

South Ottawa Little League

Offering *Baseball* and *Softball* Programs



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Junior Provincial Championships
South Ottawa Blues
Ottawa - August 2009
Coaches' View



Junior Provincial Championships
Your South Ottawa Blues vs
Windsor South Canadians
Ottawa - August 2009
Aerial View

Message from the President

Some of you may have known me in the past as a Convenor or as SOLL's Registrar. Since baseball has been good for my family for the past number of years, I've taken a leap of faith and stepped into the President's role. With the support of my two Vice-Presidents, Paul Boase and Peggy Pratt, the transition should be smooth.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the contribution of our former President, Wendy Thomson. South Ottawa has gone through a successful growth period in the last few years and Wendy has been a key player in that growth. We thank her for the immeasurable hours of work she has put in and don't worry Wendy, we'll ensure that you're able to fill that vast void through your new consulting oriented role as Past-President!

Registration continued to increase in 2009. A total of 440 kids couldn't have played without all the volunteer coaches, umpires, convenors, Board members, and parents who made South Ottawa run last year. Thanks to all those who contributed.

Another busy season will be upon us in no time. If you've thought about volunteering in the past, 2010 is a great year to come forward. We have a particular need for coaches, umpires, and convenors - details on how to help our kids are on page 4.

For those of you who are tentative about getting involved, a position as a convenor for the division your child is playing in is a great way to start getting to know South Ottawa Little League. **At this time we require convenors at several levels.** Please seriously consider helping in development of programs and our kids. A role profile is available on our website. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions about the role.

If anyone has any comments / concerns / feedback / suggestions, please feel free to send me an e-mail at cjmccawn@rogers.com

Keep checking our website at www.southottawalittleleague.ca often for updated news.

Jarret McCaw, President

Walk-in Registration Dates

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Greenboro Community Centre - 363 Lorry Greenberg Drive

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Canterbury Community Centre - 2185 Arch Street

ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AT
www.southottawalittleleague.ca

Please note that the on-line service provider charges a small convenience fee depending on the Division in which you are registering.



2009 Coach Pitch City Champs
Finalists at Brockville



2009 Minor A Blues
Finalists at Brockville



2009 South Ottawa Blues
District 6 Junior Champs

AVOID THE LINE-UPS AND REGISTER BY MAIL NOW!

We would like to encourage you to register early; forms are included with this newsletter. **Please ensure the following documents are returned with your mail-in registration form: signed code of conduct; signed medical release form; a copy of your child's birth certificate (only if you are a new registrant); and a copy of the driver's licence of the parent with whom the child resides.** If you have any questions, please contact Cindy McCaw at 613-260-8425 or sollregistrar@rogers.com

League News

The BlastBall division gave our many new players a chance to develop the skills of hitting, catching, and running (Run! Run!). From the gifted to the beginner, the coaches familiarized their players with baseball basics and by the end of the season, a whole new group of kids found out what a fantastic sport baseball can be.

What a fun and competitive season the Coach Pitch division had. The balanced teams fought it out through the spring season with the Cubs winning the spring tournament and the Tigers winning the league, in extra innings! Could it get any better? Yes it could. The two summer competitive Coach Pitch teams were on fire! One team won the City Championship and the other won the Pinecrest tournament! Way to go South Ottawa!!

The South Ottawa Minor A Blues had a great season with an overall record of 23-9 making the finals of both the Brockville and Scott Tokessy tournaments. The team also finished second in the City of Ottawa summer league. Congratulations to the kids and thanks to the parents and coaching staff for their commitment and dedication.

The South Ottawa Major A Blues went through highs and lows throughout the season. The team had a 5-2-5 record in the City league but were the league leaders in runs scored. Although they lost in the semi-finals of the District 6 Playdowns, they finished off the 2009 season by winning the Pinecrest Major A tournament. Plans are to build on this success for the 2010 season.

The Junior A team had a great 2009 season. Their hard work and dedication paid off when they won their Districts. This gave them an earned spot in the Provincials where they were runners-up. Continuing with their season, they faced Orleans in the City finals where they lost a very tight game.

Spring Pitching Clinics

Option One - This program runs from April 6, 2010 to April 29, 2010 and is geared for ages 8 to 12 year olds. It will run twice weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6pm to 7pm, at Hillcrest High in the school gym. Cost is \$50

Option Two - This program runs from May 2, 2010 to June 20, 2010 and is geared for 8 to 12 year olds. It will run Sunday nights from 6pm to 7pm. Cost is \$30.

For more information please contact Robin Kerr directly at 613-521-7030 or by email at robinkerr21@hotmail.com

Sponsors & Contributors

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank some of our sponsors and contributors for their generosity. If you can patronize any of these companies, it would be appreciated – say thank you to them!!

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Spring Evaluations

Hillcrest High School Gym, 1900 Dauphin Road (corner of Smyth Road)

Friday, April 16th Coach Pitch, Minors, & Majors – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 17th

Coach Pitch: 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Minors: 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Majors: 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Major Softball: 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Juniors & Seniors: 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Junior/Senior Softball: 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

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Umpires Needed!

Adult and youth umpires are always needed to run a successful program. A beginner's umpire clinic is scheduled for April 10, 2010. This is an excellent opportunity to make some extra summer cash or to complete those volunteer hours needed to graduate. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to admin@southottawalittleleague.ca. Training is provided and you would need to be reachable between 4:00 and 5:00 in order to call games due to bad weather. *We also need an umpire scheduler.*

Coaches Needed!

All teams need coaches – if we don't have coaches, the kids can't play. If you would like to help out, please complete the coaching application form found on our website along with the Police Records Check form (**please ensure you provide two pieces of acceptable ID**) and the Code of Conduct (also on the website) and drop all of them off or mail to SOLL Coaches at 92 Malhotra Court Ottawa K1V 1K2. Alternatively, you may email Peggy Pratt at peggy.pratt@f55f.com

Convenors Needed!

The League needs Convenors for the following Divisions this year: Coach Pitch, Minor, Major, Softball, and Big League.

Become a South Ottawa Little League Sponsor!

South Ottawa Little League is a non-profit organization. Sponsorships help defray the cost of running our program as well as outfitting our teams. For as little as \$250.00, you can sponsor a house league team and have your company's name printed on the team's T-shirts and your logo added to our website. Sponsors are asked to contact Rob Dempster at 523-0402 or rob@carletonfs.com before March 1st, 2010 to ensure sufficient time for your company name to be printed on the T-shirts.

Sponsoring a team is just one of many ways to participate in this win-win activity. Perhaps you provide a service that could be beneficial to the league, i.e., printing services, or a donation for items to be raffled at our spring tournament. If you have a sponsorship idea, big or small, please don't hesitate to contact Rob. Sponsors are recognized in our newsletters and on our website. Please see the sponsorship letter on our website if you are able to contribute.

Mark your Calendars!

Beginner's Umpire Clinic	April 10, 2010 (all day) – Location to TBD
Spring Evaluations	April 16 & 17 – Hillcrest High School (contact Robin Kerr at 521-7030 for more info)
Level I / II Umpire Clinic	April 24th, 2010 (all day) – Location to TBD
Coaches Meetings	April 21 - 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Softball – Canterbury Community Centre April 21 - 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. – BlastBall and Coach Pitch – Canterbury Community Centre April 22 – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Minors and Majors – Canterbury Community Centre April 22 – 7:45 – 8:30 p.m. – Juniors and Seniors - Canterbury Community Centre
Team Equipment Pick-Up	April 28 & 29 – 7:00 p.m. – Little League Headquarters, 235 Dale Avenue
Opening Day	Saturday May 1 – 12:00p.m. – Canterbury Park (<i>rain date May 2</i>) (<i>contact Rosemary Brazeau at -298-8572</i>)
Team Photo Day	May 8 – Canterbury Community Centre
Spring Tournament	May 29 – various locations (<i>rain date May 30</i>)
Summer League Try-outs	June 19 & 20 – times and locations vary
Team Equipment Return	June 23 & 24 – 7:00 p.m. - Little League Headquarters, 235 Dale Avenue