



Newsletter March 2021

## REGISTRATION STILL OPEN-ACT QUICKLY!

Online Registration: [SouthPortageLL.com](http://SouthPortageLL.com)

Late fee & waitlist begin March 13th

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## DIVISIONS OF PLAY AVAILABLE

Tee Ball Coed, Ages 4-6

Minors Baseball/Softball, Ages 7-8 (Machine Pitch)

Little Majors Baseball/Softball, Ages 9-10

Majors Baseball/Softball, Ages 11-12

Intermediate Baseball, Age 13

Juniors Baseball/Softball, Ages 13-14

Seniors Baseball/Softball, Ages 15-16

\*\*\*Check the website for the 2021 League Age chart as current age may be different from Little LeagueAge.

[LL Baseball Age Chart](#)

[LL Softball Age Chart](#)

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## DAYS OF PLAY

\*\*\*Days of play subject to change due to field availability and local league availability

Tee Ball	Tuesday, Thursday or Friday (2 of 3 days)
Softball (all divisions)	Monday & Wednesday
Baseball (Minors age 7-8)	Monday, Wednesday or Friday (2 of 3 days)
Baseball (Little Majors age 9-10)	Tuesday, Thursday ( <i>few</i> Fridays possible)
Baseball (Majors age 11-12)	Monday & Thursday

\*\*\*The following age groups will depend on ability to schedule with other local leagues:

Intermediate Baseball, Age 13 Juniors Baseball/Softball, Ages 13-14 Seniors Baseball/Softball, Ages 15-16

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## ASSESSMENTS

Player Evaluations for older divisions will take place the weekend of March 13th & 14th.

*Stay tuned for a sign-up as we will need to limit attendees to follow COVID safety protocols.*

Saturday 3/13

9AM-10:30PM - Major BB

10:30PM-1:30 PM - LM BB

1:30PM-3PM - LM SB

Sunday 3/14

9AM-Noon - Minor SB

10:30-Noon - Major SB

Saturday 3/20

9AM-Noon - Minor BB

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: COACHES & UMPIRES**

No experience? No problem! Training will be provided.

For more information, please contact: [President@southportagell.com](mailto:President@southportagell.com)

*Note: South Portage Little League is required to conduct background checks on managers, coaches, board of directors members and any other persons, volunteers or hired workers, who provide regular service to the league and/or have repetitive access to, or contact with, players or teams.*

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## **CONCESSION & FIELD WORKERS NEEDED**

SPLL has part-time / flexible jobs for the Spring/Summer! Interested? Contact: [President@southportagell.com](mailto:President@southportagell.com)

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## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - EVERYONE PLAYS!!!**

We are happy to announce that T-Mobile is again partnering with Little League to offer financial grant opportunities to help cover the costs to play Little League ball this season! Before you Register online for SPLL - [go to the T-Mobile Grant application site & complete required information.](#)

As you complete the T-Mobile forms and once you get the "approval" email from T-Mobile - reach out to [President@southportagell.com](mailto:President@southportagell.com) for instructions on next steps for getting your child registered.

*If for some reason you are not eligible for this grant program or get denied- PLEASE CONTACT US! We have programs available to cover your registration fees. Contact: [President@southportagell.com](mailto:President@southportagell.com)*

**THIS SEASON - EVERYONE PLAYS AT SPLL!**

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## **DEFERRED PAYMENTS**

If you elected to have all or a portion of your 2020 cancelled season registration money applied to the 2021 season ("deferral"), please note the following:

- We have loaded your deferral amount into your Registration profile as a credit balance
- You MUST still register your child(ren) to play for this season
- You will NOT see this credit until you're at the CHECKOUT part of registration
- The final amount due will show the application of this credit to your balance
- There are some fees that were paid to our website vendor (site fee, credit card transaction fee) that were deducted from your credit balance

Our Registration time period is SHORTER than past season - don't wait. [Register ASAP to play for SPLL.](#) Should you have additional questions, please contact our [Registrar.](#)

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## **COVID UPDATE**

*Statement of the Michigan District 2 Little League Presidents – February 9, 2021*

As part of Michigan District 2, Little Leagues in the greater-Kalamazoo area continue to work with local health officials to ensure the safest softball and baseball season for our players, their families, and our volunteers. It's

too soon to speculate on what guidelines might be in place when seasons start. However, as a District, we will constantly monitor the situation and develop appropriate rules and procedures to ensure that all our Local Little Leagues operate in the safest manner possible. Thank you for your support and patience – we're optimistic and hopeful that we can see everyone out at the fields soon!

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## WHAT TO EXPECT

We will not be holding an Opening Day ceremony to prevent a large gathering and pictures will be scheduled to minimize crowding. We will encourage spacing out and team circle ups vs. huddles and spacing out along the fence line vs everyone in the dugouts. We will be sure to keep everyone updated on what our rules will be once the local health department and athletic associations make their recommendations.

## SPLL MARKETPLACE

A marketplace for South Portage Little League families to buy, sell and trade outgrown baseball & softball gear.

Dust off those old helmets, bats & gloves and the outgrown ball pants with more life left! Perfect place to share!

[SPLL Marketplace](#)

## SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, June 13th- South Portage Little League Night at the Growlers!**

SPLL will be giving ALL registered players a ticket to the game, additional tickets available for \$13 each, see below!

# South Portage Little League Night

## HOMER STRYKER FIELD

SUNDAY, JUNE 13th – 1:35 FIRST PITCH

Registered players will receive:

- A Growlers hat
- Pre-Game Parade
- A skills camp with the Growlers head coach and players
- A Porter visit during the season
- Involvement in between inning promotions

Additional family tickets can be purchased for \$13 during player registration!

