

2021 Oakville Little League's Roadmap to Summer Baseball

Oakville Little League and the Board of Directors continue to work hard toward a baseball season this year. With the current "Roadmap to Reopening" this means the season will not start at its usual time, which was the first week in May. Without any certainty that the government's 3-step plan along with stated start dates will actually materialize. We have summarized the government's 3-step plan and also offered some options for you to consider.

When permitted to get on the field by the various government & health groups we will likely move into Step One which is "Training Only". We will continue to train / practice until we are given permission to move into Step Two which may be training / practice with fewer restrictions or possibly even game play.

LEARN TO PLAY & MINOR T-BALL

These two divisions have a unique and different structure from the rest of the league. These two divisions only have the once a week practice / game and *normally* receive a uniform right away.

Once we move into Step One and are permitted on the field, the Learn To Play and Minor T-Ball divisions will move into a set up that is very similar to normal activity for these divisions.

Oakville Little League and the Board of Directors are committed to providing a fun & memorable season for these young baseball players. Our goal is to get them excited about playing baseball and wanting to come back the next season.

Below is a summary of the Government's 3-Step Plan plus two options for your consideration.

Complete Season Refund: This means you have chosen to opt out of participating in all the proposed Steps as presented by the Government of Ontario's Roadmap to Reopening (RTR). **The league will require an email requesting to opt out of the season by June 18th.**

Cancellation of Season after July 31st: Although the Government of Ontario has proposed the Road Map to Reopening, there are still many uncertainties. Therefore it is necessary for us to have a cancellation date if we are unable to offer quality programming or get on the field on or before July 31st. A full refund will be extended to all members.

Step One – Training / Practice in Groups of 10. Possible On Field Start Date: June 26th. Under Step One of the RTR, players in groups of 10 will be allowed to train or practice. OLL understands that the government RTR uses June 14th as a possible start date, however the league does require some time to confirm registrations & withdrawals, field permits, equipment preparation, virtual coaches meeting and coach's clinics. Uniforms may not be handed out during Step One.

Step Two – Larger Group Numbers Allows for Fewer Restrictions. Possible Start Date: July 10th. Movement into Step Two should be rather seamless. There will be more players and teams on the diamond and game play scenarios will be introduced. Uniforms will be handed out as teams are created.

OLL is working closely with the Town of Oakville and the Regional Health Unit to get clarity on certain aspects of the RTR. As items become better defined this will help us to ensure we are moving these young ball players along their learning curve.

Step Three – A continuation of Step Two with fewer restrictions. Possible Start Date: July 25th. As in Step Two the progression to this step should be seamless and should provide even fewer or no restrictions. Also as mentioned in Step Two OLL will work towards full clarity and understanding of the RTR to ensure consistent development for the future Little Leaguers.

WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW

When only allowed to train or practice (Step One & Two)

- Sessions will be between 60 – 90 minutes
- No uniforms will be handed out in Step One unless actual teams are formed and on the field together
- Training / Practice will have some modifications, as required by Covid19 Protocols.
- All Covid19 Protocols will be in place and enforced.

When Game play is allowed (Step Two & Step Three)

- Teams will be created if not already done in Step One.
- Uniforms will be handed out if not already in Step One.
- Provided that players are on the field prior to July 1st, the season will end on or before August 31st.
- Game Play will have some modifications, as required by Covid19 Protocols.
- All Covid19 Protocols will be in place and enforced.

COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATION

This means that you have considered and decided to waive the opportunity to receive a full refund and you understand and accept that stated start and finish dates for training / practicing and game play may not occur exactly as stated. OLL is required to follow all government guidelines and restrictions as they apply to Covid19.

OLL will do everything possible to create an enjoyable baseball experience. Knowing that things are fluid and can change at any time, OLL will continue to monitor situations as they are presented.

To further assist with your understanding of the Government's Roadmap to Reopening please visit

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario>

Thank You,

OLL Board of Directors