

MURILLO MINOR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



2018 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.

SEASON - The season starts on **Monday, April 30th** and ends with Tournament/BBQ Day on **Saturday June 23rd**.

SOFTBALL DIVISIONS - There are four softball divisions, with a maximum of six teams per division:

T-Ball: For youth born in 2014*, 2013 & 2012 (*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 2011, 2010 & 2009. 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 2008, 2007, 2006 & 2005. Modified softball rules apply. Players pitch. No base-stealing. Score is recorded (but only to determine playoff standings).

PeeWee: For youth born in 2004, 2003 & 2002 & 2001. Normal softball rules apply, including base-stealing. Score is recorded (but only to determine playoff standings).

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. Because we may have up to 6 teams per division, and each team plays each of the other teams a few times during the season, there are no set game day(s) of the week. In addition, there may be an occasional rain day make-up game scheduled on weekends.

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 - We expect to have a few game cancellations due to rain and/or wet field conditions. Please don't assume games are cancelled just because it is raining where you live. A game cancellation notice will be emailed to Coaches and registered players' families as early in the day as possible, but no later than 5:40 pm. Cancellations will also be posted on the MMAA website homepage. Rained-out games will be re-scheduled if possible.

TEAM SELECTIONS - The MMAA Directors and volunteer Coaches assign the registered players to teams. We do our best to balance age, gender and skill level based on previous season Coach evaluations. Registered players from the same immediate family in the same division will be put on the same team. Other special requests can sometimes be accommodated. Every player/parent will be contacted by their Coach at least a week before the season begins to advise what team they are on. Teams (other than T- Ball) may have a practice before the season begins, or early in the season.

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 Division uses 12 inch balls. If a player used their own bat, it must be labeled an Official Softball Bat, and it must be made available to both teams, so that no team has an advantage.

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). **Running shoes and long pants are required** for MMAA insurance purposes. (**We suggest a spare 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. On this site we will have everything you need; forms, updates, rules, schedules, sponsor recognition, etc. We do our best to keep this site up-to-date. We encourage everyone to familiarize themselves 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 one 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 all registered players will receive an award.

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.

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 is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18th** at the Murillo Community Centre. 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 present to obtain the Volunteer 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 2007 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 must attend a pre-season umpire clinic, where the rules 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.

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.
- Make sure your child does not leave their belongings home (e.g. jacket/ hat/drink bottle/glove).

IMPORTANT PRE-SEASON DATES

Registration #1:	Tuesday, March 27 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Murillo Community Centre
Registration #2:	Saturday, March 31 st	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Murillo Community Centre
Registration #3:	Thursday, April 5 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Murillo Community Centre
Umpire Clinic #1:	Saturday, April 14 th	9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Murillo Community Centre
Coach Orientation Clinic:	Wednesday, April 18 th	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Murillo Community Centre
Umpire Clinic #2:	Saturday, April 21 st	9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Murillo Community Centre
Field Clean-Up Day:	Saturday, April 28 th	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Murillo softball diamonds

MMAA SOFTBALL CONTACTS

Joe Ladouceur – President	Fields / Equipment / Umpire Clinic / Rules	935-3252
Jessica Kapush – Director		939-1964
Chris Petersen – Director	Fields / Equipment	627-9706
Karen Ladouceur – Treasurer	Registration / Sponsors / Umpire Scheduling	935-3252
Nancy Hodder	Uniforms / Awards	768-5653
Michelle Halabecki	Photography / Registration	356-6036