



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:

- **EARLY AUGUST: FALL BALL REGISTRATION OPENS**
- **AUGUST 15: END OF REGULAR SEASON, CO-ED INTERLOCK**
- **AUGUST 16 - 23 (APPROX): INTERLOCK PLAYOFFS**
- **AUGUST 17: OWLL SUMMER BANQUET**
- **EARLY SEPTEMBER: FALL BALL BEGINS**



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, district playdowns, tournaments and more tournaments, ongoing GOBL and girls seasons, and intermediate provincials, hosted (and won!) by OWLL at Pinecrest junior, July 8 - 11. 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 helped out with league play, district tournaments, the preparations for provincials, organizing summer 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 [C. Wilson](#) / [F. Chan](#).

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.

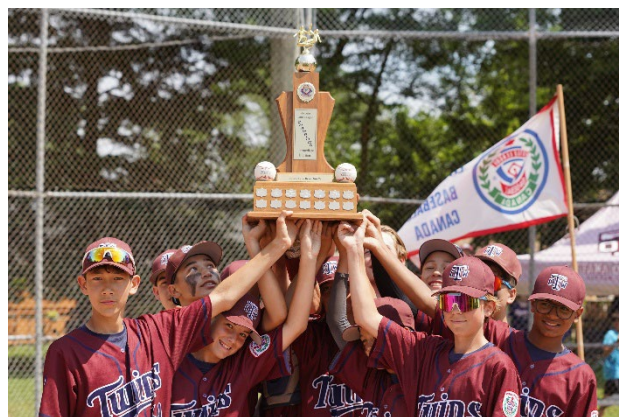
When a team from Canada advances to their level's World Series, they will be seeded into the international bracket. The bracket is ten teams for major, and six teams at the three other ages. The teams in the international bracket compete against each other for the right to play the champion of the American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

OWLL advances to semis at intermediate Canadians!!



OWLL is proud to have hosted intermediate provincials from July 8 – 11, 2025. The tournament was awarded to OWLL at a very late date and the team, their families, and our volunteers pulled together a fantastic, well run tournament in a short period of time!!

The provincial tournament featured 13 year-old players from the Oakville Whitecaps, Orleans Red Sox, and Ottawa West Twins! Round robin game play comprised of each team playing each other twice. The Twins went undefeated in the tournament and eliminated Orleans in the final to advance to Canadians in Kingston.



The Twins had a very successful tournament at Canadiand. They went 3-2 in the round robin, including two games where they held their own against strong teams from Alberta and British Columbia – the two finalists. Their third place record earned them a birth in the semi-finals, where they played Alberta. The game was a great game, with both teams playing very well. OWLL lost 6-7 in seventh inning. WAY TO GO INTERMEDIATE TWINS!

Provincials sponsors

Thank you to our sponsors for taking a such a big part in what was a memorable tournament for all the players involved.



HELP WANTED!!

OWLL is looking to fill the following key positions for the remainder of this season and the 2026 season:

Umpire scheduler
Risk Manager/Safety Officer
Spring Tournament director
Summer tournament director
Umpire scheduler
Bunker supplies return (fall)

If you are interested in any of these rolls, or are looking for more information as to what any position involves, please reach out to president@owll.ca.

FALL BALL

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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

CALL FOR 2026 DISTRICT COACHES

Ottawa West Little League is looking for head and assistant coaches for the 2026 all-star season (district play). Please read through for details of the time commitment required.

We will be looking for coaches for the following levels:

Minor (ages 9 & 10)
Major (ages 11 & 12)
Intermediate (age 13)
Junior (ages 13 & 14)
Senior (ages 15 & 16)

The successful candidates will demonstrate an understanding of the Little League program and philosophies (or a similar youth baseball program). Coaching candidates must meet the following criteria to be considered:

- Baseball knowledge through experience in coaching, officiating and/or convening;
- Knowledge of skill requirements and capabilities of youth players for the level of play;
- Run the winter prospects; followed by spring prospects program (applies to head coach applications);
- Assist with winter prospects; followed by the spring prospects (applies to assistant coach applications);
- Strong people skills and effective communication skills;
- Willingness to run team-building activities prior to the beginning of the spring season (applies to head coach applications); and
- Personal investment in the growth of the league (as a whole) is considered an asset.

For head coach positions, preference will be given to non-parent coaches provided they are able to meet the time commitment required of this position.

Please email interest to ottawawestdev@gmail.com by end of day August 3rd, 2025.

**CALL FOR 2026
DISTRICT COACH
APPLICATIONS**

*For minor, major, intermediate,
junior, and senior divisions.*

See caption for details. Email
ottawawestdev@gmail.com by
end of day Sunday, August 3rd to
apply.