



# Oakville Little League



## **Hello Parents, Players, and Volunteers**

It's October, and in past years registrations would be pouring in from parents taking advantage of our Early-Bird registration period. But as we know, this is not a normal year and sports organizations have had to find ways to manage their leagues amid a pandemic.

After making the difficult decision to cancel our 2020 season, the Board has been busy getting things ready for a new season in 2021. As you will see in the rest of this Newsletter, we've made some significant decisions regarding registration fees and changes to improve the experience of our new and younger players 4 - 8 years of age.

### **2021 Season Registration**

Online registration for the 2021 House League program will be available starting October 15. Fees for 2021 have been frozen at the 2020 level. Our Early-Bird discount has been doubled to \$50 and the discount period has been extended to January 31, 2021. To see the complete fee schedule, [click here](#).

Going forward we are hoping to provide a season with no restrictions or limitations. However, given the current COVID-19 situation we cannot ignore the fact that these current restrictions and limits may still be in place. This means that we may be restricted to the number of players we can accommodate for the 2021 season. We would encourage you to take advantage of the early bird registration and register your child sooner than later and avoid any potential disappointment of not having a place to play baseball in 2021.

### **What's New for 2021**

For the 2021 season, we are excited to introduce some exciting changes to our programs for our new and younger players 4 - 8 years of age as outlined below.

#### **"Learn to Play" & "Minor T-Ball"**

- We are introducing a new entry level "Learn to Play" division for 4-year-old players. The 90 minute on-field sessions will feature a combination of structured skill-based training e.g. learning to throw a ball, stop/field a rolling ball, and make contact with a ball on a batting tee, with a short fun-based game, allowing players to practice what they learned.
- We have modified the T-Ball Minor division to use the same combination of structured skill-based training and a short fun-based game. This will teach basic skills to brand new players while also building on the foundation of skills learned by players who played the previous season in the "Learn to Play" division.

To launch these two new innovative programs, we are offering special Introductory pricing for both "Learn to Play" & "T-Ball Minor". For the 2021 season, registration in both divisions will cost only \$100 during the Early-Bird registration period which ends January 31, 2021.

#### **T-Ball Major" & "Minor" divisions**

The **T-Ball Major** division will include players 6 & 7 years of age with a few 8-year-old players born between Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2013. The 8-year-old players will have the option of playing in either the Major T-Ball division or requesting a move up to the Minor Division.

The **Minor** division will be comprised of players 8-10 years of age. Players will be placed in one of 3 sections based on age and player evaluations.

- **Minor NL West** Games played using a pitching machine all season.
- **Minor NL East:** Games played using a pitching machine at beginning of the season and transitioning to live pitching
- **Minor AL:** Games played with live pitching from start of season

#### **T-Ball Moves to Weekends at Cornwall Park**

All T-Ball games will be played at the Cornwall diamonds on weekends in 2021. This will give the younger players an opportunity to experience playing on the league's premier diamonds while also giving the league an opportunity to provide a better game experience.

The T-Ball Major division will have an additional field assigned for mid-week practices.

### **Covid-19 Pandemic**

While we are uncertain as to what the status of the pandemic will be in the new year, we want to assure you that the Board continues to be committed to providing a safe environment for players, fans, and volunteers. We will continue to monitor developments and will ensure that prior to the start of any 2021 baseball activities, Oakville Little League is in full compliance with all required Covid-19 protocols mandated by governments and governing organizations.

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