAT YOU DO

WEDNESDAY JUNE 5, 7:00-10:00PM
OTTAWA NEPEAN CANADIANS SPORTS CLUB, 1125 COBDEN ROAD

MINOR PROVINCIALS SPONSORSHIP



A note from our coordinator:

As many of you know, OWLL will be hosting the Minor Provincial Championships in Ottawa from July 27-August 2, 2024. OWLL is pleased to be hosting the event at the Pinecrest Baseball Complex, where we will be bringing 7-8 teams and their families to Ottawa to participate in the event. Our goal is to provide players, coaches, families and friends with an enjoyable and memorable experience that showcases high caliber baseball, strengthens the community of baseball across Ontario, and highlights all that this area has to offer.

To host the provincials, we are hoping that the Ottawa community will help us with the costs of bringing the event to the area this summer. There are various sponsorship opportunities for those that are interested in supporting us. For more information, please [contact me](#) or check out: owllba.ca and ontariolittleleaguechampionships.ca.

Sara Krenosky
Minor Provincial Championship
Coordinator

T-BALL FUN DAY

T-Ball Fun Day takes place on Saturday, June 15th at Frank Ryan park (all three diamonds). Players will take to the field for about 50 minutes and at the end of the game, they will receive medals.

We will have fun activities and a charity BBQ which will run from approx. 11:00am - 2:30pm. Instead of charging for food/drinks, we will be collecting cash donations/pay-what-you-can contributions. All money we collect will be donated to the Britannia Woods Food Pantry. OWLL will cover the cost of the food. We ask that parents bring cash since we won't have any way to process credit cards. Coaches will share the schedule closer to the date.



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 opening up! Look for general registration for players in t-ball, rookie, minor, major, junior, and senior to open in early to mid June (priority given to spring ball players). For minor and major players, the sign up for mandatory evaluations is open now. Please [complete this form](#) to sign up. Minor and major evaluations will take place on June 7th at Frank Ryan North.

Our ability to offer these summer programs depends on parent volunteers to coach and assist our coaches at all levels. IMPORTANT: If we don't have volunteers, we will not be able to offer teams at all ages. If you are available for summer, please [register as a coach](#) or contact [Mike McLean](#).

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 late August. For the most part, our summer teams interlock with other Little Leagues within the City of Ottawa and surrounding areas. This year in addition to interlock (against teams across the city), we will be offering house (local diamonds only, against other OWLL teams) and at rookie and minor/major (combined). The girls season for rookie - junior/senior continues until late July, and GOBL runs through to August.

Player placement on teams begins with the top-tier team, the all-star team, and cascades downward from there. The next level offered is placement on one Canadian (A) level team, followed by one or more national (B) level teams. 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 and some Canadian level teams took place in late May. If players opted not to try out or were not selected for these teams but wish to play summer ball, there will be another round of try-outs **in early to mid June**. These will determine placement on the remaining Canadian or national/house teams.

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.

Providing that we secure coaches for all divisions, we anticipate that we will be offering the following:

Division	All-star	Canadian	National (interlock or house)
T-Ball	There will be four t-ball nights		
Rookie	No	Yes	Yes
Minor	Yes	Yes	Yes *with major
Major	Yes	Yes	Yes *with minor
Junior	Yes	Yes	Yes
Senior	Yes	No	Yes