

T-Mobile LITTLE LEAGUE HOME RUN DERBY

2021 T-Mobile Little League® Home Run Derby FAQs

Who can participate?

The competition is open to athletes league age 9-12 years old who are currently registered and meet all eligibility requirements within their chartered Little League for the 2021 season. The baseball competition is open to athletes league age 9 – 12 years old and the softball competition is limited to female athletes league age 9 – 12 years old. A participant's league age is determined per Little League Baseball and Softball [guidelines](#). There is no minimum or maximum of the number of participants.

When and where will the local competitions be held?

Local competitions will be held right at local Little League parks from February 15, 2021 through June 27, 2021*.

**Dates are subject to change*

Where can I find more information regarding the Regional Finals and Championship events?

Information regarding the Regional Finals and Championship events of the T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby will be shared at a later date.

How do I know if my athlete advanced to the Regional Finals?

Once all local competitions have been completed and results have been verified, our team will directly contact any individuals that have advanced to the next round of the competition. Please note, winning a local competition does not immediately qualify your Little Leaguer for any advancement opportunities. Information regarding the next stages of the T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby will be announced in the coming months.

What if we already host a home run competition?

You can use the results of the home run competition as long as they fall within the T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby event [rules](#). Leagues will still need to register and submit all results through the website portal.

What do we need to host a competition?

Participating leagues will need a baseball/softball field with either a permanent fence, temporary fence, chalk or cone line at the distances of 170' for baseball and 130' for softball. These distances are typically shorter than standard fence dimensions – we recommend a chalk line on the field at each distance, cones or the use of a temporary fence. All equipment including baseballs/softballs will need to be provided by hosting leagues and should meet Little League specifications.

What will we receive in our host toolkit?

The League Officer who registers will receive a digital toolkit within 48 hours that includes all of the information needed to run a competition including rules, scoresheets, sample social media graphics, and a media advisory template. A physical toolkit will also be sent with the event banner, staff t-shirts, and pins within 10 business days.

What equipment will the league receive from T-Mobile for participating?

Each participating league will receive the following from T-Mobile for participating in the 2021 T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby, while supplies last.

- Six Dozen AD 100 LL-XL WS Baseballs (if participating in baseball division)
- Four Dozen OLL 12 PL-WS Softballs (if participating in softball division)
- 2 Ball Buckets (If participating in baseball division)
- 2 Ball Buckets (if participating in softball division)

How can I promote my local competition for players to register?

Each digital toolkit will include a media advisory template, posters, and sample social media posts to encourage your local sluggers to join! Some other fun ways to drive participation include but are not limited to, incorporating the Home Run Derby into a pre-existing league event, such as opening day or closing ceremonies, or hosting during a community wide event.

Is there a fee to participate in the T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby?

There is no fee associated with participating in the T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby.

Can I host a District wide competition?

Yes, you are able to host a competition with multiple league participation. You must register through the website and identify the hosting league as such during the registration process.

What file types are accepted for photos and scoresheets?

The upload tool accepts the following formats: jpg, jpeg, pdf. All participating leagues will be required to submit completed scoresheet, participant release forms, and champion photo.

Are pitching machines permitted?

Live arm pitching is preferred, but pitching machines may be used if necessary. The use of side toss is not permitted.

Who can be shaggers for my local competition?

Up to 5 of your Little Leaguers can be in the outfield, but they must allow all balls to land (no catching).

How do I determine the batting order for my local competition?

In the first round, it is recommended that the batting order be random draw. In the following rounds, the participant with the lowest total number of home runs will hit first and so on.

Can I share photos or videos from my local event on social media?

Absolutely! We encourage you to share your experience on your league's social media platforms. When sharing please make sure to use the hashtag #LittleLeaguersSwingBig!