

March 2, 2020



It's Registration Time – Tell Your Friends & Neighbors

It's time to register your child(ren) to play ball at SPLL for the 2020 season. We are currently accepting registrations for all of our divisions – T-ball to Seniors, Softball and Baseball! Tell your friends, neighbors, classmates – anyone that wants to play. Time is running out!

To register, go to <http://southportagell.com> Click on REGISTER in the top-right corner. If you created a username/password previously – use those to login. If you are new to this registration system, create a new account

If you need financial assistance for your player(s), please get in touch with Josh at President@southportagell.com or (269) 352-8814. Both SPLL and Little League International support an “everyone plays” attitude – no one will be denied playing for SPLL based on financial ability to pay. There are amazing grant programs for those that qualify – let us help you get your child(ren) playing ball!

Should you have any questions about Registration, please contact our Registrar via email at Registrar@southportagell.com

Nights of Play Announced!

We have officially announced the tentative nights of play for each of our divisions:

Co-Ed T-ball – Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (2 of 3 nights)

Baseball

Minors (Machine Pitch) – Monday, Wednesday, Friday (2 of 3 nights)

Little Majors – Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (2 of 3 nights)

Majors – Monday, Thursday, Friday (2 of 3 nights)

Softball

Minors (Machine Pitch) – Monday, Wednesday

Little Majors – Monday, Wednesday

Majors – Monday, Wednesday

ALL players should plan on participating in a game during the daytime on Opening Day – Saturday, April 25, 2020. More details will be provided after teams are formed.

Assessments are March 7th & 14th

Please note: All assessments will be held at the Portage Central Stables – the large gymnasium *behind* the current Portage Central Middle School.

Only those players in Minors (Machine Pitch), Little Majors (Kid Pitch), and Majors are required to attend assessments. Assessments are drop-in during the time indicated – once you arrive, it should only take 15-20 minutes for your child to be assessed.

Here the dates/times:

March 7, 2020

9a-11:30a – Little Majors BB & Majors BB

March 14, 2020

9a-11:30a – Minor BB

9a-10:30a – Minor SB

10:30a-12p – Little Majors SB and Majors SB

If you cannot make the time indicated – please contact baseball@southportagell.com or softball@southportagell.com to arrange for an alternative assessment time.

T-ball players do NOT need to come to assessments.

Workers Needed

We need workers! We're looking for Umpires, Field Workers, and Concession Stand Workers. Some of these are PAID positions – and are perfect for high schoolers and those attending college. Do you have an older child that can help us at the fields during our season? If so, please contact president@southportagell.com for more details! Feel free to share this with other trustworthy friends and family that might be interested in helping!

T-Ball Meet Your Coach Night – April 16, 2020 6PM

Attention T-Ball parents! Mark your calendars – Thursday, April 16, 2020 is T-Ball Meet Your Coach and Informational Night. Plan on being at Portage Central Elementary School gym from 6PM – 7PM. More details will be shared soon – including some fun we have planned for everyone!

Registration Paperwork – Bring to Assessments

If you have paperwork due to us – you've likely received multiple email messages already. Have you checked your Junk/Spam lately??? Please send in your paperwork via one of the following methods:

- Scan/Photo and email to registrar@southportagell.com
- Bring to Assessments on March 7th or 14th
- Mail to SPLL, PO Box 523, Portage, MI 49081

REMINDER: If you fail to submit all required paperwork, your child may **NOT** be placed on a team!

SPLL Facebook Marketplace

Do you have gently-used bats, gloves, or bat bags that you no longer use? Maybe your child(ren) have outgrown their ball pants. Now's the time to join our Marketplace and start selling your items for cash. All sales are private – you negotiate the price, meeting place, etc. However, we do restrict access to the Marketplace to SPLL families only. Consider this our local garage sale or swap-meet!

New for 2020 – we are selling off many lost-and-found items that have accumulated over the years – including baseball and softball gloves – and older equipment that we're replacing.

Go to Facebook and search for South Portage Little League – Like/Follow our page – then find the GROUPS on our page for the Marketplace. Got questions? Send them to media@southportagell.com

Opening Day Information

It's never too soon to start talking about Opening Day! Opening Day is planned for Saturday, April 25, 2020. The Parade will begin at 12 noon . . . however, there may be teams that have games *prior to* the parade. Follow your assigned schedule closely. We have some great festivities planned for SPLL for our Opening Day – including food, music, parade, opening ceremony – and we try to ensure that every team gets to play a game on Opening Day. Mark your calendars now!

Clinics Available for SPLL Players

Did you know that there are some Little League-friendly skills camps and training clinics offered for players of all ages? These include baseball clinics in March hosted by the Portage Central High School Mustang Baseball team (March 15-29th). Check out details and registration information on our website. Hurry, space is limited, and time is running out to register!

Go to southportagell.com and find the Clinics menu under the LINKS button.

Dates To Remember

March 7th – Assessments @ PC Stables (see schedule above)

March 14th – Assessments @ PC Stabled (see schedule above)

April 12th – All players should have heard from their coach no later than this date

April 16th – T-Ball Meet Your Coach Night (6P-7P) – Portage Central Elementary

April 16th – Mandatory Coaches Meeting (7P-8:30P) – Portage Central Elementary

April 22nd – Picture Evening & Food Drive – Location and Times TBD

April 25th – Opening Day (Note: some teams may begin play *prior to* Opening Day)