



**2025 / 2026**

## **London Archers Development and Training Programme**

We are excited to share additional information about the London Archers Development and Training Programme ahead of our start on the weekend of **8th November 2025**. There are some important changes and enhancements we are making in the coming year that we believe will be beneficial to our athletes, will be more cost efficient, and will facilitate a more effective administration of the club.

The 2025 season has been another milestone year for the Archers programme. To support our primary goal of athlete development, our dedicated group of coaches have provided nearly 70 sessions or more than **200** hours of training (since last Nov) for 85+ athletes. In addition, we have played **100+** games at **14** tournaments with **25** teams across **8** countries. We have also continued our legacy of on the field success playing in 8 tournament finals (winning 4 tournament championships to date including our first at the U18 level). **The highlight of the year was becoming the first ever UK club to send two teams to the World Series in the US in August including the first ever U12 World Series berth.**

Building on our success in 2025 and going into our 10th season as a club in 2026, it is exciting to see continued stability and growth. Under the leadership of our Management Committee and through our coaches, we have the right resources, capability, and commitment to deliver a development pathway for your child. This includes a new offering in the U10 'Future Archers' category, which we are excited to add starting this winter so we can provide more training and development opportunities for younger athletes in the UK in preparation for inaugural tournaments in 2026.

With our growth comes the need to administer our offerings differently. Our goal has always been to provide advanced youth development and growth in every way possible and we believe transitioning to an annual development and training programme (vs winter programme with bespoke in season trainings) will ensure we are able to plan, resource, and deliver a premium development experience throughout the year with more extensive training opportunities and continuity.

We also recognize the importance of your child playing for your local UK baseball club, participating in other sports and activities, and to have family flexibility when needed so we have planned an offering that meets the diverse needs of our families and athletes.

**While attendance at every training session is not mandatory, the design of our programme and the benefits that it provides are for athletes committed to their own baseball development and for families wholly committed to our programme.**

## **Programme Benefits and Value**

- Includes all domestic training and practice sessions, use of equipment, technological offerings, and professional coaching resources for the full 12 month period starting in November 2025.
- We plan to offer **70+** training sessions during the 12 month period including **~45** sessions in the winter (Nov - Mar). Combination of weekend and in-week offerings with an average session being 2-3 hours in length.
- Includes exclusive access to a newly developed Archers platform on the Primetime Aces app that will provide age appropriate programs for **Strength and Conditioning, Arm Care, and Drills** for players. Separate registration instructions to be provided.
- Includes showcase / metric weekend with John Skaggs, our newly appointed Director of Coach Development and Head of College Recruiting, on the weekend of **Nov 22nd / 23rd** for age appropriate athletes. An initial athlete and parent seminar and Q&A on the college recruiting process will also be held in conjunction with this event.

## **Programme Cost and Fee**

- The full annual cost of the development and training programme is **£540**, which is equivalent to **£45** a month or less than **~£8** a session.
- The fee is due up front or can be paid in 6 equal installments of **£90** a month in Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, and Apr.
- Players born in 2016, 2017, 2018 will pay a reduced fee of **£300** for the full 12 months of training (equivalent to £25 a month).
- Families with more than 1 child enrolling will receive a **20% discount** for each additional sibling.
- We will begin utilizing the Spond platform (see below) for club management and payments to make administration significantly easier. A small transaction and processing fee will apply.
- Resources are available to provide tailored and subsidised financial arrangements, which will be considered on a case by case basis. Please contact Chase Rowbotham, Treasurer ([charowbotham@yahoo.com](mailto:charowbotham@yahoo.com) / +44 07836 39125 via WhatsApp) or any member of the Management Committee to inquire.

***Participation in the development and training programme does not guarantee a place on a travel team. If selected for the travel team programme, a separate travel team fee plus uniform cost (as necessary) will be determined and accessed prior to the travel season.***

## **Winter Training Schedule**

Attached is the draft schedule for the winter training portion of the programme (Nov - Feb). This is subject to change. In general, we would expect younger aged players (12 and under) to be in the Blue Group and older aged players to be in the Black Group. It is possible that we will end up with 3 groups. We will finalise based on final participant registration. Players will be assigned to a group to optimize the space and time.

- ***Wednesday: 19:00 - 21:00 @ The 108 - [The 108 Brent Cross](#)***
- ***Saturday: 12:00 - 18:00 (time slots tbd) @ Langley Academy - [Langley Academy](#)***
- ***Sunday: 10:00 - 13:30 @ Harefield Academy - [Harefield Academy](#)***
- ***Training Registration (if not yet completed) - [Registration Form](#)***

## **Club Administration --- Spond**

We have invested time to create a platform that will allow us (and hopefully you) to be able to communicate and manage the logistics of the programme with much more efficiency and effectiveness. We are using a platform called "Spond" that you may or may not be familiar with given the various sports that your children play.

We will use Spond to do the following:

1. Schedule & track attendance to various events (practices, tournaments, etc)
2. Manage and Communicate with Specific Teams
3. Make payments that are specific to your child's activities with the Archers

Please see below regarding how to move forward in Spond depending on whether you already have the Spond app or not:

*I already have the Spond App:*

- Open the Spond App and go to the Groups Tab
- Accept the invitation(s) that appear there

*I do not have the Spond App:*

- Download the Spond App from the AppStore or PlayStore (it is free!)
- Register & create a profile in the app
- Go to the Groups Tab and accept the invitation(s) to the London Archers

If you have any questions or issues with the above, please reach out to Chase Rowbotham, any member of the Management Committee or email [londonarchersbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:londonarchersbaseball@gmail.com).

**Thank you again for being part of the Archers Baseball family. We are very proud of what we have built over the past 10 years and look forward to continuing to grow together.**

*'Out Work, Out Play'*

**Archers Management Committee**

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