



## WALKING FOOTBALL RULES

- The tournament is organised by Mallorca Football Events.
- The games are organised at the Santa Ponça sports complex premises in Santa Ponça on the island of Mallorca. Address; Carrer Riu Sí, s/n, 07180 Santa Ponça.
- All matches are played in accordance with the K.N.V.B. walking football rules and regulations, but executed in a customised tournament format. The customised Mallorca tournament walking football rules are leading!
- Walking Football has the same rules as regular football, with a number of exceptions, which are no running, no offside rule and no goalkeepers.
- The game is played as a 6-a-side without goalkeepers, on a pitch measuring approximately 42 by 21 meters. Goals: 3 meters wide, 1 meter in height.
- Substitutions can constantly be made, providing the ball is not in play.
- Substitutions are made level with the centre line.
- The game should preferably be played with a size 5 football. Weight +/- 3320 grams.
- Only walking is permitted, also when the ball isn't nearby (walking means one foot is in constant contact with the ground).
- The ball may not be played above hip level.
- No offside rule.
- Physical contact and slide tackles are not permitted.
- A free kick will always be taken indirectly. This can be done via a pass or by dribbling (3 meters distance).
- If the ball goes out of play, the ball will be placed back where it left the pitch and brought back into play with a kick (3 meters distance). The player can bring the ball back into play by passing or dribbling. The ball does need to be stationary. This applies to both when a player is offside or when the ball goes out of play. The ball can only be brought back into play with a pass in case of a corner kick. (3 meters).
- The kick off will be done from the centre of the pitch following a goal.
- Running is penalised with an indirect free kick at the position where the player started running. The same also applies to physical contact and slide tackles.
- If the ball is played above hip level, the party which last touched the ball will give away an indirect free kick at that position.
- You can't score from your own half of the pitch.

- A penalty will be given if a direct scoring opportunity has been taken away in an inappropriate manner. The penalty will be taken from the penalty mark at an empty goal.

## **TOURNAMENT RULES**

### **MALLORCA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT MATCH RULES**

- The matches are played in accordance with the KNVB Walking Football regulations and are run by the KNVB and international referees.
- A referee's decision is final, protests are not permitted.
- The tournament is for both men and women. The tournament is divided into 2 categories, namely:
  - 55+ category. 1 player per team may be less than 55 years old, but must be older than 50.
  - 60+ category. No dispensation players in this age category.
- The number of players per team is unlimited, with a minimum of 8 players per team.
- The programme is completed in accordance with the timings noted in the programme booklet. Every team has to be present 5 minutes before kick off. The team which does not show up at the sports field on time will lose the match by 0 - 3 and will not receive any points. A team which wins as a result of a 'no-show' will be given 3 goals as their total score.
- Unless the referee decides otherwise, there will be no stopping for injuries, these will be dealt with off the pitch.
- The first team listed on the match form will start on the left side of the pitch, seen from the beach side and will also kick off the game. The kick off moment will be directed by the referee.
- The first team mentioned (the home team) has to change shirts if both kits are the same (colour). There are also tournament vests in several colours available for any team, should this situation occur.
- Every team must be equipped with a second set of shirts, which are different from the original club kit colours.
- The pitches are made from artificial grass. Players are advised to wear regular Futsal (indoor Soccer) shoes, or special Astro turf football boots.
- There are changing rooms at the pitches; teams are welcome to use these. Players are also allowed to prepare themselves in the hotel rooms in between games.
- The team's representative needs to report to the Organisers' headquarters 30 minutes before the first scheduled match and submit their list of players.
- The tournament will be kicked off with a PRELIMINARY ROUND on the Friday or Saturday. The FINAL ROUND will take place on the Sunday.

- The playing time in the PRELIMINARY ROUND is 1 x 15 minutes, the playing time in the Knockout Phase is 1 x 18 minutes and the FINAL ROUND is 1 x 20 minutes. These times can be deviated from. The teams will be informed in plenty of time.
- The PRELIMINARY ROUND will be played in groups.
- The goal difference will be the deciding factor if several teams in the group end in the same position. If this is also the same, the number of goals will determine the outcome. Penalties will need to be taken if this is the same too. 3 players per team will take a penalty at an empty goal from the centre line. Should this also end in the same score line, the penalties will continue on a sudden death basis.
- Penalties will be taken in accordance with the above point in case of a draw following matches in the FINAL ROUND.
- Protesting is not permitted. Decisions made by the tournament's sports management team are final.
- The referee in charge of a particular game, as well as both coaches or team captains, have to report to the jury table near the pitch after every match to sign the score sheet for that particular match. This is compulsory. The signing of the score sheet has to be done immediately after the match, in order to approve the result of that game.
- Each team is required to report to the tournament's sports headquarters before leaving every day of the tournament.
- Smoking is prohibited on the pitches. The use of glass is also forbidden. Alcoholic consumption has to be limited. If extensive alcohol consumption has a clear influence on play, a team or an individual player can be excluded from further participation. Drinking alcohol on the pitches is not allowed.
- Every participant is responsible for his own behaviour in this respect; and will be held responsible if damage is reported.
- Other than players and coaches, no other person has the right to enter the field.
- Everyone is kindly asked to remain on the stands or in the sports arena's restaurant when not playing. This will ensure the space around the pitch is reserved for those teams and players in the current matches.
- For any other rules or regulations not mentioned, the tournament's sports management team's decisions are final, as presented by the chief of the tournament's sports management team, in accordance with the representative of the board, or by any person appointed by him.
- The tournament organisers would like to remind participants to insure themselves for all medical costs which may be incurred as a result of any injuries suffered during the tournament.
- The organisers are not responsible for damage, physical injuries or the theft of any personal belongings of any players, spectators or companions.