

PIRATES

Mosquito River League 2017



Our Website:

<http://portlambtonpirates.ca/Teams/1009/>



Live Game Action:

<http://tinyurl.com/PiratesMosquitoRL>



Our Goals:

- Provide a team environment for each baseball player to develop, enjoy the game, and build team skills.



Our Coaching Staff:

- Ben Hazzard
- Wendy Murphy
- Greg Holmes
- Jamie Helps
- Mel McDougall
- Todd Hayward



Game Nights:

- Home games will be Thursday at 6:30pm in Port Lambton on the big diamond.
- Schedule will be posted and updated here: <http://portlambtonpirates.ca/Teams/1009/>
- Please be at the diamond 45 minutes before a game.



Practice Time:

- Practices will be Tuesday at 6:30pm in Sombra (front or west diamond).
- If there is no games, a practice may be held on Thursday night at 6:30pm in Port Lambton.
- Schedule will be posted and updated here: <http://portlambtonpirates.ca/Teams/1009/>



Rain Delays & Cancellations:

- Games or practices can be canceled due to weather and when the diamond is wet.
- The grounds keepers decided if we are not allowed on the field.
- We will notify you ASAP via email and/or text messages.



Development:

- Batting mechanics (via sensor analysis), pitching, and baserunning will be measured throughout the year for each player.
- Information will be used to provide players with more accurate coaching and baseball development support.



Pictures:

- Team pictures will be done again this year.
- These will be taken at a practice near beginning of season.
- Thanks to Casie VanRuymbeke for taking this on again.



Follow Games:

- The team will be sharing live game updates via GameChanger.
- This will also collate scores and player stats.
- Use your iPhone, Android to access via an app or computer via the website access.
- Request access and follow along at <http://tinyurl.com/PiratesMosquitoRL>



Team Conduct:

- Players

Baseball has lots of downtime for players. To be proactive, our coaches have the following expectations and process.

- When players are on the bench they need to be sitting on the bench and acting appropriately (encouraging each other, cheering positively, paying attention to the game).
 - i. If a player is not acting appropriately on the bench, they will be given a prompt.
 - ii. If a player continues to act inappropriately they will be removed from the bench area and will sit out separately for a period of time.
 - iii. If a player continues to act inappropriately they will sit out one rotation in the field.
 - iv. If this continues the parents will be asked to remove the player from the bench area for the duration of the game. The player will not be able to complete the game.
- We will review this with the players. We have had to move beyond step 2 in only a few instances over the past few years. These expectations have been the same over the past 4 years.

- Parents

Parents play a vital role in encouraging their child's development, interest, and commitment to a sport.

- During games:
 - i. Ensure that players are at the diamond on time.
 - ii. When players arrive provide players with what they need (i.e., if you have something for your child like water or gatorade).
 - iii. Once the game begins please do not come to the bench to provide your child with: coaching tips, items such as water or food (this should be given to your child before the game).
 - During practices:
 - i. Ensure that players are at the diamond on time.
 - ii. When players arrive provide players with what they need (i.e., if you have something for your child like water or gatorade).
 - Most of all have fun. These are GREAT times. Our kids are learning skills, playing a game they enjoy, and building friendship.
- If you have any questions:
 - i. Positive or neutral comments. Please forward to the coach at any time.
 - ii. Questioning or critical questions. We are happy to address these, however please pause and reflect for 24 hours, and then reach out to address the issue.