

Walking Football Leagues Alliance Inter League Cup 11th & 12th May 2024

This year was the third occasion the WFLA held their annual Inter League Cup.

Unfortunately and disappointingly a few teams withdrew from the Inter League Cup in various age categories, some at the very last moment, causing many problems with the fixtures.

However the weekends events were a great success and judging by the testimonials on social media and those received by email, it seems that everyone had a tremendous weekends walking football. The brilliant weather made the conditions hot for players and officials but everyone seemed to keep themselves hydrated.

Many thanks must go to the staff at Redditch Utd, our venue at the Valley Stadium, who were a tremendous help in making the events go according to plan, especially Liz who served in the snack bar all day.

All the feedback on the day and the days following have all been highly complimentary about the facilities and staff at the Valley Stadium and we all look forward to hosting the League Champions Cup in June and the National Cup finals here in September.

No football events would happen without the referees and we had some excellent officials on board for the weekend, well done guys. The comments on social media regarding your officiating were well deserved. Our band of referees were, Dave Bent, Paddy Docherty, Mick Hill, Matt Howells, Stan Jackson and Mike Willmore.

This wouldn't have been the success it was without Mick Hill the Referee Appointments Officer and our Chairman Tony Norton, who also organises the England Walking Football Community (EWFC), the foremost organisation in England international walking football. Also, last but certainly not least, our Treasurer Derek Murr and Tony's wife Mandy Norton who did an excellent job on the day recording all the scores and tables.

The teams in the competitions were from all corners of England and Wales. All WFLA competitions are sanctioned by the FA and all member leagues are affiliated to the only National Governing Body, the Football Association.

As the standard of walking football increases year on year, there were some top class football played over the weekend and more importantly it was played in the correct spirit. The quality of the goal keepers in all age categories needed to be seen, some absolutely excellent displays.

In the over 50s, a special mention must be made to Durham County FA WFL who started the day with a bare squad of six. In their first fixture they were down to five players and remarkably they remained unbeaten to top their group. They won the groups semi final and were beaten in a great final versus Surrey FA WFL. A great achievement lads.

Also congratulations to the Greater Manchester over 70s team who have won this age category for three consecutive years.

WFLA Inter League Cup Honours 2024

Winners Over 50s	Runners Up Over 50s
Surrey FA WFL	Durham County FA WFL
Winners Over 60s	Runners Up Over 60s
Birmingham County WFL	Wiltshire County WFL
Winners Over 65s	Runners Up Over 65s
Birmingham County WFL	Greater Manchester WFL
Winners Over 70s	Runners Up Over 70s
Greater Manchester WFL	Oxfordshire WFL
Winners Women's Over 40s	Runners Up Women's Over 40s
Thames Valley WFL	Birmingham County WFL
Winners Women's Over 50s	Runners Up Women's Over 50s
Lincolnshire FA WFL	Birmingham County WFL



Surrey FA WFL Over 50s Winners



Durham County FA WFL Over 50s Runners Up



Birmingham County WFL Over 60s Winners



Wiltshire County WFL Over 60s Runners Up



Birmingham County WFL Over 65s Winners



Greater Manchester WFL Over 65s Runners Up



Greater Manchester WFL Over 70s Winners

Oxfordshire WFL Over 70s Runners Up - No Photograph



Thames Valley WFL Women's Over 40s Winners



Birmingham County WFL Women's Over 40s Runners Up



Lincolnshire FA WFL Women's Over 50s Winners



Birmingham County WFL Women's Over 50s Runners Up



Shaun Hennessy

Got to say it was a pleasure competing this weekend . The refereeing standard was exceptional with everyone getting their heads around the four offences rule it certainly helped the way it was explained and carried out .. And agreed as a goal keeper who was for once playing as a forward the standard of keeping right across the board was exceptional .. (particularly the buggers we faced) .

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Andy Stedman

Hi this is Andy from Surrey 50's, thank you to all the refs and everyone else involved in making it a fab day on Saturday, really appreciated!



Patrick Docherty

I had the extreme pleasure to be one of the referee team alongside Stan Jackson, Mike Wilmore, Dave Bent Matt and of course **Mick Hill** .It was especially nice because all of the players and officials I encountered during the two days I can say unequivocally that they acted really well, good banter and with the odd exception conformed with the LOTG. I would like to thank all the management team for giving me the opportunity to participate, especially Mick Hill. 👍😊🏈

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Dave Dickson

We, and the lads from Durham FA, had a great day on the Saturday. I thought the standard of reffing was exceptional; it is never easy but the interpretation of the rules across the board seemed very consistent.

All goalkeepers we came against performed outstandingly well, especially the brick wall from Surrey! Also, thanks to Mrs Norton for lending me her footwear!



Wendy Shaw

Thanks **Mick Hill**, I totally agree about the spirit of the day and camaraderie amongst players from all teams. Everything was well organised and the referees did an excellent job, rather a refreshing experience! Can't wait for the next one, I am sure it will just keep growing! Well done to your whole team and thank you for your efforts for all of us players 🍷🍷

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Bill Murney [Admin](#) Top contributor

The standard of players and goalkeepers continues to rise in walking football, and there were some excellent displays over the two days. Also, the referees on duty were top class.

A big mention to Mick Hill, Tony and Mandy Norton, Derek Murr and Colin Strong for their tremendous work over the weekend.



Tony Norton

It was an outstanding team effort by all at the WFLA to organise and run this 2 day event in very hot conditions, well done **Mick Hill, Bill Murney, Derek Murr, Colin Strong** and Mandy Norton. It would not be possible without the team of refs who all gave up their weekend to make this happen, thank you to **Dave Bent, Mike Willmore, Matty Howells, Stan Jackson, Patrick Docherty** and Mick Hill. Thanks to Redditch United FC for all their support. Thank you to all Leagues who put together teams and the players were all a credit to your league, especially again the keepers, by far some of the best keepers I have seen for a long while. 🙌🙌🙌🙌



Mike Willmore

Tony Norton Great to catch up with you and Mandy again. A great weekend from start to finish

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Michael O'Byrne

Tony Norton Great initiative. Well done to the organisers. The event had a real 'National' feel about it. Great to get the opportunity to play against some of the best players in the country. Thanks to all referees also. Superb event.

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Mark Judge

Well done mick and all the referees and everyone else's, tony norton and everyone who helped 🙌 without you this wouldn't be possible 🙌👍



Stuart Saint

Congratulations to everybody involved at Redditch at the weekends. Excellent Competition once again. Teams, Players, Staff and the officials who officiated my region's games did an excellent job on decisions and communication to the players. Yes the players don't always agree that's part and parcel unfortunately. I personally thought you all did a great job. Keep the standard up lads. 🙌🙌



Martin Hayward

Tony Norton what a great day you and your team put on on Sunday and thank you from all at Wiltshire walking football

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Kenneth Hitchell

Again an outstanding tournament that would not take place without the hard work of all those behind the scenes and the referees