

## **WFLA National Cup 2024 Notes**

### **The Draw For Group Allocation:**

It is recommended that where there is more than one group of round robin teams in any area, that either the draw for group team allocations is held live, when all teams are present, or previously by at least two of the people involved in that area.

### **Rules:**

The February 2023 version of the FA Laws of Walking Football will apply, with no local variations, for the full duration of the 2024 WFLA National Cup.

**All matches must be played on pitches that are barrier free.**

### **Costs & Referee Appointments:**

In rounds 1-3 the costs of pitch hire, referees etc, shall be shared equally between the named teams on the agreed fixture date. Referees in rounds 1-3 to be appointed by the local organiser in agreement with all teams involved.

### **Players:**

Each registered player shall only play for one team throughout the duration of the tournament but may represent that team in different age categories if age eligible. Players must be eligible by age on the day of the fixture for each individual age category.

Any team playing an ineligible player will be fined and the team will be removed from the competition.

### **Kit:**

Teams must wear shirts that are numbered. In the event of a clash of colours, the second named team should provide alternative shirts/bibs which must also be numbered.

### **Timed Blue Card Suspensions:**

Games of 15 minutes - will be 3 minutes.

Games of 16 to 20 minutes - will be 4 minutes.

Games of 21 to 40 minutes - will be 5 minutes.

**A player red carded in the WFLA National Cup will be banned from all that days round robin fixtures and the following round of fixtures. A red card for violent conduct, offensive behaviour to match officials will carry a ban from any WFLA tournament in that year.**

### **Suggested Round Robin Formats:**

3 Teams: 2 x 30 minutes games or double round robins with 4 x 15 minutes games.

4 Teams: 3 x 30 minutes games or double round robins with 6 x 15 minutes games.

5 Teams: 4 x 20 minutes games or double round robins with 8 x 15 minutes games.

6 Teams: 5 x 20 minutes games or double round robins with 8 x 15 minutes games.

**All Rounds must be played as one day round robins events.**

No single one to one games unless any group is reduced to two teams due to the withdrawal of a group team. Round robins can be double round robins or single round robins.

Round robins must be a minimum of 15 minutes and a maximum of 40 minutes per game depending on the number of teams. Half time will be a maximum of 5 minutes duration.

### **Progression To The Next Round:**

Where we have two groups of uneven numbers, the following will apply.

The largest group has one more team progressing to the next round than the smaller group. Numbers going through are listed under the areas in the age group documents.

If runners up or third positions are tied in any round robin group, the criteria for progression will be most points gained, then goal difference, then goals scored, then penalties.

**The WFLA League Representatives or the appointed organiser(s) shall be responsible for reporting the results of the event to the WFLA Secretary by email within 48 hours of the event.**