



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:

- JULY 27 - AUGUST 2: MINOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED BY OWLL
- EARLY AUGUST: FALL REGISTRATION OPENS
- AUGUST 17: END OF REGULAR SEASON, CO-ED INTERLOCK
- AUGUST 18 - 25: INTERLOCK PLAYOFFS
- AUGUST 25: OWLL SUMMER BANQUET
- AUGUST 30: OWLL NIGHT AT THE OTTAWA TITANS!



OWLL News



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Baseball and more baseball...

Hello, and welcome to the July issue of OWLL News. The last month has been incredibly busy with the start of summer ball, launch of our new minor/major house development program, district playdowns, several tournaments, ongoing GOBL and girls seasons, and preparation for the upcoming minor provincials, hosted by OWLL at Pinecrest major, July 27 – August 2. Overall, the busy summer season is going really well, with some great ball being played in house, interlock, and tournament play.

Our baseball filled month would not have been as successful without the help of our many volunteers. We'd like to take a minute to do a shout out to all of those who help out with the preparations for provincials, hosting major districts, organizing sort-outs, launching teams, and running our league. Many hours were put in by our grounds crews, coaches, scorekeepers, umpires, and all the folks who just said "what can I do?" **THANK YOU!!**

We are at the point where we can see the end of the schedule for one season, so we start thinking about the next. Planning is underway for fall ball. Registration will open in early August, and we anticipate offering girls and co-ed programs for t-ball - senior divisions. As is always the case, our programs are coach dependent. If we have the coaches, we will offer sessions at all age levels. Fall ball will run for at least 4 weeks starting after Labour Day. If you are interested in coaching fall ball, please email [Mike McLean](#) / [Frances Chan](#).

MINOR PROVINCIALS POOLS



MINOR PROVINCIALS TEAM POOLS

Round Robin Pools

Pool A	Pool B
Oakville Whitecaps	East Nepean Eagles
Ottawa West Twins	Kingston Colts
Perth Royals	Orleans Red Sox
Timmins Lynx	Windsor West

IN THIS EIGHT TEAM ROUND ROBIN FORMAT, TEAMS ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO POOLS FOR THE ROUND ROBIN PORTION OF THE SCHEDULE. THESE ARE THE POOLS FOR THIS TOURNAMENT.

FALL BALL

OWLL will once again be offering fall ball programs to both our co-ed and girls players. We anticipate offering programs from t-ball through to senior divisions. As is always the case, our programs are coach dependent. If we have the coaches, we are able to offer sessions at the various age levels. If you are interested in coaching fall ball, please email [Mike McLean](mailto:Mike.McLean@owll.com) / [Frances Chan](mailto:Frances.Chan@owll.com).



Like last year, the program will be a skills development program, with the possibility of exhibition games against other teams in the region. Registration will open in early August, and fall ball will be twice a week, one weekday evening and one weekend day. It will run for approximately four weeks starting after Labour Day, with the option to extend into the fall if the weather permits. Watch for more information in your email, or on our social media channels

Minor provincials start this week!!



It's finally here - OWLL is excited to be hosting minor provincials from July 27 – August 2, 2024. There are no national championships in the minor division, so this tournament is the high point of the minor season in Ontario.

The tournament features players aged 9 and 10 from the Oakville Whitecaps, East Nepean Eagles, Timmins Lynx, Windsor West, Orleans Red Sox, Kingston Colts, Perth Royals, and Ottawa West Twins! Round robin game play starts on Saturday, August 27th, and the opening ceremonies will be at Pinecrest major, 4:00p.m. on the 27th. The complete (and packed!) game schedule can be found below.



MINOR PROVINCIALS FULL SCHEDULE

Game	Date	Time	Location	Pool	Team 1	Team 2
1	Sat July 27	9:00	Pinecrest Maj	A	Timmins Lynx	Ottawa West Twins
2	Sat July 27	11:30	Pinecrest Maj	A	Oakville Whitecaps	Perth Royals
3	Sat July 27	14:00	Pinecrest Maj	B	Windsor West	Kingston Colts
4	Sat July 27	17:30	Pinecrest Maj	B	East Nepean Eagles	Orleans Red Sox
5	Sun July 28	11:30	Britannia Maj	A	Oakville Whitecaps	Timmins Lynx
6	Sun July 28	11:30	Pinecrest Maj	B	Orleans Red Sox	Kingston Colts
7	Sun July 28	14:00	Pinecrest Maj	A	Ottawa West Twins	Perth Royals
8	Sun July 28	17:30	Pinecrest Maj	B	Windsor West	East Nepean Eagles
9	Mon July 29	9:00	Pinecrest Maj	A	Timmins Lynx	Perth Royals
10	Mon July 29	11:30	Pinecrest Maj	B	Windsor West	Orleans Red Sox
11	Mon July 29	14:00	Pinecrest Maj	A	Ottawa West Twins	Oakville Whitecaps
12	Mon July 29	17:30	Pinecrest Maj	B	East Nepean Eagles	Kingston Colts
13	Tue July 30	13:00	Pinecrest Maj	B2	A1	
14	Tue July 30	17:00	Pinecrest Maj	A2	B1	
15	Wed July 31	17:00	Pinecrest Maj		Winner game 13	Winner game 14

Our tournament website, ontariolittleleaguechampionships.ca is where you will also be able to find information about the diamonds, and what amenities may be offered during games. You should also follow our social media on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/owllontario)/[X](https://twitter.com/owllontario)/[Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/owllontario) for daily updates and pictures from the action.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still looking for volunteers to help make provincials run smoothly. Do you have any time, even an hour or two, that you'd be able to help out? Please send an email to OWLLMerchandise@gmail.com. Tasks we need help with include volunteers for running the scoreboard, field support to help prep before and after games, and canteen support for the tournament. **High schoolers will receive volunteer hour credit for any hours they spend helping out!**



The road to the Little League World Series

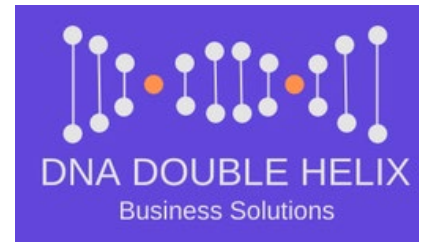
The district tournament is the first step for a team on the way to the World Series. Once a team from District 2 (OWLL, East Nepean, and Kanata) wins the round robin district tournament, they advance to the Ontario championship, where they play against teams from all districts in the province. These tournaments typically involve five to eight teams, and follow either a round robin or double elimination format. If a team is successful at provincials, they'll advance to the Canadians. Teams at the Canadians generally represent their province, although some provinces (i.e. the Atlantic provinces) are grouped together and they send one team to represent the region. The winner of the Canadian championship plays in the World Series.

Four age levels have a World Series: major, intermediate, junior, and senior. They all play in different tournaments at different times in the summer – the final tournament of the Little League season is the Little League World Series, for major, which happens in late August. Minor teams don't have a World Series – their tournament season ends after provincials.

When a team from Canada advances to their level's World Series, they will be seeded into the international bracket. The bracket is ten teams for major, and six teams at the three other ages. The teams in the international bracket compete against each other for the right to play the champion of the American bracket in the tournament final.

Minor Provincials sponsors and supporters

Thank you to our sponsors for taking a such a big part in what will be a memorable tournament for all the players involved (click on logo to go to website).



Thank you to our community supporters for helping to make this an amazing tournament.

