



“On Deck”

Oakville Little League Newsletter

Fall 2019 Edition



President’s Message

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I would like to take a moment and thank the players, umpires, parents, grandparents and the volunteers for your continued support of Oakville Little League in 2019. I hope that every player had a positive experience during the season and we look forward to you returning for the 2020 baseball season. Please don’t forget to take advantage of our early bird registration rates and register your child now.

John Sweeney
President

The Board has approved Whitecap Managers for the 2020 season. The team managers by age group are as follows:



7U - Jason Harvey

9U - Iain Cairns

10U - Todd Demone

11U - Scott Roberts

12U - John Mooney

14U - Nick Rigato

No applications were received for the 8U or 17U teams. You can meet the managers at the Whitecap Fair which will be held in February 2020. Watch for future announcements about this event in your email.

#1 Registration Request:

If you have a request for your son or daughter to play with a friend or be placed on a team with a specific coach, send an email with the request to our registrar at: ollregistar@gmail.com

The requests will be put into the registration system for consideration by the convenor. For players ages 4-6 these requests can usually be accommodated. For all other age groups, the requests will only be considered if players involved are of the same Little League Age and are placed in the same section within the division based on their evaluations.

In all cases, the convenors for the division will make the final decision and the league cannot commit that all requests will be accommodated.

Off Season Training

Oakville Little League does not offer off season development programs. There are a number of organizations that have indoor training programs available during the off-season as noted below:

Baseball Zone (Mississauga)	thebaseballzone.ca	email: info@thebaseballzone.ca
BatterUp Baseball (Mississauga)	www.batterupbaseball.ca	email: camps@batterupbaseball.ca
Fieldhouse Athletics (Burlington)	www.fieldhouseathletics.ca	email: info@fieldhouseathletics.ca
Ontario Royals (Oakville)	www.ontarioroyals.com	email: matt.mills@ontarioroyals.com
Power Alley Baseball (Burlington)	www.poweralleybaseball.com	
Pro-Teach Baseball (Etobicoke)	proteach.net	email: denny@proteach.net

If you'd like more information on these organizations and off-season training, please go to their websites or you can send an email to the contact email listed.

Player Pre-Season Evaluations

In the coming weeks Oakville Little League will be sending out information on how to register for the pre-season evaluation sessions which are for all players registered in Major T-Ball, Minor, Major, Junior and players new to the Senior Division.

Evaluation sessions will be held at Fieldhouse Athletics located at 5230 Harevester Rd. Unit B, Burlington, on the following dates:

Nov 23rd - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Nov 24th - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Feb 8th - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Feb 9th - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Feb 29th - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Mar 1st - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Mar 28th - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Mar 29th - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Its essential that players in the divisions noted above attend an evaluations session to ensure they are placed in the appropriate section within their registered division.

NOTE: Players who do not attend an evaluation session will be placed in the lowest section within the division they are registered in, e.g.: Major T-Ball White, Minor NL Major NL Junior NL

Annual General Meeting

Invitations and detailed information will be sent out shortly to all 2019 and 2020 members for the Oakville Little League Annual General Meeting.

Watch your email for details.



Attention to all those umpires in the stands who think they can do a better job than the boys on the field:

Here is your chance to prove it. We are now accepting applications for those who wish to be placed on the 2020 Umpire Roster for Oakville Little League. No experience is necessary. An orientation for parents and registrants will be held in late February / early March followed by training which includes classroom rules training and on-field positioning and mechanics training. Applicants must be at least 13 years of age and must commit to doing a minimum 15 games between May 1 and August 31.

To register go to this link: <https://form.jotform.com/50548634256964>

Feedback on our membership survey indicated that there was a lack of information communicated about the 2019 playoffs. The schedule below provides an overview of important dates you can note on your 2020 calendar including the start of the 2020 playoffs.

Division	First Practice	Game Days	Opening Day	Playoffs Start
T-Ball Major	April 25	Tue., Thur.	May 9	August 10
Minor	April 25	Mon., Wed.	May 9	August 17
Major	April 25	Tue., Thur.	May 9	August 17
Junior	April 17	Mon., Thur.	May 9	August 15
Senior	April 18	Tue.	May 10	August 17
	First Practice	Game Days	Opening Day	Gala Day
Blastball	No practice	Wednesday	April 29	July 25
T-Ball Instructional	May 2-3	Mon., Tues.,	May 4 and 5	July 25
T-Ball Minor	May 2-3	Wed., Thur.,	May 6 and 7	July 25

Since not all registrations have yet been received for the 2020 season, this section will be included in our future newsletters. View all the important dates for the 2020 season by clicking on: [Season At A Glance](#)

Who you gonna call?

There will come a time when you first register or later in the season when you will have a question or issue you need to deal with (something unrelated to your team that the coach can help with) and you don't know where to get your answer or issue dealt with. When that happens send an email to info@ollb.org which is monitored by one of our board members who will know how to direct your inquiry. Emails are checked daily and will be passed on to the appropriate convenor or director who will respond to your message. Consider it your one-stop point of contact for your questions or concerns.