

# MURILLO MINOR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2025 SOFTBALL SEASON INFORMATION HANDOUT



**MMAA's MISSION & PHILOSOPHY** - The MMAA's 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 or on our website.

## **2025 SEASON KEY DATES**

Registration Begins:	Saturday February 1 <sup>st</sup>	See website	<a href="https://mmaa.tbay.me/">https://mmaa.tbay.me/</a>
In-Person Registration #1:	Thursday February 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Murillo Community Centre
In-Person Registration #2:	Tuesday February 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Murillo Community Centre
In-Person Registration #3:	Saturday February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Murillo Community Centre
Registration Deadline:	Sunday March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Or sooner if player capacity is reached	
Late Fees Apply:	Monday March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	If spaces are available	
Coach Orientation Clinic:	Tuesday April 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Murillo Community Centre
Umpire Clinic #1:	Saturday April 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Rink Shack
Umpire Clinic #2:	Sunday April 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Rink Shack
Ball Field Clean-Up Day:	Saturday April 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am - 1:00 pm	
Season starts:	Monday April 28 <sup>th</sup>		
Playoffs start:	Thursday June 19 <sup>th</sup>		
Tournament/BBQ Day:	Saturday June 21 <sup>st</sup>		

## **2025 SOFTBALL DIVISIONS**

- T-Ball:** Youth born in 2021, 2020 & 2019. Introduction to softball basics (batting from a T; base running; throwing/catching). Three innings. All players bat each inning and no score is recorded.
- 3-Pitch:** Youth born in 2018, 2017 & 2016. Players bat at 3 pitches from their Coach. All players bat each inning, and players advance to base if they hit the ball and are not thrown or tagged out. Four innings. No score is recorded.
- Atom:** Youth born in 2015, 2014 & 2013. Modified softball rules apply. Players pitch. No base-stealing or sliding. 5 innings. Score is recorded.
- PeeWee:** Youth born in 2012, 2011 & 2010. Normal softball rules apply, including base-stealing and sliding. Five innings. Score is recorded.
- Bantam:** Youth born in 2009, 2008, 2007 & 2006. Normal softball rules apply, including base-stealing and sliding. Five innings. Score is recorded.

**WHERE AND WHEN DO WE PLAY?** – Softball games are played at the five ball diamonds located behind the Murillo Community Centre. The season runs in the spring from April 28<sup>th</sup> to our wind-up BBQ and Tournament Day event on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Each team normally plays two games per week on weekday evenings. There may be some weekend games depending on the number of teams, or for weather-related make-up games. There are no set game days of the week, as there are multiple teams per division; and each team will play each of the other teams a few times per season. The Bantam Division will not normally have games scheduled on Wednesdays (due to the dirt track

ricing). Teams in the older-aged divisions may also have a few scheduled practices.

Game schedules will be emailed and posted on the MMAA website. Coaches and players should arrive at the diamonds between **5:50 pm and 6:00 pm** for team warm-up, practice and skills development before games. Game start time on weekday evenings is **6:30 pm** for all Divisions.

**PLAYER REGISTRATION** – Be advised that the T-Ball and 3-Pitch Divisions will reach capacity very quickly, likely even before the first in-person registration dates, **so don't delay!**

- Registration begins: **Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**
- Registration deadline: **Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**, or sooner if player capacity is reached
- Late Registration Fee applies **Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**, if there is space available.
- If a Family Services Provider is paying on your behalf, you must inform us and send us a copy of the completed registration form
- Both a completed Registration Form and full payment must be received to be considered registered
- Make sure you know the T-shirt size and birthdate of the players registering  
Special requests can be made, such as for travelling with a friend, **but the MMAA cannot guarantee they will be accommodated**. So if a request is critical, perhaps reconsider registering.
- **FEE STRUCTURE:**
  - Registration Fee is \$75 per player, to a maximum of \$225 per family (siblings)
  - Late Registration Fee is \$25 per player, to a maximum of \$75 per family (siblings)
  - Debit/Credit Transaction Fee is \$2
- **PAYMENT OPTIONS:**
  - Cash, Cheque (payable to the “MMAA”), or eTransfer to [mmaa1@tbaytel.net](mailto:mmaa1@tbaytel.net);
  - Debit/Credit available at the in-person registration sessions for an additional \$2 transaction fee.

#### **Registration Option #1:**

1. Print the Registration Form from the MMAA website at <http://mmaa.tbay.me/>;
2. Thoroughly and legibly complete the two-page form, and be sure to sign Sections 5 and 6 on page 2;
3. **EITHER** scan and email your registration form, and pay by eTransfer, to [mmaa1@tbaytel.net](mailto:mmaa1@tbaytel.net); **OR**,
4. Drop your completed form, along with payment, in an envelope or plastic baggie, into the **YELLOW LOCK BOX** marked MMAA, located on the front entry porch at 63 Nicholetts Rd.

#### **Registration Option #2:**

Attend one of the three In-Person Registration sessions at the Murillo Community Centre at 4569 Oliver Road (entrance to the main hall at the rear of the building) on:

1. Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm
2. Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 2 pm
3. Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm

**REFUND POLICY** – Prior to the Registration Deadline Date, player registration fees, excluding any paid Debit/Credit Transaction Fees, will be fully refunded. After the Registration Deadline Date, **ONLY 50%** of the registration fee will be refunded, excluding any paid Late Registration Fees, and excluding any paid Debit/Credit Transaction Fees, **AND ONLY** if a replacement player registers for the same Division.

**GAME CANCELLATIONS** – Games may be cancelled due to rain and/or wet field conditions. Do not assume the games are cancelled just because it may be 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 and on Facebook at *MMAA-Murillo-Athletic-Association*. Rained-out games will be re-scheduled if possible.

**TEAM SELECTIONS** – Registered players are assigned to teams using a balance of age, gender, and Coach-evaluated player skill from the previous season, and subject to the available Coaches. Sibling players, in the same division, will automatically be on the same team. Coaches will have their own children on their team. Special requests can be made **but the MMAA cannot guarantee** they will be accommodated. Every player/parent will be contacted by their Coach at least one week before the season starts to advise which team they are playing on; when their first game is; and if there is a pre-season team practice.

**EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING** – Except for a ball glove and running shoes, all player equipment is provided. However, if you cannot afford a glove, the MMAA can provide. Please write the player's name in/on their glove. If a player brings their own bat, it must be labeled "*Official Softball Bat*", and the bat must be available to use by both teams. Write a name on the bat.

Every player will have a Team T-shirt and a ball cap to keep and wear for all games, as expected by the Team sponsor (jackets can be worn when it is cool, preferably under the shirt). For MMAA insurance purposes, **running shoes and long pants** (below the knee) must be worn. We recommend that you keep extra shoes and pants in your vehicle in case your child arrives without. Rubber cleats are permitted. Sandals / flip flops / metal cleats / boots are not permitted. Non-prescription sunglasses are not to be worn on the playing field.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Our website is <https://mmaa.tbay.me/>. We do our best to keep this site current with everything you need; forms, updates, rules, schedules, sponsor recognition, rain out notifications, etc. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the softball rules posted on the website, including any "non-standard" softball rules.

The MMAA communicates with the players, families and coaches via email, and we may need to contact you by telephone. Coaches will determine their best way to keep in touch with their players/Parents. Please make sure you provide an email address and contact telephone number on your Registration Form. We can be contacted at: [mmaa1@tbaytel.net](mailto:mmaa1@tbaytel.net).

**TEAM PHOTOS** – Team photos will be taken, however there are always no-show players or missing uniforms. When the date and time for pictures are scheduled, please make every effort to attend that game, dressed in the team uniform. As soon as the season is completed, the digital team photos will be made available.

**VOLUNTEERS & COACHES** – Want to get involved as a volunteer? Just complete the volunteer section on the registration form. We need Coaches, Scorekeepers, Tournament & BBQ Day help, etc. The only Coaching prerequisite is a desire to help the players and have fun. If you have some softball/baseball knowledge – even better! Each team needs at least two Coaches – preferably three. We will run through the basics with any new Coaches.

**COACH ORIENTATION CLINIC** – The **Coach Orientation Clinic** will be held for all new and seasoned Coaches on **Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, from **7 pm to 9 pm** at the Murillo Community Centre (entrance to the main hall at the rear of the building).

**VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECKS** – Coaches 18 years of age and older must present a **Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)** obtained **after June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. For those who do not have one, the MMAA will provide instructions on how to obtain one, along with an MMAA Volunteer Letter to get the reduced VSC volunteer rate. The MMAA will reimburse you for the volunteer VSC cost when you submit your receipt and VSC. A VSC from another youth activity or employer may be acceptable. Those with a VSC obtained prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, will be asked to sign an annual VSC Declaration Form.

**UMPIRES** – Our youth are game officials. Any registered MMAA player, born in 2014 or earlier, is eligible to be an Umpire. Umpires can accept pay or they can obtain high school volunteer hour credits. All Umpires, new and experienced, **must attend one of the two pre-season umpire clinics**, where softball rules and responsibilities are reviewed and discussed.

**UMPIRE CLINIC** – Umpire Clinics will be held on **Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**; and **Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, from **10 am to 12:30 pm** in the Rink Shack behind the Murillo Community Centre. Coaches (especially Atom, PeeWee and Bantam Coaches) are also welcome to attend.

**TEAM SPONSORS** – It is due to the generosity of the business community and team sponsorships that we can provide T-shirts and ball caps for all the players and coaches. A team sponsorship is \$375. If interested in sponsoring a team, contact us right away by email at [mmaa1@tbaytel.net](mailto:mmaa1@tbaytel.net).

**DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!** – Players and spectators need to be prepared for very cool and breezy weather at the ball diamonds, especially in May. Hats, mitts, warm jackets and blankets are recommended for spectators.

**BBQ / TOURNAMENT DAY** – The BBQ and Tournament Day season finale is scheduled for **Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>**. All teams play one or more games on Tournament Day. All players and coaches receive free concession tickets for food and drink. Awards are presented to all the players in the younger-aged Divisions; and to the Tournament Day winners in the older-aged Divisions. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- We thank the Municipality of Oliver-Paipoonge, a key supporter of the MMAA, for the use of the Community Centre, and for ball diamond / sport facility maintenance.
- **NO SMOKING / VAPING** on the ball field area inside the fence, or within 10 metres of entrance gates.
- Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times. Pick up after your dog.
- Please use the trash cans but take recyclables home with you.
- Please make sure your kid brings their belongings home after each game (e.g. jacket/hat/drink bottle/glove).

#### **MMAA INFORMATION & CONTACTS**

**Email:** [mmaa1@tbaytel.net](mailto:mmaa1@tbaytel.net)

**Website:** <https://mmaa.tbay.me/>

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