

MURILLO MINOR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



2017 SOFTBALL SEASON INFORMATION HANDOUT

MMAA's MISSION & PHILOSOPHY - The Murillo Minor Athletic Association's (MMAA) mission is to provide fun and safe recreational opportunities for area youth. Our softball league is not about winning or losing. We stress the importance of good sportsmanship and promote Fun, Friendship & Fitness. Unsportsmanlike conduct by Coaches, Players, Parents, or Spectators will not be tolerated. Please read MMAA's ***Parent and Coach Codes of Conduct*** provided at Registration.

2016 SOFTBALL SEASON - This year our season will run from **Monday, May 1st to Saturday June 24th**. Every family will be contacted by their child's coach at least a week before the season begins. Most teams in each division (other than T-Ball) will have a practice before the season begins. Each team will play 10 to 12 regular season games depending on the number of teams in each division. Games are scheduled on weekday evenings; normally 2 games per week, with no set day of the week. The season ends with playoffs and **Tournament/BBQ Day on Saturday June 24th**. All teams make the playoffs and all players will receive an award. There are four softball divisions, with a maximum of six teams per division:

T-Ball: For youth born in 2013*, 2012 & 2011 (*only if parent helps coach). This is an introduction to the basics of softball (base running; batting; throwing/catching). All players bat each inning and no score is recorded.

3-Pitch: For youth born in 2010, 2009 & 2008. The Coach pitches 3 balls to each player. All players bat each inning, and players get to advance if they hit the ball, and are not thrown or tagged out. No score is kept.

Atom: For youth born in 2007, 2006 & 2005. Modified softball rules apply. Players pitch. No base-stealing. Score is kept (but only to determine playoff standings).

PeeWee: For youth born in 2004, 2003 & 2002. Normal softball rules apply, including base-stealing. Score is kept (but only to determine playoff standings).

In addition, the MMAA is proud of its volunteers who facilitate the Special Needs Youth to play T-Ball once per week on Saturdays at the ballpark. Contact Veronique Desrosiers (630-2688) for more information.

GAME TIMES - Game time is 6:30 pm. We request that Coaches and players arrive at the diamonds between **5:50 pm and 6:00 pm** for warm-up, practice and skills development before games.

RAIN DAYS - GAME CANCELLATIONS - We expect to have a few game cancellations due to wet weather. Don't assume games are cancelled just because it is raining where you are. Game cancellations are decided by the Softball Directors. The MMAA will send out an email to all Coaches and registered players' families as early as possible (5:00-5:40 pm). Cancellations will also be posted on the MMAA website homepage. Players should not be contacting anyone other than their Coach to inquire about cancellations. Rained-out games will be re-scheduled if possible.

TEAM SELECTIONS - MMAA volunteers do their best to make the teams balanced based on gender, age and coach evaluations from the previous season.

EQUIPMENT - Except for ball gloves, the MMAA provides all player equipment. The 3-Pitch and Atom Divisions use 11 inch balls; and Peewee Division uses 12 inch balls. If a player wants to use their own bat, it must be labeled an Official Softball Bat, and they must make it available to both teams, so that no team has an advantage.

***NEW FOR 2017* 3-Pitch player(s) in the in-field pitcher position must wear a helmet with cage.**

CLOTHING - Every player will be given a sponsored T-shirt and a ball cap to keep and wear to the games (jackets are permitted to be worn when it is cool, preferably under the shirt). **Running shoes and long pants are also required** for MMAA insurance purposes. **(We suggest long pants and shoes be kept in your car in case your child arrives without)**. Sandals and flip flop shoes are not permitted. Rubber cleated shoes are allowed, but metal cleats are not. Non-prescription sunglasses are not to be worn on the playing field. Parents – dress for the weather!

MMAA WEBSITE - Our website is www.MMAA.tbay.me. On this site we will have everything you need; forms, updates, rules, schedules, sponsor recognition, etc. We try to keep this site up-to-date. We encourage everyone to familiarize

themselves with the rules on the website, including our “non-standard” rules.

EMAILS - The MMAA communicates to everyone in the League via email. Please make sure you have provided it at Registration time so you will be added to the MMAA distribution list. The MMAA League email is mmaa1@tbaytel.net.

PICTURES - Team pictures will be taken and each player will receive a free photo of their team. When the date and time for pictures are scheduled, please make every effort to attend that game, dressed in team uniform.

MISCELLANEOUS -

- **SMOKING is Not Permitted** on the ball field area inside the dirt racetrack, or within 10 metres of the entrance gate.
- Dogs must be leashed and under control at all times. Pick up after your dog.
- Please use the trash cans.
- Make your child takes their belongings with them after the game (e.g. jacket/ hat/drink bottle/glove). We suggest labelling belongings so they can be returned.

VOLUNTEERS - Want to get involved as a volunteer? Just complete the volunteer section on the registration form. We always need Coaches, Umpires, Scorekeepers, Field Maintenance help, etc. Even if you don't fill the form in, please feel free to help your child's team out if you can – just ask the Coach how you can help.

Coaches/Assistant Coaches: The main prerequisite is a desire to help the players and have fun. If you have some softball/baseball knowledge – even better! Each team needs one Head Coach and one or more Assistant Coaches. We will run through the basics with any new Coaches. The Coach Clinic is scheduled for Tuesday April 18th at the Murillo Community Centre. Coaches/Assistant Coaches 18 years of age and older must present a valid Criminal Record Check (CRC) no more than three years old. With receipt, the MMAA will reimburse you for the volunteer CRC cost.

UMPIRES - Our youth are the game officials. Any registered MMAA players, born in 2006 or earlier, are eligible to be Umpires. Umpires can choose to be paid a stipend or they can use the time as credit for high school volunteer hours. All Umpires are expected to attend a pre-season umpire clinic, where the rules, roles and responsibilities are discussed.

SPONSORS - Please support the businesses that sponsor our League. It is due to their sponsorships that we can provide a quality spring league with low registration fees. The Municipality of Oliver-Paipoonge is a key supporter of the MMAA through facility maintenance. If you are interested in sponsoring the MMAA, please contact Joe or Karen Ladouceur.

IMPORTANT PRE-SEASON DATES

Registration #1:	Saturday, March 25 th	10:30 am – 1 pm	MMAA Clubhouse/Rink Shack
Registration #2:	Thursday, March 30 th	5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	MMAA Clubhouse/Rink Shack
Registration #3:	Saturday, April 1 st	10:30 am – 1 pm	MMAA Clubhouse/Rink Shack
Registration #4:	Tuesday, April 4 th	5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	MMAA Clubhouse/Rink Shack
Coach Clinic:	Tuesday, April 18 th	7 pm – 8:15 pm	Murillo Community Centre
Umpire Clinic #1:	Saturday, April 22 nd	9:45 am – 12 pm	MMAA Clubhouse/Rink Shack
Umpire Clinic #2:	Saturday, April 29 th	9:45 am – 12 pm	MMAA Clubhouse/Rink Shack
Field Clean-Up Day:	Saturday, April 29 th	10 am – ~12 pm	Murillo softball diamonds

MMAA SOFTBALL CONTACTS

Joe Ladouceur – President	Fields/Equipment/Umpire Clinic/Rules/Atom & PeeWee Convener	935-3252
Karen Ladouceur – Treasurer	Registration/Sponsors/Umpire Scheduling	935-3252
Jim Boeckner – Director	Coach CRC Clearances/Rules	628-7577
Jessica Kapush – Director		939-1964
Ryan Hughes – Director		768-5653
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Nancy Hodder	T-Ball & 3-Pitch Convener	346-9192
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