



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.



2023 wrap up

Off-seasons greetings to all our OWLL families!! We hope that you are all well and enjoying time with your family and friends. As we wrap up 2023, we wanted to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all of the coaches, volunteers, and families who made this year an amazing year for Little League in Ottawa West. This was a very busy year for OWLL, and it would not have been possible without the contributions of so many of you!

In this issue we look back on some of the highlights from this last year... spring ball, summer ball, fall ball, the Pete Loyen tournament, tball fun day, the junior girls tournament, rookie tournament, districts, provincials, and nationals! It was awesome to watch so many players grow and develop over 2023.

We are now gearing up for the start of our winterball programs in January, and before you know it, we will be opening registration for our spring programs (registration will open in February – details to be posted on our website.)

Finally, we do still have some volunteer opportunities we'd like to fill! If you feel that you have a couple (or a few) hours to spare each month - we'd love to hear from you! In particular, we are looking for someone to work with our outgoing treasurer or facilities advocate. If you are interested in either of these roles, or want more information about what each does, please send an email to <mailto:president@owll.ca>.

Happy New Year to all!!
Sarah Futterer
President

IMPORTANT DATES:

- JANUARY (VARIOUS DATES): WINTER BALL TRAINING STARTS
- FEBRUARY 1 (APPROX): SPRING BALL REGISTRATION OPENS
- APRIL: INDOOR SORTOUTS FOR ROOKIE AND HIGHER DIVISIONS FOR SPRING BALL
- APRIL (TBD): UMPIRE TRAINING
- APRIL (TBD): COACH TRAINING



Mark your calendars for 2024*

Please pencil in the following dates

- Spring Registration begins mid-February 2024 via website
- Saturdays and Sundays in April - sort outs for rookie and higher for spring ball
- May 1st city of Ottawa opens fields 🙌
- May 15th, OWLL can name tournament teams.
- Pete Loyen tournament (minor and major aged) May 31 - June 2, 2024
- Senior districts (ENLL hosts) approx. June 26-30, 2024
- Junior districts (KLL hosts) approx. July 11-15, 2024
- Major districts (OWLL hosts) approx. July 12-15, 2024
- Minor districts (ENLL hosts) approx.. July 19-22, 2024
- Minor provincials (OWLL hosts) approx. end July to early August, 2024
- Rookie Tournament July 19-21, 2024 (Frank Ryan Park)

*note: all dates are approximate, based on available information.

2023 wrap-up

From spring house league to summer interlock to fall development, our players had lots of fun and saw much improvement. We hosted and played in many tournaments, celebrating the victories and learning from the losses.

District play saw our juniors and seniors play in the finals, and our minor and major teams win the right to represent the district at provincials! The minor team had an excellent tournament in Timmins, finishing in second place.

OWLL hosted two provincial tournaments – first up was the intermediates, where five teams from around the province played. OWLL made it to the semi-finals, but did not advance beyond. The second provincial was the major tournament, where the OWLL team won a thrilling two game final to win the right to represent Ontario at nationals. At Canadians, OWLL had a great tournament, but lost a tie-break and did not make it into the semi-finals.

The next few pages offer a look at the year, in pictures....



2023, by the numbers

We offered Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall programming in 2023.

- Winter indoor skills training was offered for prospects, and coed & girls open divisions.

69 players in the open sessions
60 players in the prospects

- Spring house season ran from mid-May until end of June (Girls and GOBL extended into summer) with 657 total participants

Coed

Tball, 185 players, 11 teams
Rookie 109 players, 3A, 6B teams
Minor, 98 players, 3A, 6B teams
Major, 106 players, 3A, 6B teams
Junior 64 players, 2A, 4B teams
Senior, 23 players, 1A, 1B teams
GOBL, 13 players

Girls

Rookie, 18 players, 2 teams
Minor, 24 players, 2 teams
Major, 23 players, 2 teams
Junior, 13 players, 1 team

- The co-ed summer interlock schedule was for July and August, with 264 total participants.

Coed

Tball, 63 players, 4 teams
Rookie 48 players, 2A, 2B teams
Minor, 34 players, 1A, 2B teams
Major, 40 players, 1A, 2B teams
Junior 14 players, 1B team
Senior, 7 players, 1A, team

Prospects

Minor, 12 players
Major, 12 players
Intermediate, 12 players
Junior 13 players
Senior, 9 players

- Fall season was four weeks, mostly training, with some local and travel exhibition games, 186 participants.

Coed

Rookie 16 players
Minor, 30 players
Major, 38 players
Junior 20 players
Senior, 12 players

Girls

Rookie 7 players
Major, 13 players
Junior 16 players

Prospects

Minor, 20 players
Major, 17 players



Help wanted!!

Our executive is looking to fill two key volunteer positions right now, treasurer and facilities advocate. Both of these opportunities are unique in that the outgoing person is committed to staying on to train the incoming volunteer, and have them shadow the position until training is completed. As such, there is no formal training or experience required for either role. If you are interested, or have any questions about the responsibilities for either position, please email Sarah Futterer, president@owll.ca.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

FACILITIES ADVOCATE WANTED!

THEIR PRIMARY JOB WOULD BE TO HELP LIAISE WITH THE CITY OF OTTAWA REGARDING THE FIELDS WE PLAY BALL ON.

THIS IS A KEY POSITION AND WE PLAN TO HAVE THE CANDIDATE SHADOW OUR OUTGOING FACILITIES ADVOCATE BEFORE HE LEAVES THE POSITION IN LATE 2024.

HELP WANTED!

OWLL IS LOOKING FOR A NEW TREASURER

THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS ROLE ARE TO OVERSEE ALL FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND FUNDRAISING EFFORTS.

THIS IS A KEY POSITION, AND WE PLAN TO HAVE THE CANDIDATE SHADOW OUR OUTGOING TREASURER BEFORE THE END OF HER TERM.

