

MURILLO MINOR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2026 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.

2026 SEASON KEY DATES

Registration Begins:	Sunday February 1 st	See website: https://mmaa.tbay.me/
Registration Deadline:	Sunday March 1 st	Or sooner if player capacity is reached
Late Fees Apply:	Monday March 2 nd	If spaces are available
Coach Orientation Clinic:	Tuesday April 14 th	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Murillo Community Centre
Umpire Clinic #1:	Saturday April 11 th	10:00 am - 12:30 pm Murillo Rink Shack
Umpire Clinic #2:	Sunday April 19 th	10:00 am - 12:30 pm Murillo Rink Shack
Ball Field Clean-Up Day:	Saturday May 2 nd	10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Season starts:	Monday May 4 th	
Playoffs start:	Thursday June 25 th	
Tournament/BBQ Day:	Saturday June 27 th	

2026 SOFTBALL DIVISIONS

- T-Ball:** Youth born in 2022, 2021 & 2020. 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 2019, 2018 & 2017. 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 2016, 2015 & 2014. Modified softball rules apply. Players pitch. No base-stealing or sliding. 5 innings. Score is recorded.
- PeeWee:** Youth born in 2013, 2012 & 2011. Normal softball rules apply, including base-stealing and sliding. Five innings. Score is recorded.
- Bantam:** Youth born in 2010, 2009, 2008 & 2007. 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 May 4th through to our wind-up BBQ and Tournament Day event on Saturday June 27th.

Each team normally plays two games per week on weekday evenings. There may be some weekend games 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 racing). 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, , so don't delay! **Registration will all be done on-line, and payments will be made through E-transfer. IF** you are unable to use online registration or pay by E-transfer, contact us immediately to make alternate arrangements.

- Registration begins: **Sunday February 1st, 2026**
- Registration deadline: **Sunday March 1st, 2026**, or sooner if player capacity is reached
- Late Registration Fee applies **Monday March 2nd, 2026**, if there is space available.
- If a Family Services Provider is paying fees on your behalf, you must inform us immediately (phone Katie at 807-620-8903)
- Both a completed Registration Form **AND** full payment must be received to be considered registered. No exceptions.
- **PLEASE READ** the ***MMAA Parent and Coach Code of Conduct and Responsibilities***; and the ***MMAA Concussion Code of Conduct and Softball Concussion Awareness Sheet***. You will be required to confirm that you have read these policies to submit your registration. These policies are located under the website tab *Forms/Rules/Handouts*.
- Make sure you know the T-shirt size (Youth or Adult: XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, ETC.) and birthdate of the players registering.
- Only one special request 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.

Online Registration:

1. Follow the instructions to complete the Online Registration Form through the MMAA website at <http://mmaa.tbay.me/>;
2. Make your registration fee payment.

QUESTIONS about registration or fee payments? Please text or phone Karen at 807-621-1140 or Katie at 807-620-8903.

REGISTRATION FEES

- Registration Fee is \$75 per player, to a maximum of \$250 for four (4) or more siblings;
- Late Registration Fee is \$25 per player, to a maximum of \$100 for four (4) or more siblings

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- eTransfer to mmaa1@tbaytel.net; use password "softball"
- If in person payment, cash or cheque (payable to the "MMAA") only.

REFUND POLICY

- **Prior to the Registration Deadline Date:** player registration fees will be fully refunded.
- **After the Registration Deadline Date: ONLY 50%** of player registration fees will be refunded **AND ONLY** if a replacement player has registered for the same Division. Any Late Registration Fees are non-refundable.

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 placed on the same team. Coaches will have their own children on their team. Special requests can be made **but the MMAA does not 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 softball 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.

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. When you register as a Coach, the MMAA requires your birthdate for insurance purposes.

COACH ORIENTATION CLINIC – The **Coach Orientation Clinic** will be held for all new and seasoned Coaches on **Tuesday April 14th, 2026**, 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 30th, 2021**. 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. Coaches with a VSC obtained prior to June 30th, 2025, will be asked to sign an annual VSC Declaration Form.

UMPIRES – Our youth are game officials. Registered MMAA player, born in 2015 or earlier (2nd year Atom), 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 CLINICS – Umpire Clinics will be held on **Saturday April 11th, 2026**; and **Sunday April 19th, 2026, from 10 am to 12:30 pm** in the Rink Shack behind the Murillo Community Centre. 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 \$400. If interested in sponsoring a team, contact us right away by email at 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 27th, 2026**. 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 drinks will be available for purchase.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

MMAA INFORMATION & CONTACTS

Email: mmaa1@tbaytel.net
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