

2009 EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS GENERAL INFORMATION



Tournament information also available at www.eteamz.com/llbeurope

ONLY TEAMS THAT MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE 2009 REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS:

1. Only Leagues **chartered** at Little League Baseball Headquarters in Williamsport, USA will receive an invitation to the Tournament.
2. Only leagues that have completed **regular season** are eligible to participate in the European Regional Tournaments. Reference: Regulation VII, 2009 Rule Book, page 37.
3. Participation in the Tournament is by **invitation** only. We will need your **team's roster** as soon as possible in order to issue an invitation to the Tournament.
4. Before entering the tournament, all eligible players must present:
 - i. **birth certificate** issued within one (1) year of the birth by federal, state, provincial registrars or local offices (2009 Rule Book, page 16),
 - ii. **valid passport**,
 - iii. three **proof of residence documents** to determine residency of the parent(s) or guardian; the documents can be from the following categories (2009 Rule Book, page 14):

1. Driver's License	9. Financial (loan, credit, etc.) records
2. Voter's Registration	10. Insurance documents
3. School records	11. Medical records
4. Welfare/child care records	12. Military records
5. Federal, state and local records	13. Internet, cable or satellite records
6. Support payment records	14. Vehicle records
7. Homeowner or tenant records	15. Employment records
8. Utility bills (i.e., gas, electric, water/sewer, phone, heating, waste disposal)	
5. Each team shall bring:
 - i. a completed, signed **Tournament Team Eligibility Affidavit** (available on the Little League website);
 - ii. a **boundary map** showing the actual League boundaries in detail and the location where each player resides must be indicated on the map; the map must be signed by the League President and District Administrator;
 - iii. copies of any approved by the Charter Committee **waivers** on any of the regulations.
6. The winning teams will be provided, by Little League Baseball, roundtrip transportation from the tournament site to the World Series. Teams **must use** travel arrangements provided by Little League Baseball, otherwise, they will not be invited to play in the World Series. The winning teams are responsible for the cost of applying for US entry visas.
7. League President **shall not coach or manage** a team (2009 Rule Book, page T-3).
8. Each team traveling to any of the Regional Tournaments should obtain travel insurance before leaving their country.
9. We encourage each player to carry his/her immunization records.
10. Teams that **do not report at the tournament registration office by the coaches meeting one day before the tournament, will not be allowed to participate.**



Little League Baseball European Regional Tournament 4-12 August 2009 - Kutno, Poland

- **Eligible players** (ages 11 & 12): born between 1 May 1996 and 30 April 1998, who have participated as an eligible player in 60% the regular season games as of June 15 (2009 Rule Book, page T-5).
- **Arrival days:** 2, 3 August 2009.
- **Coaches meeting:** 3 August 2009 at 18:00, building "B" at the Little League Regional Center in Kutno.
- **Tournament format:** Depending on the number of teams participating, it will be round robin format with a championship game.
- **Game schedule** will be determined at the coaches meeting (August 3) by draw.
- **Teams that do not report at our office by the coaches meeting on 3 August at 18:00 will not enter the Tournament.**
- **Housing** will be provided **free of charge** for up to 14 **eligible** players and up to three coaches listed on a team's roster **only**. Only eligible players and coaches listed on the team's eligibility affidavit will be allowed to stay in the Little League dormitories. **There is no extra housing available in the Little League dormitories for visitors (even if a team does not have a full roster) .**
- Little League Baseball will provide three meals a day free of charge for the teams starting on **August 4**.
- A **\$US200** (or equivalent in other exchangeable currency) refundable security deposit will be required from each team upon arrival. This deposit is to secure cost of any possible damages during your stay in the Little League dormitories. If no damages occur, the whole amount will be returned to you before you leave. **If teams leave without checking-out, the deposit will not be refunded.**
- **The winning team** will be provided, by Little League Baseball, roundtrip transportation from Warsaw, Poland (August 17) to the Little League Baseball World Series to be played in Williamsport, PA, USA, 21-30 August 2009. After the World Series, the team will return to Warsaw. **Further travel home is the team's responsibility.** The winning team **must use** travel arrangements provided by Little League Baseball; otherwise, they will not be invited to play in the World Series. **The winning team is responsible for the cost of applying for US entry visas.**
- Because of our heavy workload and preparing for tournaments, our office is **unable** to assist in arranging additional accommodations for parents and other persons traveling with a team. However, we can provide you with the list of hotels in the area and their contact information.
- If your team is going to fly to Warsaw (closest international airport) , our office can assist you in arranging bus transportation to Kutno; however, your team will be responsible for the cost. The cost of **one way** for a bus at a local company is approximately 900.- PLN. The price also depends on how long the bus has to wait at the Warsaw airport; therefore, it may be higher for delayed flights.
- **IMPORTANT:** Please do not send any packages with your team equipment, uniforms, etc. to our office before you come to the tournament. Please be advised that we cannot guarantee you that your packages would be released from customs on time and without additional costs. It involves a lot of paper work and customs fees and our staff will not be able to assist you.
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TOURNAMENT CHECK LIST

**IT IS REQUIRED
TO BRING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS
TO THE 2009 EMEA REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS:**



- Completed and signed *Tournament Team Eligibility Affidavit*.
- Copy of your League's regular season team rosters.
- Your regular season schedule (Regulation VII, 2009 Rule Book, page 37).
- A boundary map showing the actual League boundaries in detail and the location where each player resides must be indicated on the map; the map must be dated and signed by the League President and District Administrator.
- Each player must present:

▶ **proof of birth date** (2009 Rule Book, page 16)

▶ **valid passport**

▶ three **proof of residence documents** to determine residency of the parent(s) or guardian; the documents can be from the following categories (2009 Rule Book, page 14):

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| - Voter's Registration | - Insurance documents |
| - School Records | - Medical records |
| - Welfare Records | - Military records |
| - Federal, state and local records | - Vehicle records |
| - Support payment records | - Employment records |
| - Homeowner or tenant records | |
| - Utility bills | |
| - Internet, cable or satellite records | |

Note: the three documents must be from three different categories, for example: two utility bills come from one category and two more documents from other categories must be supplied.

- Copies of any approved by the Charter Committee waivers on any of the regulations.
- All charter fees must be paid.

**IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS,
YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOURNAMENT**