
2025 ANNUAL REPORT

INTERBAY LITTLE LEAGUE



Dear Interbay Little League Family,

It has been an honor to serve as your president once again this year. The league continues to grow but it still feels like one big family to me.

You may not know this, but approximately one-third of our families consist of active-duty military members stationed at MacDill Air Force Base. Many more families are retired or reserve military. This means that a significant number of our players are with us for just 2-3 years before moving on to their next adventure. While it is difficult to say goodbye and this may challenge our continuity compared to other leagues, we embrace it wholeheartedly. Our league is undoubtedly stronger because of our military families. Their superpower is community building and this is why our park feels like a second home to so many of us. It's on the bleachers where lifelong friendships are built. Saturday morning games extend into team pizza parties and afternoon BBQ's. Younger siblings are not left out. They meet their own friends in the stands and keep busy building sand castles in the bull pens or doing gymnastics on the sidelines. Teams become families that support one another on and off the fields. Our league is truly a special place and I am so thankful to be a part of it.

This past fall season presented its fair share of challenges— two back-to-back hurricanes devastated our area, displacing many families and damaging our park. But true to our spirit, we rallied together. Families showed up for one another in big and small ways, and our neighbors, coaches, and board members worked tirelessly to ensure the season would go on. Thanks to everyone's hard work, we got our kids back on the fields quickly, offering many families a place of respite from the reality of their home situations.

As we moved into spring 2025, we not only persevered but thrived, welcoming 340 players to our fields. Beyond the regular seasons, our players benefitted from additional opportunities, including a softball pitching program with Strike One Academy, winter softball clinics hosted by D1 coaches and players, Pegasus Fitness strength training camps, the Winter Baseball Classic, and our summer baseball fun.

Our Annual Golf Tournament provided the final needed funds to partner with the city to renovate our two main baseball fields this summer. We can't wait for our players to enjoy them this fall.

We could not have done any of it without our volunteers. Thank you for your countless hours investing in our league and our players. To all of the parents, thank you for trusting us with your children. To our sponsors and community members, thank you for your continual support. We can't wait to see what this next year brings!

Letter from the President

Jody Roller

President
Board of Directors
Interbay Little League

League Overview



Who We Are

Interbay Little League is a 100% volunteer based 501(c)3 program established in 1952, chartered with Little League International. The league serves kids ages 4-16 in South Tampa, including the neighborhoods of Ballast Point, Interbay, Port Tampa, and MacDill Air Force Base.

Mission

Interbay Little League fosters a love of baseball and softball for children of all backgrounds while building character and instilling lifelong values of teamwork, resilience and respect.

League Programs



Tee Ball (Ages 4–6)

Our littlest leaguers kicked off their baseball journey with energy and enthusiasm. Tee Ball focused on basic skills, fun-first learning, and introducing young players—and often first-time coaches—to the game in a supportive, family-friendly environment.



Baseball Divisions (Ages 5–16)

With over 200 players this spring, our baseball program continues to grow. Players advanced through divisions from Coach Pitch to Majors and Seniors, developing age-appropriate skills, sportsmanship, and game IQ. Season highlights included the Winter Baseball Classic and summer training programs,



Softball Divisions (Ages 5–14)

Softball remained a cornerstone of the league, with athletes benefiting from expanded training opportunities, including clinics with Strike One Academy, USF Softball, and D1 college coaches. Players grew in skill and confidence while building lasting friendships and team pride.



Challenger Division (Ages 5–18)

Our Challenger Division welcomed new and returning players this year, offering individuals with physical and intellectual challenges the chance to experience the joy of Little League in an inclusive, adaptive environment. The program continues to exemplify the heart of Interbay—where everyone deserves to play!

Fall 2024: 275 players

Spring 2025: 340 players

212

Baseball

75

Softball

39

T-Ball

14

Challenger

League Highlights

Player of the Week Program

Interbay Little League brought back a new Player of the Week initiative to celebrate not just talent, but character, effort, and team spirit. Each team was encouraged to recognize a player weekly based on positive attitude, sportsmanship, and consistent effort—not just game-day performance. Honorees received a special yard sign to take home and recognition on our social media pages.



Player Development Clinics

- Our Winter Softball Clinics, featuring Division I coaches and alumni, offered elite instruction and personal mentorship, helping players elevate their game in a fun and focused environment.
- The Winter Baseball Classic brought together players from across the league for a spirited weekend of competition and community.
- The Summer Baseball Program kept the momentum going during the offseason, emphasizing fundamentals, teamwork, and game play in a relaxed setting.
- The USF Softball Little League Clinic gave our athletes a chance to learn directly from collegiate players and coaches—bringing the game to life in a big way.

Community Supports and Partnerships

This year, Interbay Little League had the unforgettable honor of welcoming the Savannah Bananas to our fields during their Tampa tour—where they spent time with our Challenger Division players, bringing their signature joy, energy, and encouragement. Joining them was Dunkin', who added to the fun with sweet treats and smiles for all.

While we're grateful for the support of national names like the Bananas and Dunkin', it's the full spectrum of community champions—from neighborhood shops to local service providers and generous families—that truly powers Interbay. Their time, donations, and partnership help us keep the game going for every player, every season.



League Accomplishments

Coaching Supports

We implemented a formal Coaches Code of Conduct, reinforcing expectations around sportsmanship, player development, communication, and integrity on and off the field. In addition, we enhanced our coaching resources with clearer guidance, improved training tools, and easier access to practice plans and developmental support. These efforts help create a positive, consistent environment for every player—while empowering our volunteer coaches to lead with confidence and purpose.



Behind-the-Scenes Improvements

- While not always visible on game day, key equipment upgrades this year played a vital role in keeping our fields safe, playable, and game-ready. We retired our outdated, non-functional tractor and replaced it with a top-of-the-line field groomer, significantly improving field maintenance and preparation.
- Additionally, we replaced worn-out pitching screens and training equipment to better support practices across all divisions. These updates reflect our ongoing commitment to providing a high-quality experience for players, coaches, and families alike.

Field Renovations That Make a Difference

Interbay Little League invested in major renovations in collaboration with the City of Tampa to two of our six fields—the Minor and Major Baseball fields. These upgrades included the installation of new irrigation systems, laser grading to repair uneven surfaces, and full infield and outfield restorations. This investment will provide safer, smoother, and more playable fields that reflect the pride we take in our league and the experience we offer our athletes. These renewed spaces aren't just fields—they're places where players want to be, where memories are made, and where our community continues to grow.



League Accomplishments

Scoreboard Upgrades

This year, the league took another step forward in improving the player and fan experience by upgrading our outdated, unreliable scoreboard consoles to modern, wireless app-based systems. The new technology makes it easier for volunteers to operate the scoreboard in real time—right from a smartphone—eliminating delays and keeping the focus on the game. It's a small change with a big impact, bringing a more seamless, professional feel to every inning played.



Bullpen Fencing Improvements

The league made key upgrades to the baseball bullpens on Fields B and C, enhancing safety and functionality for players and coaches. New fencing was installed to better define bullpen areas, protect players during warmups, and improve the bullpen experience. These upgrades reflect our ongoing commitment to creating a safe, well-organized environment where players can train, compete, and enjoy the game.

Empowering Softball Pitchers Through #GWG50

Interbay Little League was honored to receive a substantial grant from Little League International through the Girls with Game initiative, aimed at promoting softball program growth and development. This funding was strategically used to address a key need in our softball program: pitcher development.

With this support, no-cost clinics and training sessions offered for players across all softball divisions—removing barriers and opening doors for athletes to build confidence, refine their skills, and embrace the challenge of the mound. The impact has been immediate and inspiring, with more girls than ever stepping into the circle and discovering what they're capable of.



2024-2025 Board of Directors

Interbay Little League is powered by volunteers—but it's led by a Board of Directors who go above and beyond every single day. The 2024–25 board didn't just attend monthly meetings—they worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the league running, growing, and thriving.

We are not a traditional governance board; instead, we actively manage day-to-day operations. From managing registrations and organizing uniforms to welcoming new families and securing sponsors, this group has been the steady hands behind every success. They've also done the not-so-glamorous work—emptying trash cans, locking up fields, prepping for storms, and everything in between—to make sure our players and families have a safe and seamless experience.

To every board member: thank you for your countless hours, your leadership, and your love for this league.
We simply couldn't do it without you.

Jody Roller: President

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