
Travel Ball 2026 Information Session



What is travel ball?

- Travel ball is a Little League designation that we are adopting as replacement for our former prospects program
- It will allow us to offer more training spots to players who want increased skill development and the opportunity to play more competitive ball in the spring into the summer.
- Being selected for a travel ball team does not mean that your child will be travelling every weekend in the spring, it simply means that we can form the teams earlier, that they will be eligible to play in early tournaments in May should their coach/team elect to play in those tournaments, and will help us select players for our Canadian teams in summer ball at an earlier date.

Why is OWLL adding travel ball?

- This 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.
- Parents and players want a more competitive option within the Little League framework that allows them to play within their local community, and is an affordable option to club ball (often more than triple the cost of travel ball).
- We will be able to offer enhanced training and development to a larger pool of players in the fall and winter, and augment their spring and summer experience through participation in additional tournaments, weekend double headers against other travel teams, and local exhibition games.

What is OWLL offering?

- In January 2026, we selected teams at the minor (10U) and major (11U & 12U) levels.
- At the April 2026 sort outs for minor, junior, and senior, we will be selecting players to form the 9U, 13U, 14U, and 16U travel teams.
- Travel ball will not replace our house, interlock, or all-star programs - it will help support them.

Who are the coaches?

- 9U:
- 10U: Randy Baker
- 11U: Cole Futterer
- 12U: Fern Lefebvre
- 13U: Emmanuel Florakas
- 14U: Craig Alain
- 16U: Jamie Kennedy

How will it look this year? In future years?

- OWLL is joining teams from Carleton Russell, Cornwall, Kingston, Mississippi Mills, Montreal, Orleans, Repentigny, Trois-Lacs, Trois-Rivières, and Upper Ottawa Valley in the Eastern Canada Travel Baseball League.
- Fees for 2026 are \$400.
- Roster size will be determined by the coach, but will be at least 15 players, maximum 20.
- The season will be 20 games long, with games being played as double headers on Saturdays/Sundays. Blackout dates will be permitted for LL and travel tournaments.
- The season will start May 9 and end with a tournament style playoff on August 21-23.



How will it look in future years?

- OWLL will be holding tryouts for the 2026-2027 travel ball teams late summer (late August/early September).
- Travel ball will include fall and winter training and the 2027 travel season. Fees for the full year will be \$800, made in two installments of \$400.
- We may make minor adjustments to the program based on feedback following the 2026 season, but the framework should remain the same.
- There is some room for growth in the league, especially in the youngest and oldest divisions, and through adding new little leagues from eastern Ontario and western Quebec.

Frequent questions to date

- When does the season start and end for travel ball?
 - Season will start May 9th and end with a tournament in Cornwall for all levels the weekend of Aug 21st - 23rd
- What is the difference between travel ball, district and spring/summer?
 - Travel ball is a separate league that includes other Little leagues from eastern Ontario and western Quebec that plays games on weekends. Teams are made by age 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 16U
 - District play is the all-star teams for each level minor, major, intermediate, junior, and senior.
 - Spring is house league that is required to be eligible for the district team up to junior.
 - Summer is similar to spring
- What is meant by “travel ball”?
 - Travel ball is a Little League designation that allows us to form competitive teams early, it does not mean that you are always travelling.

Frequent questions to date

- What are the fees?
 - Fees for this year will be \$400.
 - Fees for 2026-2027 will be \$800, made in two installments of \$400. Fees include fall training, Winter Training and the 2027 season.
- What is the commitment requirement for travel ball? Is travelling required every weekend?
 - With the larger roster size the commitment does not need to be 100%
 - Travel is not required every weekend.
- What is the roster size?
 - Roster sizes will be a minimum of 15 players and a max of 20.
- What is the selection process?
 - 10U, 11U, and 12U were selected Jan 3rd
 - 9U, 13U, 14U, and 16U will be selected using the April 4th and April 11th spring sort outs.
- How far do they have to travel?
 - Depending upon the level you are playing will depend on the distance.

Frequent questions to date

- What leagues are participating?
 - Carleton-Russell, Cornwall, Diamond, Kingston, Mississippi Mills, OnField, Ottawa West, Orleans, Trois Lacs, Trois Rivières, Upper Ottawa Valley.
- Why are we adding travel to the programs OWLL offers?
 - Travel ball has been added to allow more players the opportunity to play competitive baseball for an affordable price (and to provide our competitive teams with more reps against quality competition to better prepare them for districts and beyond).
- Is there any impact on house or interlock?
 - There will be no impact on spring house or interlock.
- Do you have to play spring to play travel ball?
 - You do not need to play spring to play travel ball.
 - If you do not play spring you will be ineligible to play on the district team from minor to junior.
- Is this the first year?
 - Yes, this is the first year of travel ball.

Additional questions?