

2017 UK Little League Qualifier: Tournament Pack

Age Groups

The following age groups will be participating in the 2017 UK Little League Qualifier

- U17 / Seniors
- U15 / Juniors
- U13 / Majors
- U11 / Minors
- U11 / Coach Pitch (Sunday only)

Schedule (subject to change)

As Farnham Park is considered a neutral ground, all teams will play one game as the home team, and one game as the away team during the Round Robin. For the final, the team with the best record will be the home team. If records are the same then the tiebreaker rule will be used to determine home team, and if a result is still not determined then a coin toss will be used.

As per Little League rules we are NOT allowed to seed teams based on perceived ability for the UK Little League Qualified, and as such all groupings have been made via a blind draw in accordance with Little League official procedures.

Below is the format for each of the divisions followed by the game schedule for the UKLLQ.

U11 / Coach Pitch – Sunday Only

- Total Entries: 4
- Group 1: Brighton Fireballs, London Mets, London Sports, Leicester Blue Sox
- Format:
 - The four teams will play each other once.
 - No final game will be played as standings will be based on seeding from the round robin

Sunday	Diamond 2	Diamond 3
09:30		London Mets v LondonSports (Coin Toss)
11:00	Brighton Fireballs v London Mets	Leicester Blue Sox v LondonSports
12:30	LondonSports v Brighton Fireballs	London Mets v Leicester Blue Sox
14:00	Leicester Blue Sox v Brighton (Coin Toss)	

U11 / Minors – Saturday (Group Games) & Sunday (Final)

- Total Entries: 3
- Group 1: LondonSports, LondonSports 2, LYBL Bulldogs
- Format:
 - The four teams will play each other once in the group phase
 - The #1 and #2 seeded teams after the group phase will progress to a one-game Final on Sunday.

Saturday	Diamond 3
09:00	LYBL Bulldogs v LondonSports (U11 / Mnr)
12:00	LondonSports v LondonSports2 (U11 / Mnr)
15:00	LondonSports2 v LYBL Bulldogs (U11 / Mnr)
18:00	
Sunday	
10:00	

12:00	
15:00	U11 Minors Final #1 Seed v #2 Seed (U11 Mnrs)

U13 / Majors – Saturday (Group Games) & Sunday (1 Group Game & Finals)

- Total Entries: 4
- Group 1: Herts Harriers, London Mets, LondonSports, LYBL Bulldogs
- Format: The four teams will play each other once in the group phase with 2 games on Saturday and 1 game on Sunday. The #1 and #2 seeded teams after the group phase will progress to a one-game Final on Sunday.

Saturday	Diamond 1	Diamond 2	Diamond 3
09:00			
12:00		London Mets v Herts Harriers (U13 / Mjrs)	
15:00		LYBL Bulldogs v LondonSports (U13 / Mjrs)	
18:00		Herts Harriers v LYBL Bulldogs (U13 / Mjrs)	LondonSports v London Mets (U13 / Mjrs)
Sunday			
09:00	LYBL Bulldogs v London Mets (U13 / Mjrs)		
12:00	Herts Harriers v LondonSports (U13 / Mjrs)		
15:00	Majors Final - Majors #1 Seed v #2 Seed (U13 / Mjrs)		

U15 / Juniors – Saturday (Group games) & Sunday (Final)

- Total Entries: 3
- Group 1: Brighton Fireballs, London Mets, LondonSports
- Format:
 - The three teams will play each other once in the group phase on Saturday (two games total)
 - The #1 and #2 seeded teams after the group phase will progress to a one-game Final on Sunday.

Saturday	Diamond 1	Diamond 4
09:00	London Mets v LondonSports (U15 / Jnrs)	
12:00	Brighton Fireballs v London Mets (U15 / Jnrs)	
15:00	LondonSports v Brighton Fireballs (U15 / Jnrs)	
18:00		
Sunday		
09:00		
12:00		Juniors Final #1 Seed v #2 Seed (U15 / Jnrs)
15:00		

U17 / Seniors – Saturday (Group games) & Sunday (Final)

- Total Entries: 3
- Group 1: Herts Red Kites, London Mets, LondonSports
- Format:
 - The three teams will play each other once in the group phase on Saturday (two games total)
 - The #1 and #2 seeded teams after the group phase will progress to a one-game Final on Sunday.

Saturday	Diamond 4
09:00	London Mets v Herts Red Kites (U17 / Snrs)
12:00	Herts Red Kites v LondonSports (U17 / Snrs)
15:00	LondonSports v London Mets (U17 / Snrs)
18:00	
Sunday	
09:00	
12:00	
15:00	Seniors Final #1 Seed v #2 Seed (U17 / Snrs)

UKLLQ Master Schedule

Time	Field 1 (90 foot)	Field 2 (60 foot)	Field 3 (60 foot)	Field 4 (90 foot)
Saturday				
09:00	London Mets v LondonSports (U15 / Jnrs)		LYBL Bulldogs v LondonSports (U11 / Mnrs)	London Mets v Herts Red Kites (U17 / Snrs)
12:00	Brighton Fireballs v London Mets (U15 / Jnrs)	London Mets v Herts Harriers (U13 / Mjrs)	LondonSports v LondonSports2 (U11 / Mnrs)	Herts Red Kites v LondonSports (U17 / Snrs)
15:00	LondonSports v Brighton Fireballs (U15 / Jnrs)	LYBL Bulldogs v LondonSports (U13 / Mjrs)	LondonSports2 v LYBL Bulldogs (U11 / Mnrs)	LondonSports v London Mets (U17 / Snrs)
18:00		Herts Harriers v LYBL Bulldogs (U13 / Mjrs)	LondonSports v London Mets (U13 / Mjrs)	
Sunday	Field 1 (60 foot)	Field 2 (60 foot)	Field 3 (60 foot)	Field 4 (90 foot)
09:00	LYBL Bulldogs v London Mets (U13 / Mjrs)			
09:30			London Mets v LondonSports (U11 / CP)	
11:00		Brighton Fireballs v London Mets (U11 / CP)	Leicester Blue Sox v LondonSports (U11 / CP)	
12:00	Herts Harriers v LondonSports (U13 / Mjrs)			Juniors Final #1 Seed v #2 Seed (U15 / Jnrs)
12:30		LondonSports v Brighton Fireballs (U11 / CP)	London Mets v Leicester Blue Sox (U11 / CP)	
14:00		Leicester Blue Sox v Brighton Fireballs (U11 / CP)		
15:00	Majors #1 Seed v #2 Seed (U13 / Mjrs)		U11 Minors Final #1 Seed v #2 Seed (U11 Mnrs)	Seniors Final #1 Seed v #2 Seed (U17 / Snrs)

Site Map

Farnham Park Baseball and Softball Venue
Farnham Park, Beaconsfield Road, Farnham Royal, Slough, **SL2 3BP**

TC – Tournament Control, please register all players here

Field 1 – 90 ft diamond (Saturday) / 60 ft diamond (Sunday)

Field 2 – 60 ft diamond

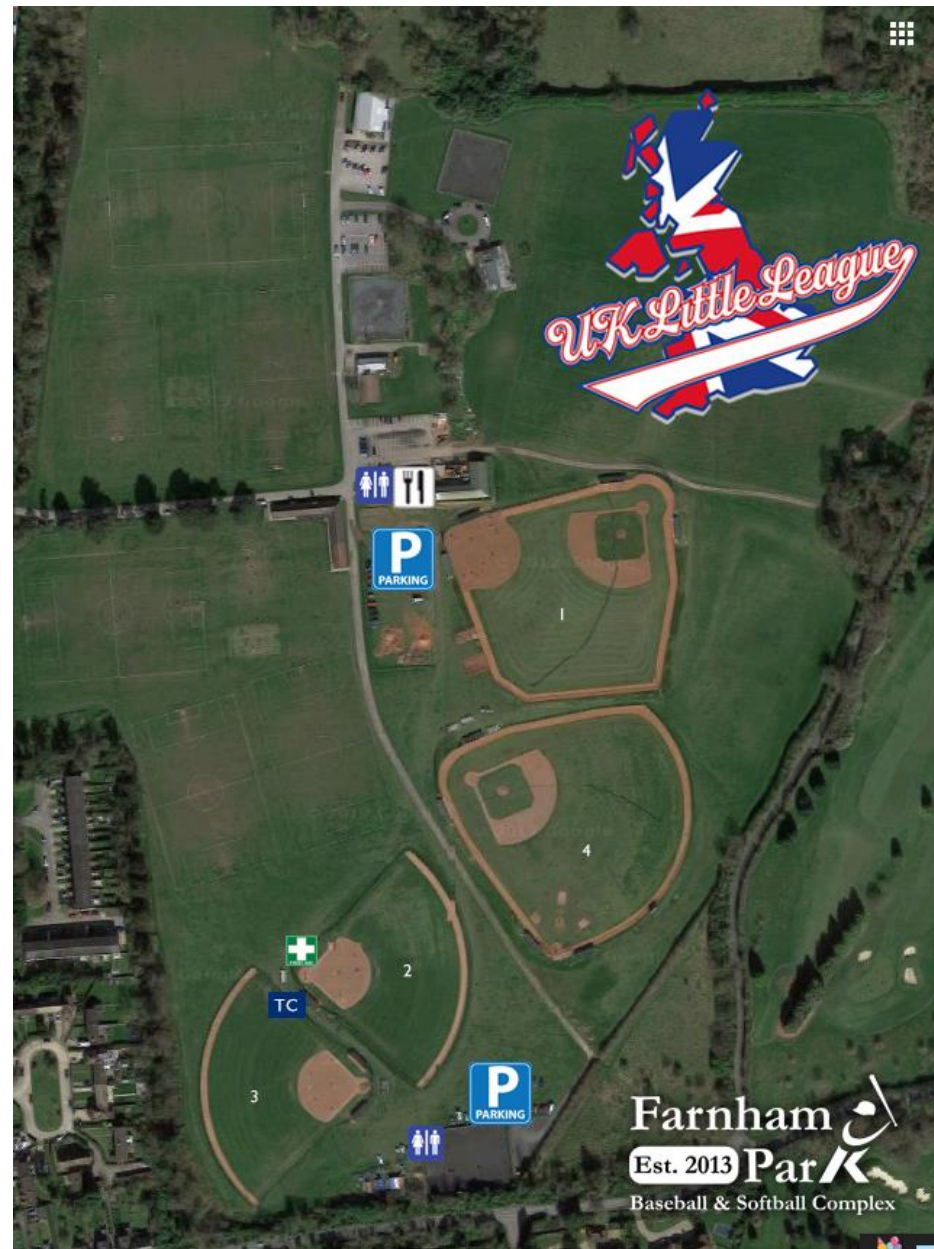
Field 3 – 60 ft diamond

Field 4 – 90 ft diamond

Toilets – toilets and changing rooms are available near the entrance to the facility. Additional portable toilets are available behind home plate of Field 4.

Parking – main car park. Overflow parking is available by the portaloos. **PARKING IS AT YOUR OWN RISK AND FOUL BALLS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN CHOSING WHERE TO PARK.**

Catering – **Home Plate Bar & Kitchen** will be serving hot food and drinks as well as a selection of snacks, tea and coffee. **Home Plate Bar & Kitchen** will be open from 8:30 to 20:30 on Saturday and from 8:30 to 18:30 on Sunday.



European Qualification

The winners of the U13/Majors, U15/Juniors and U17/Seniors will then progress to represent the United Kingdom in the Europe and Africa Little League Qualification Tournaments.

There is no progression to Europe for the winners of the U11/Minors and U11/Coach Pitch tournaments. These are UK only tournaments and run to give more players tournament baseball experience.

Wet weather

In the event of wet weather the tournament director will do everything possible to ensure all games are played. However in the event of extreme weather conditions where the field is no longer playable the tournament director reserved the right to cancel games.

Pre-game Schedule

All games will be preceded by the following schedule

- Lineups provide to the scorer's table 45 minutes before game time
- Home team infield / outfield – 30 minutes before game time
- Away team infield / outfield – 20 minutes before game time
- Field preparation – 10 minutes before game time
- Home Plate Conference – 5 minutes before game time

Unless determined otherwise by the tournament director teams will only be allowed to take their infield / outfield during the allotted 10 minutes according to the schedule.

Any team deviating from the pre-game schedule detailed above without permission from the tournament director will be fined **£25**.

Batting Practice

Due to the size of the tournament this year there will be no allotted Batting Practice times for teams.

Paperwork

The following paperwork is what is required for tournament play at the UK Little League Qualifier, but additional paperwork will be required from the teams that advance to Europe. The full required list of documentation for travel to Kutno, Poland can be found in the Little League Rule book, and will be checked upon registration at the UK Little League Qualifier.

- Completed **Little League Baseball Registration Form**



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- Completed **Little League Medical Release Form**



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- Completed **Little League School Enrollment Form OR Proof of Residency will need to be presented/provided.**

- If you are not providing a Little League School Enrollment form, the second option requires proof of residence and residence is established and supported by 3 separate documents like a bill, or bank statement with the parent/guardians address on it. The full listing of appropriate proof of residence is outlined in Residence Eligibility attached.



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- Completed **Little League Baseball Tournament Team Eligibility Affidavit**

- This should include a copy of your league schedule, and details of the 60% play requirement to date.



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- Completed **Little League Parent Code of Conduct**



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- Photo ID / proof of age – Passport or Birth certificate will suffice

Registration

The registration and player eligibility tent will be open from 8:00 am behind the Field 2. Players do not need to be present during the eligibility checks, and as such may warm up with their team mates and coaches whilst the team managers remains present during the checks.

It is advised that teams report the registration tent at least 90 minutes before the start of their first game, but earlier registrations will be welcomed.

If you have already provided your tournament paperwork (as per above) then the only document required is your tournament affidavit. However, any documentation that has not previously been presented and signed off before the tournament (including passports/photo ID of players) then you must bring any outstanding paperwork to the tournament control tent before your team's first game.

NOTE that BSUK will not be issuing refunds for teams that have registered and withdrawn, as the tournament entry fee goes towards field hire, umpires, balls, tournament winner banners, etc.

Player Tournament Eligibility

In order to play in the 2017 UK Little League Qualifier each player must meet the following criteria:

- Played in the league for which All-star team they are representing, and did not play in any other Little League in 2017.
- Have played in at least 60% of the games played in their league by 15 June 2017.
 - Exceptions are made in the case of players having played for their school baseball team. In which case the player needs to have played in 60% of the games that did not conflict with their school baseball schedule.
 - Exception may also be made if a player has missed part or all of the season due to illness or injury. If this is the case, then please provide a doctor's note confirming the ailment.
- Players need to be the following ages before 1 September 2017 for the following divisions:
 - U11 / Coach Pitch – 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10
 - U11 / Minors – 7, 8, 9 or 10
- Players need to be the following ages before 1st May 2017 for the following divisions:
 - U13 / Majors – 10, 11 or 12
 - U15 / Juniors – 12, 13 or 14
 - U17 / Seniors – 13, 14 15 or 16

Uniforms

All team members should wear a conventional baseball uniform that consists of:

- Shirt/jersey,
- Baseball pants
- Socks
- Baseball cap
- Pitchers are not permitted to wear white under armour / baselayer or other long sleeves under their jerseys.

This may be a regular season uniform.

Equipment

All teams will be required to abide by the following safety and equipment requirements. Umpires will conduct an equipment inspection before each game.

- Provide six (6) NOCSAE approved batting helmets
- Base runners, the on-deck batter and any player-base runners are all required to wear batting helmets.
- Catchers must wear NOCSAE approved protective gear including, leg guards, chest protector and helmet with throat guard. Skull caps and masks are not approved.
- All male players should wear appropriate athletic supporters and protective cups must also be worn by all male catchers.
- Plastic or rubber cleats must be worn in U11/Coach Pitch, U11/Minors and U13/Majors divisions. No metal cleats will be permitted
- All bats must conform the BBF rules on bats for 2017
 - U11/Coach Pitch
 - Little League Approved Bat list
 - Max length 33" Max diameter 2 ¾ "
 - Non-wood bats labelled with a BPF of 1.15
 - U11/Minors and U13/Majors
 - Little League Approved Bat list
 - Max length 33" Max diameter 2 ¼ "
 - Non-wood bats labelled with a BPF of 1.15
 - U15/Juniors
 - Max length 34" Max diameter 2 5/8"
 - Composite barrel bats must be BBCOR
 - Other 2 ¼ " bats must be BPF 1.15
 - U17/Seniors
 - Max length 36" Max diameter 2 5/8"
 - No more than drop 3 (-3)
 - Non wood bats must be BBCOR

If a team is unable to provide all the equipment listed above please contact BaseballSoftballUK immediately so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Mounds

On some fields temporary pitching mounds will be used. Players can use rubber or molded cleats, turfs or trainers when pitching off of temporary mounds.

Protests

No Protest can be made based on an umpire's judgment call.

Equipment that does not meet the safety requirements as enforced by the umpires and Tournament Director will be removed.

For a full list of procedures and protocols relating to protests during tournament play see the 2017 Little League Rule Book

Disciplinary Procedures

Any player or coach who is ejected during the tournament will be subject to normal suspensions and disciplinary procedures as per the Little League Rule book.

In the event that team wishes to challenge the ejection or resulting suspension then the team's head coach/manager must submit their request in writing to the Tournament Director (johanna.malisani@bsuk.com).

Tournament Rules

A summary table of the tournament rules is provided as an attachment to this document. The full tournament rules can be found in the 2017 Little League Rule Book. It is advised that all team managers and coaches review the official 2017 Little League Rule Book in advance of the UK Little League Qualifier.

BaseballSoftballUK will provide all game balls.

The home team will be determined as per the schedule.

The Official 2017 Little League Rule Books have been mailed out to the respective clubs.

Any questions about the rules should be emailed in advance to johanna.malisani@bsuk.com or asked before 8:30am so that they can answered before the start of play.

Tiebreaker

When determining which team(s) advance to the next stage of the competition, the team who advances will be selected on the following criteria:

- The team with the best record shall advance
- If teams have the same record, then the team with the best head-to-head record will advance

- If teams have the same head-to-head record, then team to advance will be determined by the **Runs Allowed Ratio**

$$\frac{\text{Total number of runs given up}}{\text{Number of defensive innings played}} = \text{Runs allowed Ratio (lowest advances)}$$

Umpires

Umpires will be provided by the British Baseball Federation. All umpires are qualified.

There may be some games in the U11/Coach Pitch tournament where teams may be asked to base umpire.

Scorekeeping and Pitch counting

All teams are asked to nominate a score keeper and pitch counter to track their own substitutions and pitch limits.

Teams should check with each other and the umpire after each half inning to confirm pitch counts and the score. Where there are disputes it will be the umpire and tournament director's discretion as to how the dispute is resolved.

For certain games there will be an independent scorekeeper and pitch counter provided. Where this is the case the independent scorekeeper's pitch count will be final. Independent scorekeepers and pitch counters will be provided for all finals in the U17/Seniors, U15/Juniors, U13/Majors and U11/Minors tournaments.

Parking

Car parking facilities will be available on site at two locations.

1. Immediately on your left having come under the raised security barrier there is a grassed ridged car park, this should be used and filled first.
2. There is an overflow facility at the far end of the park, near the containers and multi-use games area.

If these spaces are full, you may look for parking in the main Farnham Park car park, or elsewhere. You must not park behind the main the baseball field, along the asphalt road, or any of the grass areas belonging to other sports clubs.

Police and Safety Warning

Thieves operate in the area. Please be mindful of your surroundings and ensure that you do not leave any valuables on display in your car. It is your responsibility to look after your valuables, and BaseballSoftballUK and the British Baseball Federation advise all attendees to use their best judgment.

Child Safety and Welfare

BaseballSoftballUK and the British Baseball Federation would like to remind all parents that they are responsible for their child's wellbeing and to be mindful of where their children are at all times. This is especially important between games, and for any younger siblings or relatives who may also be in attendance.

First Aid

First Aid will be provided on site near the main registration tent behind **Field 2**

Toilets and Changing rooms

Both male and female toilets and changing rooms will be available in the club house next to the car park, near the entrance barrier to the baseball and softball fields.

Additional toilets will be available beyond the outfield of **Field 2**.

Catering

Home Plate Bar & Kitchen will be available on site providing a selection of hot food and cold food, as well as tea, coffee and cold drinks.

Tournament Control

Tournament control will be located behind home plate of **Field 2**

The main point of contact for the weekend is:

Johanna Malisani 07561 812680

If you have any problems finding the venue, or on the day please call Jo or Trevor directly, or speak to any of the staff members and volunteers at the control tents behind each of the fields.

Good Sportsmanship

Finally, BaseballSoftballUK and the British Baseball Federation would like to remind all participants, coaches, parents and volunteers that the UK Little League Qualifier is played in the interest and spirits of good sportsmanship. We expect everyone to respect one another, the umpires and the staff running the event. We wish you all the best, and hope you enjoy what will be one of the many highlights of the British Baseball season.

U.K. Little League Qualifier T-Shirt Order Form

BaseballSoftballUK is once again excited to offer T-shirts for sale for the 2017 U.K. Little League Qualifier. Our aim for 2017, is to pre-order these t-shirts for each team via the order form below, such that each team can have the right shirt size for each player/coach on-site upon arrival. Unfortunately, we need a quick turnaround on these orders for them to be available for your pick-up at Tournament Registration, so please complete the attached order form by Monday 5 June 2017. If you submit your team's order after 5 June, there is no guarantee that your shirts will be available for pickup at the tournament.

Rear of t-shirt will feature list of participating teams



U.K. LITTLE LEAGUE QUALIFIER T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Division	U11/Coach Pitch	U11/Minors	U13/Majors	U15/Juniors	U17/Seniors
Team Name					
Team Manager	Name				
	Mobile #				
	E-mail				
SHIRT SIZES		QUANTITY		TOTAL	
Youth Small					
Youth Medium					
Youth Large					
Adult Small					
Adult Medium					
Adult Large					
Adult X-Large					
		Total number of shirts		Multiply total number of shirts £10.00	Total Amount £ _____

BaseballSoftballUK is offering short sleeve U.K. Little League Qualifier tees for players & coaches in the U11/Coach Pitch, U11/Minors, U13/Majors, U15/Juniors and U17/Seniors divisions. The tees are grey in colour with the Team names of all the U.K. Little League Qualifier participants. The cost is £10 per t-shirt, regardless of size. One order form per team. Please submit the above T-Shirt Order Form to BSUK U.K. Little League Tournament Director Johanna Malisani via e-mail: johanna.malisani@bsuk.com by **5 June 2017**. BaseballSoftballUK will invoice teams (via the team manager) upon submittal to Johanna Malisani.

The t-shirt orders will be handed out at the U.K. Little League Qualifier tournament to one team representative.