



We are delighted to be providing football for the local boys & girls.

Without the support of each parent/guardian, Child, Sponsor, Volunteer, and well-wisher none of this would be possible.

This handbook is intended to provide you with important information such as who to contact and when, format of the league & cup competitions, Sponsor information and more.

The Teams

Bantams

Wallington Tornadoes (*Full Red Kit*)

Hackbridge Hurricanes (Full White kit))

Grange Lightning (*Full Black Kit*)

Bedding Park Blizzards (*Full Blue Kit*)

Beddington Cyclones (*Full Green Kit*)

Wandle Thunder (*Full Yellow Kit*)

Juniors

Wallington Tornadoes (*Fluor Coral Tops Sponsored by Bodhi*)

Hackbridge Hurricanes (*White tops Sponsored by Mango Marquees*)

Grange Lightning (*Black tops Sponsored by Brook Brown Developments*)

Bedding Park Blizzards (*Blue tops Sponsored by S.O.G Scaffolding*)

Beddington Cyclones (*Green tops Sponsored by Eclipse Global*)

Wandle Thunder (*Yellow tops Sponsored by Mums Café*)

Inters

Wallington Tornadoes (*Blue Tops Sponsored by CLJ Construction*)

Hackbridge Hurricanes (*White tops Sponsored by Crydent*)

Grange Lightning (*Light Blue & White stripes Sponsored by Love Windows & Doors*)

Bedding Park Blizzards (*Red Tops Sponsored by Viviid*)

Beddington Cyclones (*Green & White stripes Sponsored by Crydent*)

Wandle Thunder (*Yellow & Black Stripes tops Sponsored by AV Hiring*)

Meet the Managers:

Bantams

Dean Fisher – Manager of Wallington Tornadoes

Johan Bear – Manager of Hackbridge Hurricanes

Jimmy Waller – Manager of Grange Lightning

Bob Watson – Managers of Beddington Cyclones

Chris Hayward – Manager of Beddington Park Blizzards

Aslan Acun – Manager of Wandle Thunder

Juniors

Fahad Bashir – Manager of Wallington Tornadoes

Stephen Preedy & Juan Pena– Manager of Hackbridge Hurricanes

Jason Blay – Manager of Grange Lightning

Tony (Rezart) Bushataj – Managers of Beddington Cyclones

Mills & Pierino Silano – Manager of Beddington Park Blizzards

Leon Antonio – Manager of Wandle Thunder

Inters

Michael Walton – Manager of Wallington Tornadoes

Stephen Preedy & Alan Parry – Manager of Hackbridge Hurricanes

Danny Grinham– Manager of Grange Lightning

Armstrong Martin – Managers of Beddington Cyclones

Djahit Mehmet – Manager of Beddington Park Blizzards

Aslan Acun – Manager of Wandle Thunder

Meet the rest of the Team

Chairman – Patrick Hutchison



Having had experience playing and managing in little league football the next step was always to run the league itself. I intend to have a hands-on approach with the running of the league and will always be found pitch

side. My aim is to create a football league with a community feel to it.

Always happy to chat and answer any questions (See Contacts Page for contact information).

Secretary & Treasurer – John Hutchison



Vast experience within Little League football. An advocate in allowing kids to find and fulfil their potential. Will be found pitch side and will be one of the first point of calls for any issues or questions.

Child Safeguarding Officer – Katy Galloway

With a background in compliance Katy selflessly volunteered her services to be the Child Safeguarding Officer. If you have any issues, questions or concerns regarding the safety or well-being of yours or any other child associated with Wallington Little League please contact Katy who can take the appropriate steps.

Child Safeguarding Officer – Jo Walton

With great experience and qualifications working with and safeguarding children we were honoured when Jo volunteered to help. With such sensitive matters it is vital we have a strong team to deal with any issues promptly and professionally. Any safeguarding concerns should be directed in its first instance to either Katy or Jo.

Player Liaison Officer – Stacey Duke

Stacey has been a mainstay in little league football for the last 4 years. Stacey understands how the league should be run. Any footballing issues your child may have which cannot be resolved in its first instance with the manager can be directed her way.

Player Liaison Officer– Gemma Perry

An involved parent of Wallington Little League Gemma appreciates what is required to make it an enjoyable place to play. Approachable, Empathetic & understanding makes Gemma another ideal candidate for the player liaison role.

(See contact details on page 20)

Our Aim

Our aim is to provide organised football at entry level in a safe, controlled competitive environment in which local boys and girls of all abilities & backgrounds partake.

We intend to assist in helping players reach their potential without compromising on the enjoyment factor. Our core values are **Respect, Enjoyment & Togetherness** and we hope everyone from Committee members to parents can help us enforce this.



What we expect from the players:

- We expect players to arrive on time for all matches & Training with the correct kit, boots and shinpads – without anyone of these you may not be able to play.
- We expect players to treat everyone with respect.
- No arguing with officials, managers or anyone associated with Wallington little league.
- No swearing, intimidating or aggressive behaviour at any point whether that be before, during or after a match or at training.
- Listen to instructions from their manager and only their manager during matches.
- Work hard as a team, encourage teammates and enjoy themselves.
- Win with humility & lose with grace.

What we expect from Parents:

- Clear, concise communication with the manager of their connected team.
- No abusive, threatening, aggressive or intimidating behaviour aimed towards anyone connected with Wallington Little league- this will result in an instant ban without warning.
- DO NOT instruct the players – leave that to the manager.
- Encourage, praise, and celebrate the players at every opportunity.
- Always remain behind the respect barriers during a match. Do not stand behind the goals or on the side of the managers.
- If you have any suggestions, feel free to e-mail them littleleaguewallington@gmail.com
- Only Park in the designated bays of the car parks. If you are local enough to walk to football, please do so.

What we expect from Managers:

- Clear, concise communication with the parents of their team.
- No abusive, threatening, aggressive or intimidating behaviour aimed towards anyone connected with Wallington Little league- this will result in an instant ban without warning.
- Do NOT overload the players with overly complex instructions or instil a win at all costs mentality.
- Encourage, praise, and celebrate the players at every opportunity.
- Always remain on the managers side of the pitch during games. Do not enter the field of play unless instructed to do so.
- Do not challenge the ref before, during or after a match.
- Arrive to matches in a timely fashion to warmup and give direction prior to kick off time.
- To send match results and goals scorers into the managers WhatsApp group chat immediately after the match.
- To understand their responsibility to the development of the children.

What we expect from Officials:

- Be always honest and completely impartial.
- Apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently.
- Manage the game in a positive, calm, and confident manner.
- Deal with instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play, and other misconduct.
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour from players, Managers, or supporters.
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game.
- Arrive to matches on time.
- Communicate with the players and encourage Fair Play

Wallington Little League Ethos

Fun, Fun and more fun is what they need at this age together with a large helping of positive encouragement.

Research suggests having League Tables at such an early age is detrimental to progression and leads to managers, coaches, and parents passing pressure of results onto the young players and thus reducing their enjoyment.

Encouraging youngsters to try different positions on the pitch and learning how to integrate into a team environment to enjoy a positive experience should be all that is asked of them in their early introduction to football.

Parents must not relive their youth through their children, leaving them free to express themselves on the pitch. Coaches & Managers must be discouraged from marching up and down the touchline shouting out a series of over complicated instructions, whilst also being encouraged not to challenge the decisions of the match referee.

Children at this age group are looking for role models and look to the adults around them to lead by example. Therefore, all adults involved at Wallington Little League need to be ambassadors of 'Best Practice' whereby sportsmanship is positively encouraged.

Wallington little league does believe in healthy competition, and we will be implementing a league standing. Having said that, if we feel as though the competitiveness becomes overbearing, we will remove the league format and play friendlies only.

Competitions:

The League

The 2024/25 campaign will start on 1st (Bantams) & 8th (Juniors & Inters) September 2024.

The Juniors and Inters leagues will consist of 6 teams and be split over two sections (1st half and 2nd half). Each team will play one another twice in each half (4 times in total). The winner of the first half of the season will play the winner of the second half of the season to decide who is crowned champion. If the same team wins both halves, they will automatically be crowned league winners.

Junior Teams will field a maximum of 9 players including the goalkeeper whereas Inters teams will field a maximum of 11 players at any one given time including the goalkeeper.

A Junior team can play with a minimum of 6 players and an Inters team can play with a minimum of 8. If agreed beforehand with the opposition manager, the number of players in each team can be reduced to even out the deficit. This would only happen if a team were short on players.

The junior matches will be 25 minutes each half with a 5-minute interval. The inters matches will be 30 minutes each half with a 5-minute interval. At half time the teams must switch ends.

Goalkeepers can be swapped at Half time or because of an injury.

Substitutions are roll on roll off but must be done when the ball is out of play and the ref has been informed. All players must play at least a half in each match. Team selection should not be because of availability for training.

3 points will be awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and zero for a loss.

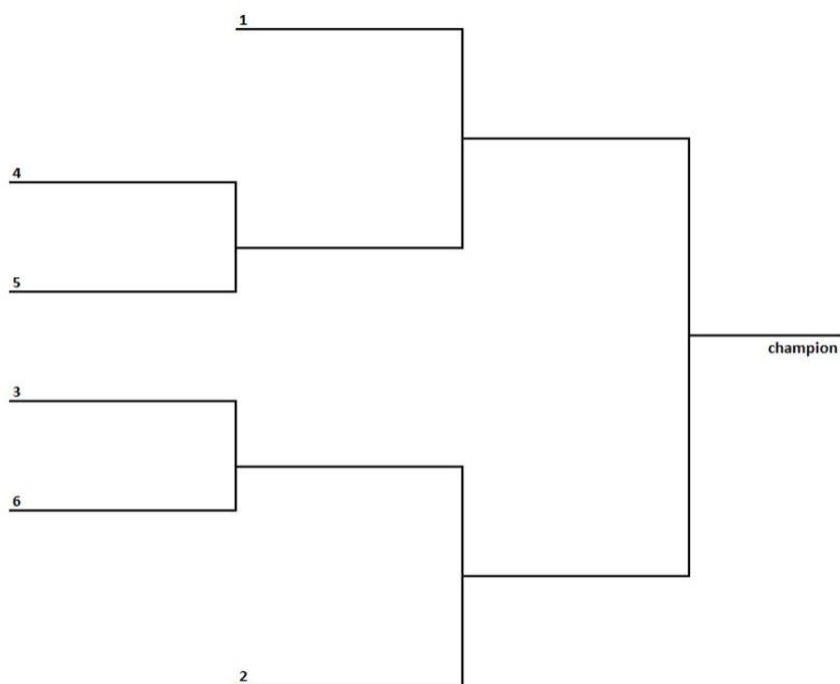
If come the end of the season the points tally between multiple teams is the same it will come down to goal difference, then head-to-head then Goals Scored.

The Bantam's league is purely a developmental league where each team will play each other 3 times. No league table will be published however one will be kept up to date for the purposes of club managers to track their progress.

Tournaments (Bantams Exempt)

The Gold Cup Tournament will commence on the 8th of October 2023 for the Juniors & 15th October 2023 for the Inters.

The format of the tournament will be that of a 6-team bracket system (See *diagram below*). The two teams in position 1 and position 2 in the league at this stage (After 5 league matches) will get a bye into the next round. The remaining 4 teams will play in the 2nd round knockout fixture. These are one off matches; the winner progresses to the next round of which will be played on separate weekend.



The four teams eliminated from the gold cup in the 2nd Round & Semi Finals will play each other in the silver cup at the semi-final stage, the winners will progress to the final of the silver cup and the runners up will progress to the final of the bronze cup which will all be played on the cup final day.

The Two finalists of the gold cup will also play each other on the cup final day (Last weekend of the season)

Mid-season friendlies are likely to happen on league cup tournament weekends for those teams already knocked out. This will give the managers the opportunity to experiment with new positions for players – the result of the friendly matches will have no bearing on the league or individual standings.

Select weekends have been unallocated for fixtures, these will be used to reschedule fixtures which may have been postponed due to adverse weather. If no fixtures have been postponed these weekends will be friendly matches or spare weekends to allow the pitch to recover.

Fixtures are subject to change. All teams will be notified of any changes at the nearest time possible. The website (www.wallingtonlittleleague.co.uk) will be updated and kept up to date throughout.

Post matches managers must send their result and goal scorers into the managers WhatsApp group. Bantams managers do not have to send goal scorers names.

A tally of goal scorers for the junior and inters league will be kept in order to award the top goal scorer with the trophy at the end of the season. The goals considered for this award are league ONLY (Not cup matches or friendlies).

The other individual awards given out on presentation day will be Golden Glove, Fair play & Players player. The Bantams division will not have a top goal scorer award but will have positive award, chairman's choice, Fair play & players player.

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Sponsors:

We would like to say a huge thankyou to all the sponsors and those who helped secure them. It has helped us to provide fantastic looking kits for the children. Having a well uniformed team is hugely beneficial in making the kids feel included and passionate about what they are representing.

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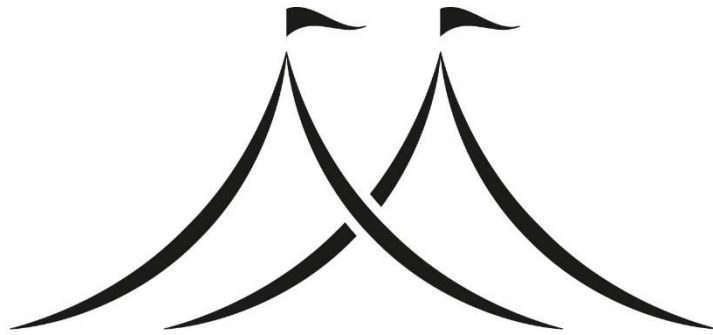


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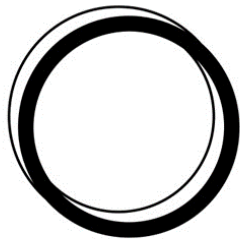




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