

If you want to play ball, and haven't registered yet, NOW is the time to do so! Don't miss out!



BLASTBALL, T-BALL, 3-PITCH

You'll play in the Franklin School area of Kitchener from May 1st to June 27 (before summer break). Teams usually play 2 games per week on various evenings at 6:30 pm --- any Sat. games are at 9 am. (We offer scheduling options to accommodate you.) Our fee includes team T-shirt, hat, photo package and medallion. Late charges go into effect on March 28).



BLASTBALL: Co-ed program for children born in 2018 & 2019 (& prior to June 1/2020) Fee \$45

JUNIOR T-BALL: Co-ed program for children born in 2016, 2017 & 2018 Fee \$75

(Note: Junior T-Ball utilizes the "play areas" at Franklin and Midland Parks.)

SENIOR T-BALL: Co-ed program for children born in 2014, 2015 & 2016 Fee \$90

(Note: Children born in 2016 have the choice of playing at either the Junior or Senior T-Ball level.)

JUNIOR 3 PITCH: Co-ed program for children born in 2012, 2013 & 2014 Fee \$95

(Note: Children born in 2014 may be enrolled in either Senior T-Ball or Junior 3 Pitch)

SENIOR 3 PITCH: Co-ed program for children born in 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012 Fee \$95

(Note: Children born in 2012 may be enrolled in either Junior or Senior 3 Pitch)

Fee assistance is available. More information and ONLINE registration: www.stanleyparkball.com

We encourage participants to register & pay online. We're open 24/7 online!

In-person information/registration sessions are at Stanley Park Mall

Thurs. Feb. 16 from 4 to 8 pm Sat. March 25 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

And, for late registrations, at the Stanley Park Community Centre on Monday, April 10 from 5 to 8 pm

Our program is run entirely by volunteers so parents and/or guardians are required to be involved with the coaching/operation of their child's team. We emphasize Good Sportsmanship and Fair Play. Due to ongoing concerns with pandemic issues, additional safety protocols, mandated and otherwise, may still be in effect. We want to ensure that everyone can enjoy learning the game & play safely.

Sponsors, youth to umpire (paid) & student volunteers (hours?) are all needed: www.stanleyparkball.com

***Team sponsorship is only \$175 - details are on our website. All support is appreciated.**

2023 REGISTRATION FOR STANLEY PARK BLASTBALL, T-BALL & 3-PITCH

Please clearly print the player's name and fill all entries legibly.

NAME (First) (Last)

Circle appropriate league: **Blastball** or **Junior T-Ball**
or **Senior T-Ball** or **Junior 3-Pitch** or **Senior 3-Pitch**

Player's birthdate: (Month) (Day) (Year) Present age: Yrs

Address: Apt.

Postal Code: School:

Telephone(s):

Email address: (IMPORTANT – LEGIBLE! We use email to contact everyone.)

Email:

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NOTE: Everyone is required to help in some capacity and sign an agreement to not only exhibit good sportsmanship, but also promote good sportsmanship and "fair play": www.StanleyParkBall.com



"I agree to abide by all league policies (including "No Tobacco"), safety requirements, code of conduct, and promote good sportsmanship (as per separate contract). I grant permission for the named registrant to participate at my own risk with all required fees paid before this player participates. I acknowledge that the information provided on this form may be used by league and team officials to facilitate the operation of the program. I understand that the league is run entirely by volunteers and I will actively help in the operation of my child's team. I am aware that action photos may be taken and consent to their use by the league for promotional purposes and will coordinate our website participation with our team's website volunteer. I will work with our team's Health & Safety Coordinator(s) to ensure that all activities proceed in compliance with mandated regulations and league/team safety protocols. I understand that snacks at all team functions, whether shared or not, should be in the "healthy snack" category. I am familiar with the Ontario Human Rights Code and accessibility regulation requirements. I acknowledge that all registration information provided herein is true and will provide proof of such if asked to do so knowing that falsely completed forms are grounds for rejection from the program with no refund."

Parents/Guardians: (Please print names and any contact information)

Indicate your volunteer role: Coach Assistant:

Helper Sportsmanship Health / Safety Admin

Special request? (Specific teammate or coach?) (See reverse)

All games: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are evening (6:30 p.m. starts); any Sat. games are 9:00 a.m.
As per directions on reverse, you may "X" out up to 2 days you CANNOT play:
(Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat. a.m.)

REGISTRATION: Please register ASAP

You can complete your registration ONLINE
Note: There is a 3% on-line processing fee for credit card payments.

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or you come to one of the registration sessions or mail a completed registration form for each child with a cheque.

CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:

"Optimist Club of Stanley Park"

Mailing address: The Optimist Club of Stanley Park,
c/o The Stanley Park Community Centre
505 Franklin St. N., Kitchener, Ont., N2A 4K7

REGISTRATION SESSIONS
At the STANLEY PARK MALL
Thursday, Feb. 16 from 4 pm to 8 pm
Saturday, March 25 from 9 am to 1 pm

And, at the Stanley Park Community Centre
Monday, April 10 from 5 pm to 8 pm

PAYMENT: Registration an in-person session requires payment by cash or cheque. Online registration payments can be made by credit card or E-transfer.

ASSISTANCE: Persons on financial assistance may qualify for a grant from Jumpstart or another agency. With support from the Kitchener Sports Association, we also offer subsidized fees and/or payment terms so everyone has the opportunity to play. Visit us at one of our in-person sessions. We provide loaner helmets for all players who don't already have their own and have an inventory of ball gloves available to lend to players in need of one. We want everyone to be able to enjoy playing & play safely!

REFUNDS: There is a \$15 processing fee on all requests for refunds up to April 17 with no refunds after April 17.

Note: Rotation of players is mandatory in all leagues.

In our Senior T-Ball and both 3-Pitch leagues, use of face protection (equipment supplied) is mandatory for all players when playing infield positions.

ALL OF OUR LEAGUES ARE ALL-INCLUSIVE

INTERESTED IN SPONSORING?
Please let us know: ball@stanleyparkoptimist.com

BLASTBALL Fee \$45

(A \$5 late fee applies after March 27 for any available spots)

Birthdates: 2018, 2019 & up to May 31st, 2020

Play is at an introductory level with a sponge bat & ball on a non-competitive basis. No score is kept; kids play just for fun, make friends, and learn teamwork. Neither gloves nor helmets are required. Only one base is used and it "blasts" when jumped on. Games are played in groups of 5 per side so there's lots of hitting & no sitting. Opportunity to indicate 2 days you can't play --- see reverse for details. **Parental help is 100% compulsory – count on it!**

JUNIOR T-BALL Fee \$75

(A \$5 late fee applies after March 27 for any available spots)

Birthdates: 2016, 2017 & 2018

Teams are limited to 11 players so no one ever sits out. Minimum of rules are enforced - and no game scores. 2016s can opt to register for Senior T-Ball instead. Opportunity to indicate up to two days you cannot play. Games are usually played on all-grass mini-play areas.

SENIOR T-BALL Fee \$90

(A \$10 late fee applies after March 27 for any available spots)

Birthdates: 2014, 2015 & 2016

Both our T-Ball leagues use a soft-core ball. Senior play tends to be more competitive and could include a playoff round-robin. 2014s will only be placed in Junior 3-Pitch if that choice is indicated when registering. You can indicate a day to avoid having games on; coaches can exclude 2 days. Generally, 2 games/week with 14 players/ team.

JUNIOR 3-PITCH Fee \$95

(A \$15 late fee applies after March 27 for any available spots)

Birthdates: 2012, 2013 & 2014

The batting team's coach pitches a regulation 11" softball to his/her own team. General rules of softball apply with 3 outs per inning and 5-inning games. Season includes exhibition, regular season and playoff* games. This is an excellent step between "hitting off a tee" and softball itself. Players can indicate a day (2 for coaches) to avoid having games on. Generally, 2 games/week with 13 players/team.

SENIOR 3-PITCH Fee \$95

(A \$15 late fee applies after March 27 for any available spots)

Birthdates: 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012

Same play as for Jr 3-Pitch but more experienced players and more competitive with more rigid enforcement of game rules, strike zone, etc. over 7-inning games. Season includes exhibition, regular season and playoff* games. Generally, two games per week with 13 players per team. 2012s have a choice of which 3-Pitch league to register in.

General Information: Most games are played at Franklin Park, from May 1* – June 27 (weather permitting). There are usually 2 games/week (6:30 pm various nights and/or Sat. 9 am). We allow players with other commitments to arrive late and/or leave early. Our fee includes a team shirt, hat, photo package, and medallion/trophy. We will arrange pizzas for each team at their last game in June. Our fee also covers equipment, park rentals, supplies, sanitizer and umpires (T-Ball & 3-Pitch). Players should have their own baseball gloves (but we have loaners). We require use of batting helmets (supplied to each team). Face protection (supplied) is also mandatory for all infielders in our Senior T-Ball and both 3-Pitch leagues. Players not wishing to share are welcome to supply their own.

** May 1: Fields will likely still be in the process of being groomed.*

Volunteering: The coaching and management of each team is comprised entirely of volunteers. Parents and guardians are expected to coach and manage the teams, or at least help at games and/or practices, i.e. we only act as coordinators. Please volunteer to help as each team requires 2 or 3 coaches and/or assistants, a website administrator, a sportsmanship manager and, this year, a Health & Safety Coordinator (and committee) to ensure all safety protocols are being followed whether mandated or not. Sanitizer will be provided so any equipment that is shared can be cleaned between uses. Guidance needed? – Numerous articles are available on our website. Those indicating that they'll help with the coaching, and others taking on lead roles, will be contacted by mid-April to arrange an appointment to pick up their team's equipment and supplies. All sessions will be held outdoors. (Parents are also invited -- but socially distanced.) These "advance" volunteers will be enlisting help from all adults with children on the team. Reminder: We do not run the teams.

High School Volunteer Credit: High school students can fulfill their "volunteer" requirement, e.g. help with Blastball, monitor sportsmanship, or help coach. More details and application forms are on our website.

Sportsmanship: Agreements to abide by the code of conduct must be signed before you can participate. There are separate "contracts" for players, parents/guardians & coaches/volunteers. Copies of the agreements are on our website and are completed online during the registration process.

Umpires & scorekeepers needed: We pay local youth familiar with the game, and an interest in helping, as officials for our T-Ball & 3-Pitch games. Visit www.StanleyParkBall.com and apply/register online.

Preferred Playing Days: Please register ASAP so we can work with your requests. Note that we schedule games every day of the week with each team usually having 2 spread out on varying days each week. Participants may indicate up to 2 days (3 days for Blastball and Junior T-Ball), if necessary, on which they cannot play and we'll do our best to schedule accordingly. (Our teams are built around the availability and requests of those who volunteer to coach.) Coaches of Senior T-Ball and both 3-Pitch leagues will decide whether to have their team participate in a championship finale if such can be offered this season. There will be no games scheduled in September.

Multiple players? If you have children in more than one of our leagues, and want us to try to minimize scheduling them to play at the same time, please let us know when registering. DO NOT "X" out days to try and accomplish this. Note that this is more doable if a Blastball and/or Junior T-Ball player is involved.. Complete the appropriate "special request" section on each player's registration form. Priority to Coaches!

Special Requests: To make a special request, (i.e. specific teammate and/or fellow coach), please indicate such and we will try to accommodate you. Note: requests cannot be honoured if registrants are in different leagues or result in excessive playing day restrictions. You really need to coordinate requests with the other concerned party. **Mutual requests work!**

Request Priorities: Our teams are built around the coaches and coaching staff, i.e. their requests are honoured first. For players, the highest priority is the "X" out day(s) section and then the special request(s). So, for example, if you "X out Mondays" and want to be on the same team as "Mike" and he can't play "Tues" nor "Wed", you will be on a team that doesn't play Mondays but "Mike" is unlikely to be on that team with you. **Our priority is to put you on a team with a schedule that permits you to participate.** Note: once teams are set, they cannot be changed.

Privacy Act: The information you provide is used by our league convenors to make up the team rosters and will be provided to other participants, coaches and officials to facilitate communication. It is not (and is not to be) shared externally. We offer internet "interaction" for each team with limited information shown in "public" viewing. All participants will be provided with access to the RAMP MOBILE TEAM APP module to facilitate communication. Coaches and a team volunteer will have administrative access to the team webpage and the Team App and ensure compliance with their team members' preferences regarding privacy issues.



BLASTBALL T-BALL (JR & SR levels) 3 PITCH (JR & SR levels)

**Leagues for children
born 2009 – 2019
(and as recently as May 31, 2020)**



**REGISTRATION INFORMATION
for the 2023 season
(May 1* - June 27)
(*subject to weather & field conditions)**

**REGISTER ONLINE:
www.StanleyParkBall.com**