

MURILLO MINOR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



2020 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***; ***Concussion Code of Conduct***; and ***Softball Concussion Awareness Sheet*** provided at Registration.

SEASON - The season starts on **Monday, May 4th** and ends with Tournament/BBQ Day on **Saturday June 20th, 2020**.

SOFTBALL DIVISIONS

T-Ball: For youth born in 2016*, 2015 & 2014 (*we request the parent help with coaching). Introduce softball basics (base running; batting; throwing/catching). All players bat each inning and no score is recorded.

3-Pitch: For youth born in 2013, 2012 & 2011. 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 recorded.

Atom: For youth born in 2010, 2009 & 2008. Modified softball rules apply. Players pitch. No base-stealing. Score is recorded.

PeeWee: For youth born in 2007, 2006 & 2005. Normal softball rules apply, including base-stealing. Score is recorded.

Bantam: For youth born in 2004, 2003 & 2002. Normal softball rules apply, including base-stealing. Score is recorded.

GAME SCHEDULES - Schedules will be emailed and posted on the MMAA website. We endeavour to have each team play 10 to 12 regular season games, depending on the number of teams in each division. Each team normally plays 2 games per week on weekday evenings. There are no set game days of the week, as there multiple teams per division; and each team will play each of the other team a few times per season. In addition, there may be an occasional rain day make-up game scheduled on weekends. Teams in the older divisions may have a few practices.

GAME TIMES - 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. **Game start time is 6:30 pm.**

GAME CANCELLATIONS - Games may be cancelled due to rain and/or wet field conditions. Do not assume games are cancelled just because it is raining where you live. **If games are cancelled**, a league-wide cancellation notice will be emailed as early in the day as possible, but no later than 5:30 pm. Cancellations will also be posted on the MMAA website homepage. Please do not text or telephone. Rained-out games will be re-scheduled if possible.

WEATHER - Players and spectators need to be prepared for very cool and breezy weather at the ball diamonds, especially in May. Dress appropriately. Hats, mitts, winter jackets and blankets are recommended.

TEAM SELECTIONS - Registered players are assigned to teams using a balance of age, gender, and Coach-evaluated player skill level from the previous season. Players from the same immediate family, in the same division, will be put on the same team. Other special requests can sometimes be accommodated, **but are not guaranteed**. Every player/parent will be contacted by their Coach at least one week before the season starts to advise which team they are on.

EQUIPMENT - Except for ball gloves, the MMAA provides all player equipment. Please write a name in the glove. The 3-Pitch and Atom Divisions use 11 inch balls; and PeeWee and Bantam Division uses 12 inch balls. If a

player used their own bat, it must be labeled “*Official Softball Bat*”, and it must be available for use by both teams.

CLOTHING - Every player will be given a sponsored T-shirt and a ball cap to keep and wear for all games (jackets are permitted to be worn when it is cool, preferably under the shirt). For MMAA insurance purposes, all players must wear **running shoes and long pants**. (We suggest a pair of long pants and shoes be kept in your vehicle in case your child arrives without). Sandals and flip flops are not permitted. Rubber cleats are permitted; metal cleats are not. Non-prescription sunglasses are not to be worn on the playing field.

MMAA WEBSITE - Our website is www.mmaa.tbay.me. We do our best to keep this site up-to-date with everything you need; forms, updates, rules, schedules, sponsor recognition, etc. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the rules on the website, including our “non-standard” softball rules.

EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS - The MMAA communicates to everyone in the League via email. Please make sure you provide an email address on your Registration Form. The MMAA League email is mmaa1@tbaytel.net.

PICTURES & AWARDS- Team pictures will be taken. When the date and time for pictures are scheduled, please make every effort to attend that game, dressed in team uniform. As soon as the season is completed, digital team pictures will be made available. All teams play on Tournament Day, and Awards will be presented to players.

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, Tournament & BBQ day, etc.

COACHES / ASSISTANT COACHES - The only 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 Orientation Clinic** will occur on **Monday April 20th** at the Murillo Community Centre, from **7 to 8:30 pm**.

Coaches and Assistant Coaches 18 years and older must present a **Police Information Check (PIC)** obtained within the last three years; or needs to obtain one. The MMAA will provide you a letter to obtain the Volunteer PIC rate. With your receipt, the MMAA will reimburse for the volunteer PIC cost.

UMPIRES - Our youth are the game officials. Any registered MMAA players, born in 2009 or earlier, are eligible to be Umpires. Umpires can choose to be paid or they can use the time as credit for high school volunteer hours. All Umpires must attend a pre-season umpire clinic, where the rules and responsibilities are discussed. An umpire clinic will be held on **Saturday April 18th from 9:30 am until noon**, in the Rink Shack behind the Murillo Community Centre.

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 interested in sponsoring, please contact Joe or Karen Ladouceur.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **NO SMOKING / VAPING** 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. Please pick up after your dog.
- Please use the trash cans. Please bring your recyclables home.
- Make sure your child takes their belongings home after each game (e.g. jacket/hat/drink bottle/glove).

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