



FIWFA Walking Football
**WORLD
NATIONS
CUP**

2023



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INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

The Federation of International Walking Football Associations (FIWFA) was formed in 2018 with the aim of promoting and developing the game of walking football throughout the world.

Part of our remit was to organise international fixtures and tournaments between the walking football associations across the globe.

The Walking Football 2023 World Nations Cup, at St George's Park near Derby, will be the inaugural World Nations Cup and aims to take this global cooperation and love for walking football to new heights. We would like to invite your country to be part of this.

WORLD TEAMS

The competition will be played between teams in two ages groups, over 50s and over 60s. Your association can apply to have teams entered in both age groups or in just one. No country can have more than one team in each age group.

There will be a maximum of 20 teams in each age group, so applying early will help to guarantee your teams secure places in the tournament.



LIVE STREAMING

All matches will be streamed live online

DETAILS

August 21st - 23rd 2023

Team Registration

August 24th & 25th 2023

Group Matches

August 26th 2023

Knockout and Finals

August 26th 2023

Gala Dinner

HOST CITY

Derby

TOURNAMENT VENUE

St. George's Park

GALA DINNER VENUE

Hilton Hotel



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TOURNAMENT FORMAT

SQUAD SIZE

A maximum of 12 players per side.
Plus two officials/coaches. This applies to each age group, so a maximum party of 28 people per nation, if you are entering teams in both age groups.

MATCH FORMAT

All games will be 6 a side and in accordance with the laws of the game (LOTG), free substitution will be allowed.

MATCH DURATION

Each match in the group and knock-out stages will be 40 minutes in duration with a five minute half time break.

PLAYING SURFACE

All matches will be played on artificial 4G surface, with standard 6 a side goal sizes and pitches marked in accordance with LOTG.

PITCH SIZE

Pitches will be 40m x 30m with 12ft x 6 ft goals. Goalkeeper area is a 6m radius.

REFEREES

Teams of 3 FIWFA qualified referees will be used in all matches.

SPECTATORS

Limited tickets will be available. Details will be supplied in due course.

MATCHES

Group games.

All participating teams in each age group will be split into groups. Each team will play their respective group teams once with the top two teams progressing to the knock-out stage.

Knock-out games.

The team finishing top of their group will play the team finishing second in the opposite group. The winners of these games will progress to the semi-final.

THE FINAL

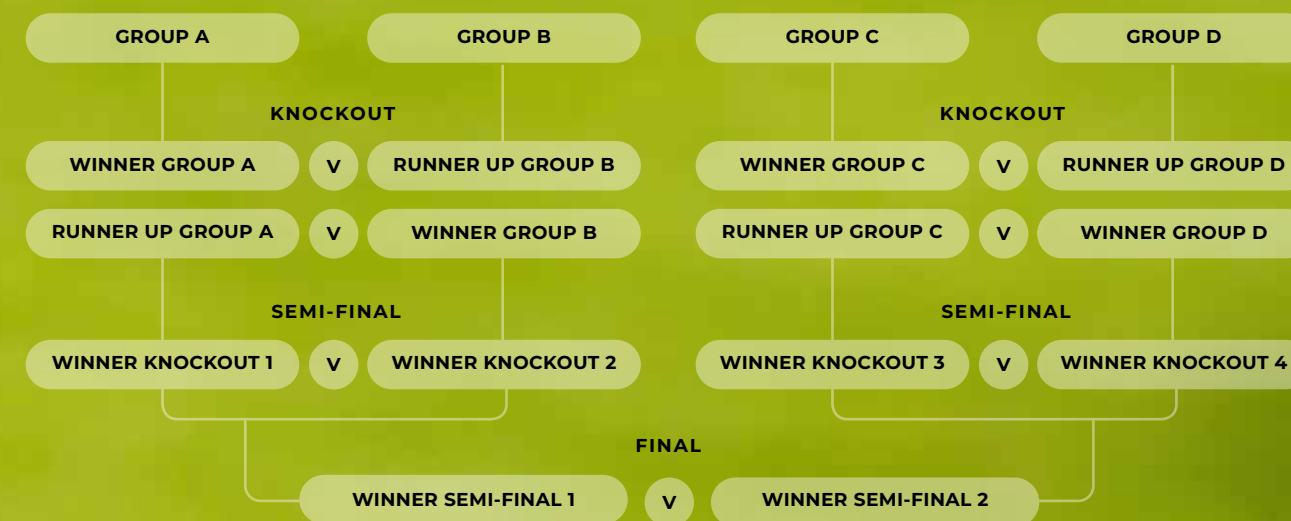
The winners of the semi-final games in both the over 50s and over 60s groups will play the finals. There will be two finals, one for the over 50s and one for the over 60s. These games will be played consecutively.

GALA DINNER

All players and officials are invited to our end of tournament Gala Dinner held at Hilton Hotel. This will be a three course dinner and the tickets are included in your entry fee.

The tournament format may be subject to change based on the actual number of entries.

OVER 50S



OVER 60S



OUR VENUES

THE MATCHES

All of the group games and the finals will be played at St. George's Park. St. George's Park is the home of England's national football teams.

As you would imagine the playing surface and facilities at the stadium are first class and is therefore a fitting venue for our tournament.



DERBY

The city of Derby is a beautiful English destination on the banks of River Derwent. There are a number of hotel chains that operate in the city such as Premier Inn and Travelodge. These offer good quality, value for money rooms, if you choose not to stay in the Hilton hotel, attached to St Georges Park.

GALA DINNER

The end of tournament Gala Dinner will be held at the Hilton Hotel at St. George's Park, the home of our England football teams. The evening's entertainment provided by international singer and recording artist, Gemma Louise Doyle.



HILTON HOTEL ST GEORGE'S PARK

The Hilton Hotel is part of St George's Park, and is therefore the perfect location for your team to stay. Offering world class facilities a short stroll from the playing venue.

STAYING LOCAL

If you decide to stay in another hotel locally, you'll find there are lots to choose from and to suit any budget. The town of Burton upon Trent is 6 miles away from St George's Park, and Derby is less than 20 miles.

SHUTTLE BUS

We will be running a shuttle bus during the tournament to transport teams from hotels in Derby and Burton Upon Trent. This will run to and from Burton Upon Trent railway station.

GETTING TO US

The closest airports are East Midlands and Birmingham. Both are around 30 miles away. There are also high speed rail links from both London Heathrow and Gatwick airports to Derby. If you let us know which airport you are flying in to, we can advise the best way to get to the tournament.



HOW TO ENTER

ENTRY

There will be a maximum of 40 teams in the tournament. 20 teams in the over 50s and 20 in the over 60s. You can enter a team in each age group or just one age group. No country or association can enter more than one team in any one age group.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Please note that during the registration process we will require player information including: Place of birth or minimum of 5 years residency. Evidence of a national selection process may also be requested. Maximum of three ex-professional players in any squad.

The process below is how you enter

1. REGISTER INTEREST

We now have over 30 nations that have registered interest in the tournament and if you are one of these you will be contacted very soon to confirm your place.

2. CONFIRMED PLACE

Once we have confirmed your place in the tournament, we will expect payment of the entry fee within one month.

3. TEAM REGISTRATION

As a confirmed team, you will next need to send us your team roster. This includes the names and ages of all players in the age group or groups you have entered. We also need the names of the coaches/officials that are attending. You will do this by completing an online form, a link will be sent by email.

4. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Once we have your details we will need your travel and accommodation itinerary. It's important we know when you are going to arrive and leave and where you are staying. There will be a space for this information on the team registration form, or you can send it on later.

We suggest using the East Midlands Airport or Birmingham airport if possible, as both are less than a hours drive to St. George's Park.

If using London airports, there are fast train links to Derby.

Full terms and conditions can be found on our website at: fiwfa.org/

COST

£2,000 per team

This cost is for entry into the tournament and covers the cost for a team of up to 12 players and two officials in one age group. Payment details will be sent once your teams place is confirmed.

You also get 14 tickets per team to the Gala Dinner at the Hilton Hotel on Saturday evening.

Any teams wishing to bring extra players, officials or supporters that want to be present at the Gala Dinner, will need to purchase extra tickets, these will be £50 per head, subject to availability and we must be notified of the number of extra tickets required when teams enter.

SPECIAL PACKAGE

Cost on application

Should any team wish to have help arranging accommodation, we work with a travel agent that can offer a package price that includes, hotels and airport transfers (from East Midlands Airport) for all players and officials.

If this is something you'd like, then please make us aware of this as soon as possible.

DATES

December 2022

We will confirm your teams place in the tournament and you will be notified by email and/or phone.

January 2023

Entry fee to be paid. Details will be sent via email.

April 2023

World Cup draw.

May 2023

Full tournament details including times and match schedule sent to each individual team.

August 2023

The tournament is planned for Thursday to Saturday, 24th, 25th and 26th of August 2023.





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