



# On Deck

## Oakville Little League Newsletter - Dec 2018

### In This Issue

President's Message

Registrar's Report

- Registration Update; and

- Most Often Asked Question

Pre-Season Evaluations

Town Cost Recovery Plan for Field Maintenance

2019 Umpiring Opportunities

2019 Sponsorship

### President's Message

After another successful season, members of your board and various committees are busy planning for 2019. This newsletter will provide you with updates on matters you might find of interest.

While the new season is still 5 months away, on behalf of our Board of Directors and all the volunteers who help

deliver our programs I want to take this opportunity to extend to you and your family warmest greetings of the season and best wishes for happiness in the new year.

*John Sweeney,*

President, Oakville Little League

### Registrar's Report

To make the registration process more convenient and efficient, we have moved to an online registration system for the 2019 season. As of December 3rd, over 600 players have registered and several divisions are filling up quickly. Everything you need to know about registering online can be found on the "2019 Registration" tab of our website at [www.oakvillelittleleague.com](http://www.oakvillelittleleague.com) This includes the 2019 registration rates, our refund policy and the tentative dates and locations that each division will play.

Division	Registered	Available	% Filled
Blastball	11	48	23%
T-Ball Instructional	27	104	26%
T-Ball Minor	38	104	37%
T-Ball Major	101	208	49%
Minor	127	260	49%
Major	140	260	54%
Junior	118	212	56%
Senior	54	108	50%

### Most Often Asked Question

"Can I request my son/daughter be put on the same team as his/her friend?"

**Answer:** For the 4-6 year old players (Blastball-T-Ball Minor) we may be able to accommodate the request, given that these 3 divisions are primarily instructional and non-competitive in nature, with fewer teams.

For the 7-17 year old players, (Major T-Ball & above) pre-season evaluations are conducted to assess their abilities to hit, field, and throw. This allows convenors to balance teams which will make them more competitive within their division. Given the uncertainty of evaluation results, the number of players and teams, the league cannot commit to accommodate special requests at these levels. The request will be noted in the registration system.

If you need assistance or have a special requests, send an email to the Registrar at [ollregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:ollregistrar@gmail.com) or leave a voice messages at 905-827-1831. Our office is open Saturdays 9am to noon @425 Cornwall Rd.

## Pre-Season Evaluations

Prior to each season the league organizes player evaluation clinics for **all players** playing in T-Ball Major to Junior Division & **new players** in the Senior Division.

Players will be evaluated in skills such as batting, catching, fielding, pitching and throwing. Parents can expect to spend 45 minutes to an hour from the time they arrive onsite to the end of the evaluation. Parents will receive an invitation by email to register for one of the clinics which will run between 9am and 2pm. Sessions are currently planned for Feb 9, 23, March 2, 3, 23, 24, 30 at the Fieldhouse Athletics facility in Burlington. Additional dates and locations will be added as necessary and further details will be provided in the invitation email.

**It is critical that players attend an evaluation** to ensure they are placed in the appropriate division with similarly skilled players.

## 2019 Umpiring Opportunities

Under the guidance of our Umpire-in-Chief, Alain Armstrong, we are proud to maintain a unique youth umpire development program.



The program includes instruction, both in the classroom and on the field. Anyone age 13 and over has the opportunity to learn the rules of the game and become a proficient umpire in our league. Adults are also encouraged to apply and would be enthusiastically welcomed.

To apply to join the 2019 roster of OLL umpires, click on or type the following link in your browser and complete the online form:

<https://form.iotform.com/50548634256964>

## Town Cost Recovery Plan for Field Maintenance

As noted on page 59-60 of the “Approved 2018 Town of Oakville Rates and Fee Schedule”, current rates for most field permits are substantively below approved cost recovery ratios. Consequently, the Town is implementing an approved 7-year phase-in pricing strategy starting in 2018 for outdoor sports fields which the Town anticipates will bring them to 50% recovery of their costs.

The Town’s cost recovery policy will result in field permit

fee rate increases that are significantly higher than the rate of inflation in the coming years. These increases are beyond the control of Oakville Little League and will impact all sports organizations in Oakville.

While OLL will need to increase registration fees to offset these additional cost increases, the League is committed to minimizing the impact on fees, while continuing to provide top-quality community baseball programs.

## 2019 Sponsorship

Sponsorship plays a very important part of delivering our baseball programs. It supports our efforts to keep programs affordable, improve facilities and replace old equipment. It also provides great company visibility to our 1,200 strong membership. Sponsorship can take the form of a “team sponsorship” with a company name on a team’s uniforms (\$425\*) or a team sponsorship plus a 4’x6’ company sign on the outfield fence at the Cornwall facility (\$1,000\*) plus other levels of sponsorship (\*Note: 2018 rates, fees will increase by \$50 on Jan 1, 2019) .

We appreciate and thank all past sponsors for their support of our League and also appreciate those sponsors who have already stepped up for 2019. For other member families with company connections, such as company customers or suppliers or who may know of a company who might be interested in sponsorship, please contact John Sinclair ([jsinclair40@cogeco.ca](mailto:jsinclair40@cogeco.ca)) Sponsorship Coordinator who will be pleased and able to provide any additional information or clarifications.