



**JERSEY
FOOTBALL**

Part 5

Walking Football Competition Rules SEASON 2023 – 2024

INDEX AND INTRODUCTION

The Walking Football Competition is an opportunity for players to continue their competitive football career and stay active later into life. Although, the league is competitive with all teams aiming to win the league, our key focus is the fun and enjoyment of the players when playing, as well as prolonging the football careers of multiple players. While understanding all teams want to win, the Jersey FA want to prioritize the physical and psychological benefits participants feel.

To ensure Walking Football Competition is fair and meets the needs of all participants, we have set several league rules. By participating in the competition, teams and their players agree to abide by the below rules.

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WALKING FOOTBALL COMPETITION RULES 2023-24

1. **Clubs Competing**
 - 1.1 Only clubs affiliated to the Jersey Football Association ("JFA") may participate.
 - 1.2 Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Competitions Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
2. **Entry Fee, Subscription, Deposit**
 - 2.1 All players must register with the JFA and pay the associated registration fee (£25) before they are permitted to participate in a fixture. Registration can be completed via the Jersey FA website or by submitting a paper registration form.
 - 2.2 When a player seeks a transfer or a transfer to another team is compulsory, no additional fee shall be payable.
 - 2.3 If agreed with the JFA walking football co-ordinator, a player may receive one free trial game before signing for a club.
3. **Ineligible player, protests, appeals**
 - 3.1 A team fielding a non-registered player, or non-registered players after they have received their pre-agreed free trial session shall have the points awarded from the fixture deducted from its record. The Management Committee may also, at its discretion:
 - a. Award the points available to the opponents, or
 - b. Order the match to be replayed
 - 3.2 All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee (or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee).
 - 3.3 Red cards and reports of misconduct will be processed in line with FA discipline guidelines.
 - 3.4 Players must be 45 years of age or older before playing in the Competition.
4. **Continuation of membership, Withdrawal from a club**
 - 4.1 A Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a Team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition for a Playing Season must notify the Secretary in writing by 30th June, immediately following the playing season.
 - 4.2 In the event of a Club withdrawing and/or disbanding a Team or the Club itself shall be immediately liable to discharge all its financial and other obligations to the Competition. All remaining fixtures for the club in question will be forfeited with the opposing team awarded a 3-0 victory.
5. **Club colours**
 - 5.1 When a playing kit has been provided by the Jersey Football Association, it must be worn for all fixtures.
 - 5.2 Clubs must provide team colours and official club crest before 30th June.
6. **Match related rules**
 - 6.1 All decisions made in game will be in line with The FA Walking Football Laws of the Game.
 - 6.2 Match duration will be two halves of 20 minutes each. Half time will be a maximum of 5 minutes.
 - 6.3 A matchday squad must include no more than 11 players per team.
 - 6.4 Matches will be six-a-side, with up to five substitutes to be listed.
 - 6.5 An unlimited number of substitutions may be made, with players withdrawn able to come back on later in the game (rolling subs).
 - 6.6 All fixtures to kick off at 10:30am on Sundays.
 - 6.7 If both teams agree and a suitable rearrangement date is confirmed a fixture may be postponed at the request of clubs.
7. **Reporting results**
 - 7.1 The result should be agreed with the referee at full time before leaving the field of play, with the names of the goal scorers also to be confirmed and recorded at this point.
 - 7.2 Both clubs shall submit the match result notification, correctly completed, via Full-Time, text message or via team sheet to a member of the JFA walking football co-ordinator.
 - 7.3 Three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss.
8. **Winners, medals, trophies**
 - 8.1 The team with the most points at the end of the season shall be named as champions of the Santander International Walking Football League. If teams are level on points, the team with the higher goal difference shall be awarded the higher league placing. If teams are still level, then the team with the higher number of goals scored shall be awarded the higher league placing. If the identity of the champions can still not be established, the team's level on points at the top of the table shall play a play-off match(es) in a format to be decided by the Management Committee.

- 8.2 At the close of the Competition, medals or mementoes shall be awarded to the winners only (including unused substitutes). This will include any Player sent off during the final of cup Competitions.
- 8.3 Clubs that win a competition must return the trophy by March 1st.
9. Alteration to the rules
- 9.1 The Board may alter the Rules with the consent of two thirds (2/3) of the members entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting. Any alteration to the Rules shall take effect from the time stipulated in the resolution.

SCHEDULE A

FEES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	FEE
2.1	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE	£25.00
	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE (AFTER 31 DECEMBER)	£20.00
2.2	TRANSFER FEE	£0.00

FINES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	FINE
1.2	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£25.00