

# Welcome to Football Club Británico de Madrid



## Club structure

FC Británico currently has three teams. The 11 a-side team plays on Saturday mornings in an amateur league called the Liga Bunwer, the Sala team play in the EFL Sala League and the 7s play in a local league on Sundays.

The focus of the club is to finish as high as possible in the league and we take our football seriously. Players of all abilities are welcome and the club will try to accommodate all players who show a commitment to moving the club forward and a desire to work hard and improve as a footballer.

FC Británico was originally set up by the British embassy over 40 years ago to give the expats in Madrid a game of football. The nature of our club means we have a high turnover of players caused by players returning home or moving on to other countries due to work and study commitments, this causes a lack of stability which over the years has affected consistency within the teams. To counter this, the club also has non-British players, normally players who are settled in Madrid, who speak English and understand our footballing culture, bringing to the side an international feel as well as much needed stability

## Club standards

The football club is run by a committee who work hard to provide members an opportunity to play football. The club ask of its members to respect fellow players, coaches, managers within the club, opposition staff and player as well as referees. FC Británico is a club with a strong history in Madrid and when representing the club players must respect what the club stands for.

FC Británico is an amateur club with a professional attitude. We ask players to take the footballing side of the club seriously as well as enjoying the social side of what the club offers. Players of both teams are expected to turn up to games fully prepared to represent the club. Drinking heavily the night before the games is not considered suitable preparation and is not accepted and is considered a lack of respect for your team mates and the club committee who work hard to ensure as many people as possible can play football on a weekend.

In addition, we ask that all players try and support the club and its sponsors as much as possible. This can be by promoting/recommending them or in the case of the sponsors, using the facilities that they have available. All sponsors provide a discount for club members.

## Financial Situation

The club is self-sufficient and survives from contributions from players, fund raising event and sponsorship. The running costs of the club exceed 7,000€ per season with the principle expenses being the use of 3G artificial pitches for matches & training, league fees, player registration fees, referees, kits, training equipment...the list goes on.

To help with the running of the club, the players are asked to pay a fee which covers two training session per week and weekend match fees during the month.



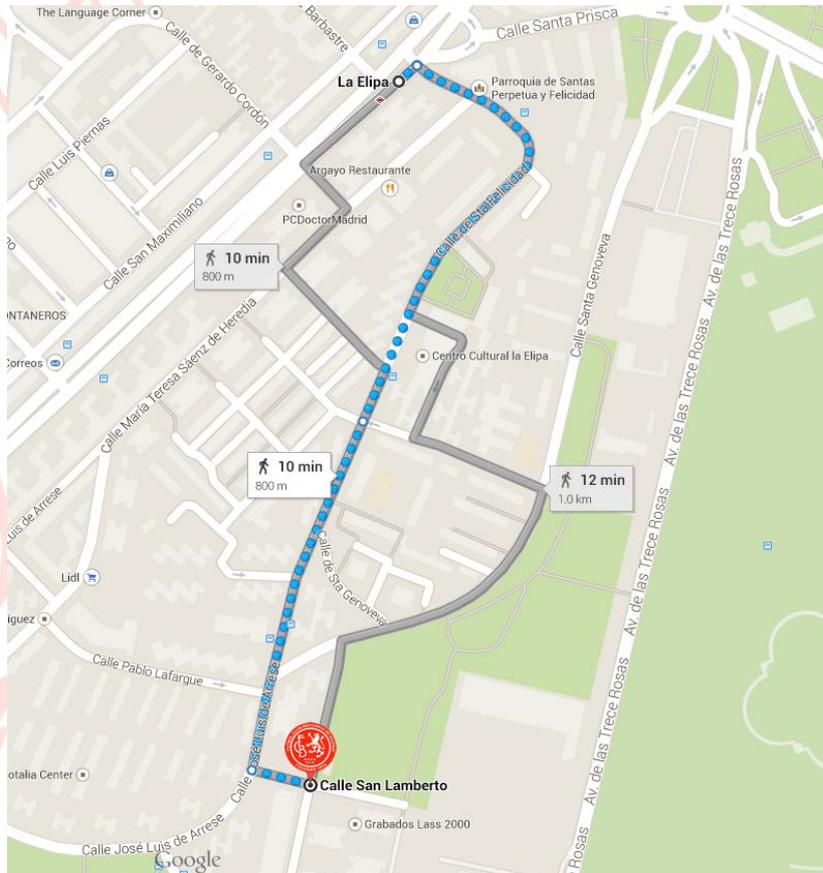
### Monthly training fee

The monthly training fee of 40€ covers training on Tuesdays & Thursdays (2 hours per week) as well a potential 4 games of football per month. Without this contribution from players, the club could not continue to operate due to the high cost of pitch hire, referees etc. Payment can be made by cash, bank transfer or PayPal.

If you do not wish to pay the monthly fee, we offer a pay as you play option for 6€ per session/match. The monthly fee provides a considerable saving.

### Training

The club trains twice a week. Tuesday & Thursday 21.00 – 22.00 at Las Cocheras, Calle San Lamberto, 28017 Madrid. The nearest metro is La Elipa (Line 2 - Red). Map below:-



Attendance at training will be taken in to account when team selection is made. The late starts have been chosen taking in to account peoples work & study commitments. Please arrive punctually, the session will be starting at the stated time so please make sure you're there before to change and start when our time on the pitch starts.

### Player membership

There is an optional membership fee of 35€ which can be paid at any time. Once you have paid you will receive an FC Británico sweatshirt complete with your own initials as well as discounts with club partners, club social events, etc.

### Annual football tour

At the end of each season, the club arranges a weekend away where we will play a team and have an opportunity to let off steam.