

OLL Hardball Meeting
April 28, 2026
Plaskowitz Conference Room

Attendees:

Joe Smeraglino
Kyle Laham

Alex Biro
Adam Dinihanian

Jay Jaffer
Kevin McCarthy

Justin Berlepsch

Start of Meeting: 7:36pm

Meeting led by VP of Baseball, Joe Smeraglino

The purpose of our hardball meetings is to share information about the upcoming season, provide a place for families to ask questions about their players or levels, and explain volunteer opportunities. OLL is entirely volunteer-run. Our Executive Board meets monthly, and ideas or feedback raised during hardball meetings may be brought forward at those sessions.

Introduction of any Executive Board Members

Notes for this meeting are on our website

How are games going?

- Games are going well across all levels
- Rookies have been 5-6 innings - look into portable mounds for Rookies division
- Coach pitch is going well - Progress by week 4 or 5 to start doing strikeouts and real outs

Opening Day Feedback

- Donuts and Chips went fast!
- Length of ceremony
- Any ideas?

Any Issues with Uniforms/Equipment?

- Contact Jeff Silverman

Inclement Weather

- Thank you to those that braved the storm on Saturday afternoon
- League communication will go out, but we may wait as late as possible to cancel
- We may need help to get the fields ready on Saturday
 - Leaf blowers, rakes, scoop cups

Field Maintenance

- Rake mound, batter's boxes and catcher's area.
 - Even dirt means less puddles
 - Fill in holes on mound the best you can
 - If raking basepaths, rake North and South and not East to West

Field Improvements

- Roche backstop and stairs stained
- OLL decals added to Roche backstop and concession stand
- Upgraded speakers on Roche
- Additional speaker on Goldberg 1st base dugout
- Upgraded equipment on Goldberg to announce and play music
- Upgrade to live steam in Plaskowitz snack stand

2026 Season Timeline

- Upper levels - regular season games scheduled through 5/30 with playoffs shortly after
- Lower levels - games scheduled through 6/2 with expectation may be a little later with make up games
- May 9: Picture Day
 - Time slots around game times
 - Apparel sales and raffles – worked out well last year with the traffic flow
- GameChanger
 - Mounts on OT-1, Goldberg and Roche for live stream.
 - Scorekeeper feedback
 - Add events for picture day
- Snack Stand
 - Going well to start the season
- Site Director Sign Up
 - Sign up for a shift to cover if you have not already
 - Make sure it is a shift on a night where you don't have a game
- E-Bike and E-Scooter Concerns
 - Possibly put up signs
 - Want to make sure everyone is safe
- Coaches/Spectator Expectations
 - Positivity!
 - No arguing with umpires or scorekeepers
 - New youth program umpires at the Minors division

End of meeting: 8:25pm