



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:

- JANUARY 3: TRYOUTS FOR 9U/10U/11U/12U TRAVEL BALL TEAMS
- 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



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Final look at 2025

Off-season's greetings to all of our OWLL families!! We hope that you are all well and enjoying time with your family and friends. As we wrap up 2025, 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 another year of growth for our league, which made for a very busy year! It would not have been possible without the contributions of so many of you!

In this issue, we will take a photographic look back at some of the highlights from this year – our winter, spring, summer, and fall ball programs; the Pete Loyen tournament; t-ball and rookie fun day; district and provincial tournaments; interlock play; and all the fun in between! It is so fantastic to watch so many players grow and develop over various seasons!

We are 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.) We've included some information on the new travel ball option for 9-12 year old players (minor-major ages).

Finally, we do still have some volunteer positions 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 FOR 2026*

Please *pencil* in the following dates for the 2026 season:

- January 3rd – Travel ball tryouts for 9U/10U/11U/12U at Bell Sensplex, 5:00-7:00pm (9U/10U) & 7:00-9:00pm (11U/12U)
- January (various dates) – winter ball programming starts
- Early February - spring registration begins via Sportsheadz
- Early April - sort outs – exact dates/times depend on age
- May 4th - City of Ottawa opens fields (weather permitting 🌤️)
- May 15 - can name district/tournament teams
- June 5-7 - Pete Loyen tournament (minor and major aged)
- June - new spring tournament for junior girls
- July 19-21 - rookie spring tournament *proposed*
- early July - minor Canadian tournament *proposed*
- June 23-27 (approx) - senior districts (OWLL hosts)
- July 2-7 (approx.) - junior districts (ENLL hosts)
- July - intermediate districts TBD
- July 15-21 (approx.) - major districts (KLL hosts)
- July 23-29 (approx.) - Minor districts (OWLL hosts)

***note: all dates are approximate, based on available information. We will update as we get confirmation.**

OWLL's new travel ball program *(formerly prospects)*

Travel ball is a new co-ed program for OWLL, expanding and replacing our prospects program. This will allow us to offer more training spots to players who want increased skill development year-round, and the opportunity to play more competitive ball in the spring. Travel ball is a Little League designation that simply means that we can form the teams earlier, that they will be eligible to play exhibition games in the within the Kingston, Pembroke, and Montreal areas and in early tournaments in May. It will also help us select players for our Canadian teams in summer ball at an earlier date.

Adopting this program reflects the growing size and strength of our league and is a direct response to feedback from parents who were looking to have teams formed earlier in the spring and opportunities to further their child's skill development. These teams do not replace the district teams, which have their own tryout and selection process in the spring. They will permit us to form strong committed teams early, allowing for better planning for summer 2026's district and interlock teams. Players must participate in spring house to be eligible for summer play.

For 2026 OWLL will be offering travel ball to minor and major aged players. Interested players are invited to try out for one of four travel teams, based on age, on January 3rd, 2026 at the Bell Sensplex. We will be offering teams in the 9U/10U/11U/12U age groups, with players playing at their little league age for the 2026 season. Each group will have their own coach and will practice together as a team. There will be approximately 15 players on each team. Note that the travel ball groups will have more frequent practices, with a separate practice schedule from the open winter ball groups. Please reach out if you have questions about the dates/times for these practices.

If you are planning for your player's participation, winter workouts will happen indoors, two to three days a week. In the spring, players will shift to house league for the May-June timeline, while continuing to play weekend exhibition and tournament games with their travel team. Tryouts for the district team will happen in May, and players will either be selected to that team, or remain with their travel team to play exhibition games and summer interlock. Players who wish to tryout for/play on the district team **MUST** play spring house. If they choose not to play spring, they will not be eligible for a district team that year. Travel team players who do not make the district team can play summer interlock. There will still be open tryouts for national and Canadian summer teams for all interested players.

In the fall of 2026, we will be shifting our intermediate, junior, and senior prospects to this travel ball model for 2027 teams. We are also looking into the possibility of offering a similar program for our more competitive girls players. Our travel ball season will then include fall ball workouts for minor to senior aged players the 2027 season.



2025 by the numbers...

We offered Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall programming in 2025.

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

73 players in the open sessions

73 players in prospects

Spring house season ran from mid May until end of June (girls and GOBL extended into summer) with 765 total participants.

Coed

Tball, 206 players, 12 teams

Rookie, 113 players, 4A, 6B teams

Minor, 116 players, 5A, 5B teams

Major, 115 players, 4A, 6B teams

Junior 83 players, 3A, 4B teams

Senior, 32 players, 3B teams

GOBL, 12 players

Girls*

Rookie, 22 players, 2 teams

Minor, 32 players, 3 teams

Major, 17 players, 1 team

Junior 14 players, 1 team

Note that two girls teams, at major and senior, played in the coed house/interlock divisions. The players are counted in their numbers.

Co-ed summer interlock was played in July and August and had 275 total participants.

Tball, 65 players, 4 teams

Rookie 47 players, 1A, 3B teams

Minor, 62 players, 1AS, 2A, 2B teams

Major, 66 players, 1AS, 2A, 2B teams

Intermediate, 13 players, 1AS team

Junior 37 players, 1AS, 2B teams

Senior, 15 players, 1B team

The fall season had 351 participants and consisted of six or more weeks of training along with some exhibition games.

Coed

Tball, 15 players

Rookie 27 players

Minor, 44 players

Major, 65 players

Junior 40 players

Senior, 29 players

Girls, 41 players

Prospects, 90 players

2025 in pictures!



For a closer look at individual photos please see the gallery on our website:

https://owllba.ca/Galleries/2203/2025_wrap_up/t