

January 4, 2020



Welcome to 2020 – and South Portage’s 63rd Year!

We’re excited to be starting our 63rd year as South Portage Little League! We are looking forward to a great season – and we can’t wait to get back on the fields and PLAY BALL! We look forward to seeing many families return to SPLL – and we hope for even more people to join our family! Spread the word – it’s time to register for the 2020 season!

2020 Registration is NOW OPEN

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! Here are a couple of highlights about registration this season:

- Registration Opens January 1, 2020
- Wait List and Late Fees begin on March 14, 2020 at 12 noon
- Fees: T-ball and Senior BB/SB = \$100 per player; All other divisions BB/SB = \$135
- Discounts: Available for multiple players registered in same family
- Payment Methods: Credit/Debit Card online and/or Check via mail to SPLL

NEW FOR 2020 – Co-Ed T-ball – We’ve decided to combine both boys and girls for T-ball divisions beginning in 2020. This mirrors what most other Leagues in our District are doing – and will provide the best possible experience for all of our players. To Register for T-ball – please sign up under the BASEBALL T-ball program – regardless of player gender or interest in baseball vs. softball.

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.

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

Key Dates to Remember

March 7 – Assessments (ALL Little Majors & Majors) – 9AM-12PM
March 14 – Assessments (ALL Minors/Machine Pitch) – 9AM-12PM
March 14 – Registration Deadline – 12PM – after this Wait List and Late Fee begins
March 27 – Teams Formed and Players contacted by this date; practices may begin (non-T-ball)
April 20 – First Games can be scheduled (non-T-ball and non-Minors)
April 24 – Opening Day Ceremony (first games for T-ball and Minors)

HELP WANTED!

It takes a lot of help and support to make SPLL such a great place. There are countless volunteers that provide all types of help – from a simple 15-minute task . . . to hours of sweat-equity. We NEED your help. Please consider helping us with any of the following roles that we vounteers:

- **Player Agents** – Help coordinate the teams and playing guidelines for a division
 - o You cannot have a child playing in the same division as you serve as Player Agent
 - o Baseball – contact baseball@southportagell.com
 - o Softball – contact softball@southportagell.com
- **Field Director Admin** – Coordinate a schedule of coaches to serve as Field Director each night of play - contact president@southportagell.com
- **Equipment Manager** – Help order, organize and hand-out player equipment for teams – contact president@southportagell.com
- **Media Director** – Help create newsletters, manage Facebook Page, and triage voicemails – contact president@southpotagell.com

We also have some opportunities for your older children to help at SPLL! If you have a teenager interested in helping at SPLL, we have opportunities such as:

- Concessions Worker – must be at least 16 years old – PAID POSITION – contact concessions@southportagell.com
- Field Prep/Maintenance – prep fields for game play must be at least 16 years old – PAID POSITION – contact property@southportagell.com

If you can help in other ways not described above (coaching, board member, etc.), please connect with Josh at president@southportagell.com. Every little bit of effort you can provide will help all of our children have the best possible Little League experience!

Awesome Achievement – Field Wiring Project for Pitching Machines DONE!

We are so proud to announce that we have finally completed the Electrical wiring project that began in 2019 to provide power for the Pitching Machines on Fields 3-10 (both Softball and Baseball fields). Thank you to a lot of hard work from a group of amazing volunteers – we were able to secure final approval for our project from the City of Portage in October.

A HUGE “Thank You” goes to **Kendall Electric** – they donated all the materials needed to make this project a reality – nearly \$1,600 in supplies!

Also, another HUGE “Thank You” goes to **Sunbelt Rentals** – they provided the trencher that saved us hours of back-breaking work laying the conduit at the fields.

We look forward to playing ball on safer fields in 2020 – with no more extension cords across the base paths. THANK YOU for the great work!

New Board of Directors & 2020 Meetings Announced

We are happy to announce a new Board of Directors for the 2019-2020 season (October-September). Our Board was elected by the SPLL membership, and positions were assigned by the Board. Our new Board is:

Josh Hill	President	President@southportagell.com
Stephanie Brown	Vice President, Baseball	Baseball@southportagell.com
Maggie Plotter	Vice President, Softball	Softball@southportagell.com
Denise Corradini	Secretary & Registrar	Secretary@southportagell.com
Paul Moss	Treasurer	Treasurer@southportagell.com
Mike Evans	Properties Director	Property@southportagell.com
Amber Schidecker	Concessions Director	Concessions@southportagell.com
Dan Corradini	Safety Officer	Safety@southportagell.com

SPLL Board Meetings are held monthly, typically at the SPLL Training Facility. Anyone is welcome to join these meetings (or contact Board Members) should there be questions or new business that should be brought before the Board. Here are the remaining meeting dates (all meetings typically start at 6:30 PM):

January 12
February 9
March 8
April 19
May 17
June 14
August 9
September 20

Please join us at these meetings to help make SPLL the best Little League ever!