



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:

- NOVEMBER 15: REGISTRATION FOR WINTER BALL OPENS
- 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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Message from our new president

Hello everyone, my name is Greg Milks, the new president of Ottawa West Little League. I would first like to thank Sarah Futterer for all that she has done for the league in the past 8 plus years. Growing the girls program, growing the league, and keeping the league going in a positive direction in the community coming out of Covid. Thanks also go out to other members that are not returning for all their work they have done during their tenure.

My goals are to continue growing the league, the girls program, and our positive role in the community. I look forward to working with the Executives and everyone in making our Little League fun, competitive and cost efficient for all ages from T-ball to GOBL.

For those that don't know me, I have been involved in baseball in the community from the age of 12, I am a CFR alum, and an OWLL coach that has a great passion for Little League baseball and the opportunity that it gives every child to enjoy the game of baseball. I look forward to continuing giving back to a community that gave so much to myself as a youth.

Thank you all,
Greg Milks

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2025-2026*

Please *pencil* in the following dates for the 2025-2026 season:

- November 15th – winter ball registration opens via Sportsheadz
- Early February - spring registration begins via Sportsheadz
- January (various dates) – winter ball programming starts
- Early April - sort outs – exact dates/times depend on age
- May 4th - City of Ottawa opens fields (weather permitting 🌤️)
- May 15 - can name 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.



AGM wrap-up

HONOUREES: The Curtis Johnston “For the Love of the Game” award was presented to minor player Wyatt McDougall; the Warren Stone Junior Umpire Award was awarded to second year umpire Andy Parsons; and our volunteers of the year were Jonathan Petsche and Chris Moeller. Congratulations to all!!

REGISTRATION: 2025 was another great year for all of our programs - we saw participation growth in the spring, summer, and fall seasons, with total registration numbers the highest ever for each season. Our fall program saw a 22% increase in registrants over last year’s numbers! Winter numbers are not yet available, as we are prepping to launch the 2026 winter ball training registration on November 15th.

PLAYER AND COACH DEVELOPMENT: Last year we offered winter training across most age divisions. We also conducted coach training and some focussed sessions for players on hitting, catching, and pitching. Our spring, summer, and fall sessions remained strong and well enrolled. Looking to 2026, we face new challenges - as our numbers grow, how can our programs continue to adapt to the changing needs and dynamics of our players and how can we ensure we have the coaching capacity to meet the increased, needs? We plan to improve areas that have been identified through parent and coach feedback and are looking to support our volunteer coaches; build a coach development team; offer more support to our early stage coaches; continue develop our girls teams; increase pitcher and catcher development; and to elevate the quality and depth of competition at senior.

OPERATIONS: Our Pete Loyen tournament was another successful one this year, hosting 12 major teams and 13 minor teams. Our equipment budget was spent mostly on the basics this year with the increased cost on the necessities (baseballs, bases and pegs, etc..). in 2026 the league will continue to invest in more catchers’ gear, bases to replace any that are past their prime, practice equipment, etc... Without a dedicated field manager this year, it was difficult to piece together volunteers to manage all the needs at each field. We are prioritizing filling that void.

ADMIN: SportsHeadz had a rough start but after some training, has been working well, overall a positive switch. We were able to organize photos day for our Tball to major teams this year. Using the same photographer as last had the teams photos completed quickly and was very well organized. Our banquet was again hosted at Pinecrest fields. Pizza, drinks and cake were served as well as having lawn games, candy guessing and team awards. It was well attended, the weather was great and the feedback from parents and coaches was that it was a great venue and allowed us to host our huge number of summer players.

UMPIRES: We had 83 active on-field officials who officiated a total of 800 on-field games (this does not include the games done as part of the Little League tournaments). 33 of those officials did 10 or more games. There were only two “no-show” situations, and none of our games were cancelled due to a shortage of umpires. We are in planning with our District Umpire Consultant to improve officiating not just within OWLL, but District 2 as a whole.

WINTER BALL

OWLL will once again be offering winter ball programs to both our co-ed and girls players. We anticipate offering programs from rookie through to senior divisions. As is always the case, our programs are coach dependent. If we have the coaches, we can offer sessions at the various age levels. If you are interested in coaching winter ball, email OttawaWestDev@gmail.com / Registrar@gmail.com



Winter ball is a skills training program that runs January to late March/early April. The purpose of this program is to give players the opportunity to work on their baseball skills over the winter months at Sir Robert Borden High School, Monarch and the Sensplex. The program will start in January (various dates).

Watch your email or our social media channels for information on our registration – opening November 15th!

Costs will vary by division and be available on the registration form. You will need a SportsHeadz account to register. [Check out our guide](#) for instructions on how to get the account and register after November 15th.



Due to limited space, priority is given to players in OWLL boundary.

FIELDS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS: There were no new capital projects undertaken this year as we did not receive any of our minor capital grants or get the go ahead from the city to undertake any projects because of a lack of available managers. Focus was spent on maintenance on our existing diamonds. Looking ahead, we are hoping to do upgrades at Williams park in Bells Corners and mounds at Hanlon and Ainsley. Field watering, washington mix replenishment, clay for diamonds, grass seed/fertilizer will all be required yearly to maintain the diamonds we have already improved. The city does not provide any of these things.

GIRLS PROGRAMMING: What a year of growth for our girls program! We saw continued increase in enrolment across OWLL and citywide programs, with new coaches, more volunteers, and increasing tournament opportunities for all age levels. Looking ahead, we're focused on building balanced teams, rep teams, and expanding tournament play, making next season even stronger.

PROGRAMS: We sent out six surveys to parents, coaches, and conveners for the spring and summer seasons. In the spring and summer, parent respondents felt that OWLL was successful at: fostering a positive, supportive environment; supporting skills development; developing baseball IQ; communicating to players and parents; and player growth. From coaches and parents, several areas for improvement were also identified, which will guide the league's priorities for next season. We thank our parents and coaches were this valuable feedback. It has given us lots to work on as we prepare for the 2026 on-field seasons.

ELECTIONS: The meeting concluded with the election of new and returning executive and members. We would like to welcome the following folks who have committed to volunteer and support OWLL:

Greg Milks (president)*, Chris Moeller (VP admin)*, Melissa Muysson (treasurer)*, Frances Chan (registrar)*, John Lefebvre, (VP operations)*, Sara Krenosky, (uniforms manager), Philip Thompson (safety officer), John Lefebvre (tournament director), and Heather Squires (rookie convenor).
two year term, voting member

Welcome back to our returning volunteers, Eric S. (equipment), Jessie and Britt (merchandise), Alex D. (T-ball convenor), Eric M. (minor convenor), Erin M. (major convenor), Justin (fall ball convenor), Steph F. (director of girls programming), Liz S. (volunteer manager), and Benoit P. (facilities advocate).

Thank you to outgoing members Sarah Futterer, Charleen Glover, Rob Dowell, Stacey Scollie, Jamie Calder, Colin Foster, and Liisa Vexler. We are so grateful for your contributions to OWLL!!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

OWLL is looking to fill the following roles for the 2025-2026 season: fields manager, umpire & game scheduler, sponsorship & advertising coordinator, special events coordinator, and junior/senior convenor. If you are interested in any of these roles, or would like more information, please email OWLLvolunteers@gmail.com.