

PLAINFIELD OPTIMIST

Youth

ACTIVITIES



Baseball

Our primary goals for this program are to teach:

- **sportsmanship**
- **physical fitness**
- **competition**
- **teamwork**
- **good citizenship**

All players must be between the ages of 5 and 12 years old to participate in the league. A child's age is determined by the USSSA guidelines.

To be eligible to participate in the Plainfield Optimist Baseball, youth must reside in (or attend school in) the Plainfield city limits or Guilford Township.

Registration begins in January and runs through late February; teams are formed and practices begin in March; league play begins in April and concludes with league tournaments the last week of May.

Showcase travel teams also play a few tournaments during the regular season.

Red Pride travel teams season is August through July. These teams will hold tryouts in the summer.

The Baseball program is governed by a Baseball Board and all aspects of each season's program are approved by the Optimist Club's Board of Directors.

Soccer

Plainfield Optimist Soccer offers recreational programs for children aged 3 to 19, focusing on athletic development, social skills, and enjoyment of soccer. Run entirely by volunteers, the club promotes health, fitness, and fair play in a positive, safe, and fun environment.

Fall Season

Starts after Summer Break and ends before Fall Break.

There are no games scheduled on Labor Day and Quaker Day Weekend.

Spring Season

Starts before Spring Break and ends before Memorial Day Weekend.

Travel Soccer

If you've got the skill, the drive, and the hunger to compete at the highest level, this is your opportunity:

- **Premier Coaching & Player Development**
- **Local and Regional Tournament Play**
- **Fast-Paced, High-Level Competition**
- **A Culture of Excellence, Grit & Growth**
- **All at a much lower cost than other soccer clubs in order to try and give everyone an opportunity to play!**

We're Looking For:

- **Game-changers**
- **Playmakers**
- **Leaders**
- **Teammates who want to win and grow**

Travel soccer is a 1 Calendar Year commitment. Teams are chosen in June and players will play together for both the fall and spring seasons. Our travel teams play under the Indiana Soccer League (ISL) and travel to surrounding cities and town typically within an hour or less of Plainfield.

Football

Plainfield Optimist Football is for youth in grades Kindergarten through six. The program is divided into three divisions:

- **Rookie League (grades K-2)**
- **Minor League (grades 3-4)**
- **Major League (grades 5-6)**

*****certain age and weight restrictions also apply**

To be eligible to participate in the Plainfield Optimist Football League, youth must reside (or attend school) within Plainfield/Guilford Township.

Club-sponsored traveling all-star teams play through early December.

Plainfield Optimist Football is governed by a Football Board of Directors, and all aspects of each season's program are approved by the Optimist Club's Executive Board of Directors.

Registration/Online Sign Ups – beginning of April

Softball

Spring registration opens in January.
Divisions age group is determined by age as of January of current year.

Softball Leagues Organized by Age Groups

The softball leagues are structured according to age categories:

- **6U/Tee Ball****: Designed for 5-6 year-olds, this division features small teams to allow for individual coaching. Coaches will pitch, and players will hit off a tee after five pitches, advancing only one base. No scores are recorded, and early advancement to 8U is an option.
- **8U Coach Pitch****: Geared towards 7-8 year-olds, with some 6 year-olds potentially moving up. Coaches pitch from the circle, emphasizing fundamental skills. Game rules are introduced, and scores are tracked.
- **10U Fast Pitch****: For players aged 9-10, where players pitch from a distance of 35 feet, and new rules are implemented.
- **12U Fast Pitch****: Targeted at 11-12 year-olds, with players pitching.
- **14U Fast Pitch****: For 13-14 year-olds, where players pitch. In cases of low participation, players may join the 18U league.
- **18U Fast Pitch****: For players aged 15-18, where players pitch.

Cheer

Competition cheer will take place throughout the regular season and post-season. Try-outs will be before the season begins. If a child makes the competition squad, they will fill out another registration online.

Cheerleaders will learn a 2 minute-30 second routine to compete at various competitions

Competition Cheer will cost an additional \$400 per cheerleader. \$200 is due when they register after tryouts. The remaining \$200 will be due July 16, 2025 (we encourage families to pay this amount by doing a fundraising calendar- details will be provided if your daughter makes the squad).

Competition Cheer will have two required practices in addition to to the regular sideline POC cheer practice on Wednesdays.

Golf

The Plainfield Optimist Club annually participates in the Indiana South District Qualifying Tournament for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships by sponsoring a youth participant and/or sponsoring a hole.

Many Club members also volunteer each year to help organize and run the Indiana South District Tournament which serves as a qualifier for the International Tournament.

Junior golfers ages 10 through 18 and interested individuals or businesses can find information on participating or sponsoring at the Indiana South District Junior Golf Website or the Optimist International Junior Golf website.

Miracle Movers

“Optimist Miracle Movers is a program focusing on our friends with disabilities, allowing them the opportunity to play organized sports, as others do.”

Optimist Miracle Movers current sports programs include Basketball (Winter), Swimming (Spring and Fall), Soccer (Spring), Dance (Spring), NEW Stretch/Yoga (Summer) and Softball (Fall). Our programs are designed so that each athlete has a volunteer "buddy" to assist them throughout their practice and game time. Parents are able to serve as the "buddy" if they feel it is how their child will enjoy and get the most out of the activity. Parents and family may also choose to sit on the sidelines to watch and cheer along their athlete as they learn new skills and sports in a supportive environment. Registrations for each sport will open one month prior to the start of each individual sport season.

Academic

COMMUNICATION CONTEST FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

This contest offers an opportunity for children who are deaf or hard of hearing to present their thoughts in the community, gaining skills, which can only come from signing or speaking to a large audience.

ESSAY CONTEST

Plainfield Optimist Club, with support from Plainfield High School, sponsors an essay contest for high school students.

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMEN

Plainfield Optimist Club sponsors Plainfield's Distinguished Young Women program, an official local preliminary of the America's Distinguished Young Woman scholarship program. The DYW program awards college scholarships to young women who have distinguished themselves at school and in their communities

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Plainfield Optimist Club, with support from Plainfield High School, annually presents five \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from Plainfield High School and Homeschool students who live in Guilford Township

YOUTH APPRECIATION

The purpose of the Youth Appreciation program is to recognize youth who are making a positive contribution in their schools, community, churches, youth organizations, etc.

Membership & Sponsorship

Consider becoming a member of our organization so that you too can take pride in being a part of our service to youth and community.

Membership Fees

- Member: \$75.00
- Special Contributing Member (12+ hours/year): \$30.00
- Financial Contributing Member (No hours required but appreciated):\$125.00
- Life Member: \$44.00
- Spouse of Member:** \$54.00

If you would like to sponsor a community level program, your individual name or corporate name would be linked to the event for one calendar year. You do not have to be an Optimist member to support the club activities.

- Quaker Day Parade \$200
- Octagon Club (PHS) \$200
- Oratorical Contest \$200
- Respect for Law \$200
- Firefighters Cookout \$200
- Emergency Communication Appreciation Dinner \$200
- Partners in Education \$500
- Youth Appreciation \$500
- Christmas Assistance \$500
- Distinguished Young Woman two sponsorships @ \$1,000/ea
- High School Senior Scholarships three sponsorships @ \$1,000/ea