



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:

- WEEK OF JULY 1: SUMMER SEASON STARTS - CHECK YOUR SCHEDULE IN SPORTSHEADZ
- JULY 2 - 5: JUNIOR DISTRICTS, HOSTED BY OWLL AT PINCREST
- JULY 8 - 11: INTERMEDIATE PROVINCIALS, HOSTED BY OWLL AT PINCREST
- JULY 9-12: MAJOR DISTRICTS, HOSTED BY EAST NEPEAN AT EAGLE'S NEST
- JULY 17 - 20: MINOR DISTRICTS, HOSTED BY KANATA AT SCOTT TOKESSY



OWLL News



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Season changeover...

Hello, and welcome to the June issue of OWLL News. June was a very busy month for baseball in Ottawa West. We had games and practices whenever the weather let us squeeze them in, with action from t-ball to GOBL for our National and Canadian teams, as well as the formation of districts teams from minor to junior. The weather was a challenge for all divisions, meaning that there have been a few scrambles to get games rescheduled and then only to have them rescheduled again! We hope that all players had a great time on the diamonds, even with the delays and reschedules. Playoffs are now complete! Congratulations to all who were victorious in their divisions.

OWLL also hosted three successful events in June. The first was the Pete Loyen tournament, where teams at the minor and major level from Ontario and Quebec played some excellent baseball over the course of 3 days, despite the truly awful weather. We also hosted a fantastic t-ball fun day where all of our t-ball players gathered at Frank Ryan park. They played many games throughout the day showcasing the skills they've learned of the course of the spring season. Finally, we hosted rookie fun day at Pinecrest park, where all participating teams and players played a couple of games against their peers. These two events included very successful fundraisers for the Britannia Woods Food Pantry. You'll find a wrap up and some photos from these in this issue.

We hope that you had an enjoyable season with OWLL this spring. For those of you pausing your baseball careers until fall or possibly next spring, we look forward to seeing you when you return to diamond. If you are joining us for summer ball, coaches will be reaching out via Sportsheadz this week, if you haven't heard from them already. See you on the diamond!

DISTRICTS

The first week of July marks the start of the districts tournament schedule for OWLL (and the other local little leagues). The districts are the first step on the road to the world series at applicable levels. Winners of the district tournaments go on to play in the provincial tournaments to determine who will be Team Ontario at the national championship. The winner of the national championship goes on to the World Series for their division. These take place in various locations.

If you are looking to watch some great, competitive baseball locally, OWLL is competing in three district tournaments in the coming weeks:

Minor districts - July 17-20, all games at Scott Tokessy in Kanata.

Major districts - July 9-12, all games at Eagle's Nest in East Nepean

Junior districts - July 2-6, all games at Pinecrest Major

Senior districts - Completed in late June. Congrats to ENLL!

Watch our website and social media channels for more details on when the games will be occurring.



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Provincials come to OWLL!

For the third year in a row, Ottawa West Little League is thrilled to be hosting a provincial championship at Pinecrest park! The intermediate provincials run from July 8 – 11, 2025. This tournament will determine which team moves forward to nationals as Team Ontario!.

INTERMEDIATE PROVINCIALS FULL SCHEDULE				
Date	Time	Location	Team 1	Team 2
Tues, July 8	2:00pm	Pinecrest Jr	Orleans Red Sox	Oakville Whitecaps
Tues, July 8	5:00pm	Pinecrest Jr	Ottawa West Twins	Oakville Whitecaps
Wed, July 9	2:00pm	Pinecrest Jr	Orleans Red Sox	Oakville Whitecaps
Wed, July 9	5:00pm	Pinecrest Jr	Orleans Red Sox	Ottawa West Twins
Thurs, July 10	2:00pm	Pinecrest Jr	Orleans Red Sox	Ottawa West Twins
Thurs, July 10	5:00pm	Pinecrest Jr	Oakville Whitecaps	Ottawa West Twins
Fri, July 11	TBA	Pinecrest Jr	1st place	2nd place

The intermediate tournament features players aged 13. OWLL will be representing our district, district 2, and will play against teams from two other districts in the province. All games will be played at Pinecrest junior, kicking off with the first game at 2:00pm on July 8th.

We are still looking for volunteers to help make these events run smoothly. Do you have any time, even an hour or two, that you'd be able to help out? Please send an email to intermediatebaseball@gmail.com. Tasks we need help with include volunteers for running the scoreboard, field support to help prep before and after games, and canteen support. High schoolers will receive volunteer hour credit for any hours they spend helping out.

Fundays!

OWLL's t-ball and rookie families enjoyed a full day of baseball at our t-ball and rookie fundays on June 21st at Frank Ryan and Pinecrest parks. Players got to showcase the hitting, fielding, and base running they'd been working on this season! It was a great day of ball.

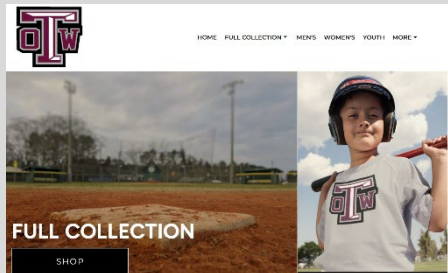
The events featured barbecue fundraisers hosted by OWLL. Players and their families were invited to feast on hot dogs, chips, drinks, and freezies in exchange for donations to the Caldwell Family Centre. The BBQs were a huge success, with a combined \$2288 being raised!!! Thank you to our baseball families, and to OWLL for donating all the food and drinks.

The Caldwell Family Centre is a member agency of the Ottawa Food Bank. For more information on the centre, please see <https://caldwellfamilycentre.ca/>.



OWLL MERCH

Did you know that OWLL has an online merch store? For all your OWLL swag needs, our store is run through Gadar Promotions, you'll find options for both kids and adults. Check out the collection and make your [orders here](#). Questions? Please send an email to the team at OWLLMerchandise@gmail.com.



CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS!!

Do you love to see pictures of OWLL's teams in action?



Do you ever wonder how you can get your player's team featured by OWLL?



OWLL's social media team wants your pictures! We try to feature as many teams as we can on social media, but we aren't able to catch every game. So we would like your help! We are also looking for back-up photographers to capture events and tournaments. If you have pictures to share, or want to volunteer, please send an email to owllsocialmedia@gmail.com.

Annual Pete Loyen Minor/Major tournament

The annual Pete Loyen tournament took place over the last weekend in May/first weekend in June. In a spring where rain and wet fields have been the norm, we seem to have gotten the worst of it over the tournament weekend, BUT were able to complete the tournament and crown champs in all three divisions. Twenty-five teams participated, including four representing OWLL, as well as teams from the greater Ottawa area, Quebec, and southern Ontario.

There were many close, tight matches over the tournament, leading to a Diamond vs OWLL final in the major division, an East Nepean vs Kingston final in the minor A division, and Ottawa West vs. Kingston final in the minor B division. The results were as follows: Diamond took the major title, ENLL minor A, and OWLL minor B!!



Despite the cold and rain, the weekend was well attended by spectators, who, in addition to taking in some excellent baseball, enjoyed some treats from our canteen, and made new friends along the way.

A HUGE thank you to all those who made the Pete Loyen tournament the success that it was. We appreciate the many many volunteer hours (especially those spent outside in the cold and wet this weekend) from our tournament director; our schedulers for major, minor, and our umpires; the grounds crews who magically ensured that our fields were playable; the members of our exec for all the behind the scenes work and time at the diamonds; the coaches of our teams who helped out a tonne while coaching their teams; the parents who pitched in again and again; the umpires who worked many games in the cold and rain with no shelter; the folks from Ottawa Nepean Canadians Sports Club and the West Ottawa Pirates who ran our canteen; and everyone who contributed whenever they saw something that needed to be done - you collectively made this a fantastic tournament!

Dates for the 2026 Pete Loyen tournament will be announced late 2025.