



2017 Little League Softball Europe and Africa Regional Tournament 27-30 July – Kutno, Poland

- Only eligible Leagues will receive an invitation to the Tournament (2017 Rule Book, page 118).
- Player eligibility is determined by (1) age, (2) residency within league boundaries or school attendance, and (3) completion of regular season play. Tournament Team Eligibility Affidavit shall consist of, and must be limited to, a maximum of fourteen (14) players, one (1) manager, and a maximum of two (2) coaches
- Before entering the Tournament, all eligible players must present all documents required by the Little League Official Regulations (please see the enclosed Tournament Check List).
- **Eligible players** league age 10, 11, 12 (2017 Rule Book, page 153), who have participated as an eligible player in 60% the regular season games (2017 Rule Book, page 119).
- **Arrival days:** 26 July 2017.
- **Coaches meeting:** 26 July 2017 at 16:00, 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 (July 26) by draw.
- **Teams that do not report at our office by the coaches meeting on 26 July at 16:00 will not enter the Tournament.**
- **The District Administrator or District Staff** shall not serve as manager or coach (2017 Rule Book, page 116).
- All teams participating in any of the seven Little League Regional Tournaments in Europe and World Series in the USA are required to **purchase travel insurance**, before traveling to tournament site. **Travel insurance is required for all players and coaches listed on team roster.** Proof of insurance policy will be required at tournament registration upon arrival.
Teams that do not purchase travel insurance will be responsible for any costs associated with medical treatments and emergencies during travel and their stay at tournament site. Important: the European Health Insurance Card is **not an alternative to travel insurance.**
- We encourage each player to carry his/her immunization records.
- **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 will be no extra housing available in the Little League dormitories for visitors (even if a team does not have a full roster).**
- Little League Baseball and Softball will provide three meals a day free of charge for the teams starting on **July 27**.
- 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 and Softball, roundtrip transportation to the Little League Softball World Series to be played in Portland, Ore, USA 09-16 August 2017. The winning team **must use** travel arrangements provided by Little League Baseball and Softball; 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 1500.- 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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2017 TOURNAMENT CHECK LIST

- Completed and signed **Tournament Team Eligibility Affidavit**
- Copy of your **League's regular season team rosters**.
- Regular season schedule** (Regulation VII, 2017 Rule Book, page 46).
- A **boundary map** showing the actual League boundaries in detail and the location where each player resides must be indicated on the map; or location of the school for every participant named on the affidavit; the map must be dated and signed by the League President and District Administrator.
- Each player must present **Tournament Player Verification Form** accompanied by:

- ▶ **proof of birth date** (2017 Rule Book, page 21)

- ▶ **valid passport**

- ▶ **proof of residence (a) or school attendance (b)** (2017 Rule Book, page 18)

a) **proof of residence documents** containing the full residence which includes parent(s) or guardian(s) name, street address, city and zip code information, dated or in force between February 1, 2016 and February 1, 2017, from one or more documents from each of the three Groups outlined below:

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| Group I | - Driver's License | Group II | - Welfare/child care records |
| | - School records | | - Federal records |
| | - Vehicle records | | - State records |
| | - Employment records | | - Local (municipal) records |
| | - Insurance documents | | - Support payment records |
| | | | - Homeowner or tenant records |
| Group III | - Voter's registration | | - Military records |
| | - Utility bills | | |
| | - Financial records | | |
| | - Medical records | | |
| | - Internet, cable, or satellite records | | |

Note: Three documents from the same Group constitute only ONE document.

b) school attendance shall be established and supported by a document indicating enrollment for the current academic year, dated prior to October 1, 2016 and with the physical location of the school, from ONE of the following categories to determine school attendance by such player:

1. Official/Certified School enrollment record dated prior to October 1, 2016.

2. A Little League issued school attendance form completed by the principal, assistant principal or administrator authorized to sign on behalf of the school

- ▶ **medical release form**

- ▶ **model release form**

- ▶ **manager agreement** (will be provided at tournament registration)

Copies of any approved by the Charter Committee waivers on any of the regulations.

All charter fees must be paid.

Travel insurance.