



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.

OWLL News



Final look at 2024

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 2024, we wanted to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all of the coaches, volunteers, and families who made this year amazing 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 will look back at some of the highlights from this year – our winter, spring, summer, and fall ball programs; the Pete Loyen tournament; t-ball fun day; the rookie tournament; districts and provincials; and all the fun in between! It is so fantastic to watch so many players grow and develop over various seasons!

We are now gearing up for the start of our winter ball programs in January, and before you know it, we will be opening registration for our spring programs (registration will open in February – details will be on 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! If you are interested in helping out, please send an email to president@owll.ca.

Happy New Year to all!!

IMPORTANT DATES:

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





Important dates for 2025*

Please *pencil* in the following dates

- Spring Registration begins early February 2025 via website
- Saturdays and Sundays in April - sort outs for rookie and higher for spring ball - coed and girls programs
- May 1st, city of Ottawa opens fields 🙌
- May 15th, OWLL can name tournament teams.
- Pete Loyen tournament (minor and major divisions), May 30 - June 1, 2025
- **NEW** Junior tournament (TBD)
- Senior districts (KLL hosts) approx. June 22 - 27, 2025
- Junior districts (OWLL hosts) approx. July 3 - 9, 2025
- Intermediate districts (TBD)
- Major districts (ENLL hosts) approx. July 9 - 15, 2025
- Minor districts (KLL hosts) approx.. July 17 - 23, 2025
- Rookie Tournament July 19 - 21, 2025 (Frank Ryan Park)

*note: all dates are approximate, based on available information. We will update as we get confirmation. Watch our social media spaces for additional information closer to the dates listed.

Introducing OWLL's train-at-home program

Hey OWLL players! Are you interested in improving your baseball skills and winning prizes? Each OWLL Newsletter will now feature a video from an OWLL player demonstrating a drill that you can do on your own time at home. Watch the video and follow the instructions to practice the skill at home and improve your game. January's drill can be found here - https://owllba.ca/Pages/1304/skills_videos/.

Parents can help their child to make sure they are performing the skill as described in the video and then email ottawawestdev@gmail.com by January 26, 2025 with the number of days their child has practiced the skill that month. The OWLL player who has practiced the skill the most number of days will win some OWLL swag and be featured in the next newsletter.

For anyone interested in demonstrating the drill for the next newsletter, please contact ottawawestdev@gmail.com.

2024 wrap-up

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

Our district teams made it to the finals in minor, major, and junior, and we hosted an incredibly successful minor Provincials tournament at Pinecrest. The minor team played a great tournament, ultimately falling in the final game to East Nepean. Now, a look at the year, in pictures....



2024 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.

115 players in the open sessions
43 players in prospects

Spring house season ran from mid May until end of June (girls and GOBL extended into summer) with 718 total participants

Coed

Tball, 175 players, 11 teams
Rookie, 107 players, 4A, 6B teams
Minor, 103 players, 4A, 5B teams
Major, 126 players, 4A, 6B teams
Junior 73 players, 2A, 4B teams
Senior, 24 players, 2B teams
GOBL, 15 players

Girls

Rookie, 24 players, 2 teams
Minor, 23 players, 2 teams
Major, 25 players, 2 teams
Jnr/Snr, 23 players, 2 teams

Co-ed summer interlock was played in July and August and had 292 total participants.

Tball, 59 players, 4 teams
Rookie 48 players, 2A, 2B teams
Minor, 68 players, 1AS, 1A, 3U11 teams
Major, 65 players, 1AS, 2A, 2B teams
Junior 39 players, 1AS 2B teams
Senior, 14 players, 1B team

Fall season was six+ weeks, mostly training, with some exhibition games, and 317 participants.

Coed

Tball, 28 players
Rookie 9 players
Minor, 52 players
Major, 56 players
Junior 45 players
Senior/GOBL, 18 players

Girls

Minor, 10 players
Major, 12 players
Junior 14 players

Prospects

Minor, 22 players
Major, 21 players
Junior, 32 players

