

RETURN TO **PLAY** PLAN

Oakville Little League remains committed to providing the best baseball season possible within the guidelines and restrictions imposed by the Ontario government, local health officials and Little League governing bodies.

While there is currently uncertainty on the duration and the extent of restrictions, the Board of Directors is intent on providing our membership with as much timely information as possible about the upcoming season

In keeping with the government restrictions and protocols, we are hopeful the “**STAY AT HOME**” order will be lifted in late May with the easing of rules, allowing us to implement the following plan.

PRE-SEASON: TRAINING ONLY

Movement into “Pre-Season: Training” will only be possible when the “STAY AT HOME” order has been lifted and, more importantly, the Halton Region moves into a situation with fewer restrictions, which allows on-field activity.

“The Pre-Season: Training” will begin with coaching clinics. These meetings will provide training and knowledge to move into the next phase of getting the kids back on the field. Once we get more clarity as to a possible start date, we will be able to provide more details.

COACHING CLINICS

The clinics will be offered on the first weekend Halton Region allows on-field activity.

- Coaching clinics will include Covid Safety protocols, specific skills training and practice planning sessions.
- Coaches set to be together during the “Regular Season: Competition” phase will be grouped together during “The Pre-Season: Training.”

PLAYER TRAINING/PRACTICES

Players will get on the field following a couple of days of coaching clinics

- Players will be put into groups of 25 (maximum) per training/practice session.
- The players will be grouped in similar skill levels, however this does not mean these are the formations of the actual teams once we move into “The Regular Season: Competition.”
- We will do our best to honour player requests at this level, but they will not be 100% guaranteed
- Each training/practice session will remain in the same cohort of players (maximum 25) and coaches.

- The training/practice sessions will remain somewhat consistent on the nights and or days as scheduled. This will be designed to mimic “The Regular Season: Competition.”
- There will be two training/practice sessions per week for Major T-Ball to Senior. Learn to Play & Minor T-Ball will train once per week on Saturday or Sunday. Again, this is to mimic time on the diamond during The Regular Season: Competition.
- Learn to Play & Minor T-Ball will train at Cornwall Park.
- Major T-Ball will train at Cornwall & Wallace Parks.
- Minor & Major will train at Cornwall, Postridge & Our Lady of Peace Parks .
- Junior & Senior will train at Glen Abbey Park.
- Uniforms will not be handed out during The Pre-Season: Training.

THE REGULAR SEASON: COMPETITION

Movement into “The Regular Season: Competition,” will only be possible when Halton Region further lessens the restrictions, therefore allowing competitive game play.

The Regular Season: Competition may see us progress through different restrictions, hopefully allowing us to have even greater freedoms to play competitive games.

- Players will be placed on teams.
- Cohorts of 50 players will be put in place. Each Cohort will have 4 teams.
- Learn To Play & Minor T-Ball will have a slightly different configuration of players.
- These teams will continue playing each other throughout the season until the government has removed restrictions that require us to be in cohorts of 50 players.
- The 50-player cohorts (4 teams) will remain intact as one league, not permitted to play outside of the cohort.
- Each team in the cohort will have the same coaches for the entire time of “The Regular Season: Competition.”
- Many new rules and guidelines will be implemented during “The Regular Season: Competition,” to ensure the safety of all players, coaches, volunteers, and spectators.
- Uniforms will be handed out in “The Regular Season: Competition.”
- Teams will be created with competitive balance in mind. Our best efforts to meet player requests will be made, but cannot be guaranteed.
- Once teams have been created, some re-balancing within the cohort may happen but unlikely.
- Teams from Major T-Ball to Senior will play one game and one practice per week. Depending on when we start “The Regular Season: Competition,” an attempt to play additional games will be made to ensure the allotted amount of game and practice time has been met.
- Learn to Play and Minor T-Ball will be on the field once per week on either Saturday or Sunday.
- Learn to Play to Major will play all games at Cornwall Park.

- Junior & Senior will play all games at Glen Abbey Park.
- Practices will be at those parks mentioned in The Pre-Season: Training for all divisions.

PLAYOFFS, GALAS AND CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

These dates have been scheduled for some time now and are open to change. We will continue to monitor the situation and we will update and inform those affected of any change in dates.

- Learn to Play Gala – July 3 – Cornwall Park
- T-Ball Minor Gala – July 3 – Cornwall Park
- T-Ball Major Gala – Aug. 27 – Glen Abbey – East Diamond
- Minor & Major – Aug. 27 – Glen Abbey – East Diamond
- Junior & Senior – Aug. 27 – Glen Abbey – West Diamond

Please note, if these dates are postponed due to weather, they will be played the following day.