Welcome to ERINDALE LITTLE LEAGUE Rookie Division

Here's what you need to know:

Erindale Little League is totally run by a dedicated team of volunteers, from Coaches up to Board Members. Without volunteers, especially for coaches, we cannot field a team. If you can spare the time, please consider joining our baseball community. Just like with players, experience/knowledge would be an asset, but is not necessary at any level.



Rookie players (aged 7 & 8 by Aug 31st of this year) will play:

Tuesday & Thursday - starting at 6:15pm.*

Rookie games are generally 2 hours in length depending on the score or time.

Additionally, there will be 1 practice per week.

*Based on registration numbers & evaluations, the league may change the division and/or nights played. In this scenario, refunds will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Lastly, we are looking into fielding a Rookie Ball Tournament Team.



PARK & PLAY

All games are played in Ron Lenyk Springfield Park located at: 3325 The Credit Woodlands.

Parking is available at both St. Gerard School & Springfield School.

Rookie Ball games are played on S2 and S5.





EQUIPMENT - SUPPLY OR BUY?



Rookie Division players will be supplied a team jersey, hat, pants, belt and socks.

The following equipment is required:

- Players must provide their own helmet bearing the appropriate regulatory approvals.
 An attached facemask or jaw guard is optional but recommended.
- Players must provide their own baseball glove.
- Players must wear a pelvic cup as per Rule 1.17 (Little League Baseball Rulebook)

The following equipment is optional:

- Personal youth baseball bat that bears the approved
- Plastic molded baseball cleats are recommended.
- Baseball equipment bag/backpack.

Baseball gloves and helmets can be purchased from: Home Run Sports*, SportChek, Canadian Tire, Team Town Sports, Corbett and Play it Again Sports.

*Mention Erindale Little League in-store at Home Run Sports for a 10% discount.



Apr 13th: Virtual Intro to Coaching

Apr 20th: In-person Coaches Information Meeting (Location TBD)

Apr 25th: On-Field coaching instruction and best practices at Ron Lenyk Springfield Park, S1

Apr 30th: Registration Closes

May 2^{nd.}: Minor and Major evaluations & Spring Training - Ron Lenyk Springfield Park

May 3rd: Rookie Evaluations & Spring Training - Ron Lenyk Springfield Park

May 6th : Draft for Rookie, Minor, and Major Divisions

May 7th- May 22nd: Team Practices & All-Star Team tryouts (Dates TBD)

May 23rd: Opening Day starting at 8:30 am

First games, Opening Ceremonies, picture day and more! ** Volunteers needed. **

Jul 3rd Erindale Little League Mid-Season Classic Tournament for our Rookie,

Weekend Minor, and Major Divisions only! *** Volunteers needed ***

Jul 9th- 17th: Minor and Major All-Star Teams Only: Ontario Little League District Tournament

July 17th ● Erindale's Annual T-Ball Tournament. Featuring teams from across Ontario.

Weekend ● T-Ball All Star Teams - ages 7 and 8 only. **Volunteers needed***

August 10th: Erindale Little League Playoffs Start

August 23rd: Closing day

Team Parade, Championship Games, Awards, Closing Ceremonies, & Beer Tents



PRACTICES & **SKILL DEVELOPMENT**



In addition to 2 games per week, there is also 1 practice per week. Practice days, times and locations will rotate weekly to keep it fair for all teams. Occasional practices may be held other baseball fields within Mississauga. Practices are designed to work on skill development for all team players.

The Rookie Ball division serves as an exciting introduction to the next level of baseball. Players can expect a fun and supportive environment where foundational skills are honed, and teamwork is emphasized.

Gameplay for the season will progress from batting off a tee to being introduced to hitting off of the pitching machine.

Later in the season, a more standard Rookie Ball game is played in which the entire game uses a pitching machine operated by parent volunteers.

Depending on the number of teams and diamonds available, each team may occasionally not play twice a week, but will still play 20 games per season or more.











