



Welsh Open Information Sheet

Dates: August 20th/21st/22nd

Venue: Caldicot Leisure Centre, Mill Lane, NP26 4BN

On the day:

On Friday 20th August, 2021, Caldicot Leisure Centre will have a number of events taking place in addition to the Welsh Open tournament and therefore some facilities will be restricted. During the summer period, MonLife co ordinate a sporting children's provision who will have access to a large proportion of the building. As a result, there will be one way systems in place on the day to ensure that the Welsh Open competition is kept separate from already occupied facilities at the Leisure Centre. This will mean that there will be **no changing room access**. MonLife and tournament organisers will ensure that all of this information is explained on the day. For both days 2 and 3 of the Welsh open, less restrictions will be in place but there will still be no changing facilities, so please have players arrive and leave in their kit. Toilets will be available in the Leisure Centre.

Parking:

Across the full weekend of the Welsh Open, Caldicot Leisure Centre will also be fully operational to all of its members and the general public. In order to ensure a smooth transition across the weekend, we will be encouraging all players and spectators to park in the adjacent school car park next to the Leisure Centre. This will be clearly signed as you approach the facility to prevent any confusion. Parking will be free for the whole tournament weekend.

Food and refreshments:

Food and refreshments will be available on each day of the event. Next to our 3G pitch a catering pod will be present, where players and spectators will have the opportunity to buy bacon rolls, teas and coffees, and other additional refreshments. There is also an Asda supermarket immediately adjacent the pitch. Seating areas will be made available at the facility for players and spectators to socialise/watch the remaining games.

Pitch/equipment

The pitch is outdoors 3G - so moulded studs must be worn by all players (no flat soles, screw-in studs or blades). All outfield players will be required to wear shinpads

Players.

All players must have reached the relevant age on the date of the respective tournament (that is, at least 70 by 20 August, at least 60 by 21 August, or at least 50 by 22 August).

Teams may be single sex or mixed. All managers must submit a squad list to the tournament organisers on the day with team name, manager details and names and dates of birth of all squad members. A blank team sheet will be provided to all managers. Players should bring ID because random checks may be made. Any player having a fever or any other symptoms of Covid, or being subject to self-isolation MUST NOT ATTEND.

Timetable

- The over 70s tournament will be played as a single all play all league, starting at 1pm on 20 August.
- The over 60s tournament will be played as two all play all leagues, starting at 11 am on 21 August.
- The over 50s tournament will be played as two all play all leagues, starting at 10 am on 22 August.

Detailed timetables will be circulated separately. Multiple games will be played side by side. All side by side games will start and finish simultaneously, signalled by a klaxon or other means. It is the responsibility of each team manager to ensure that his team is ready to start at the designated time. If any team is not on the pitch when the start signal is given, they will be deemed to be 1-0 down when they do reach the pitch.

Results

Three points will be awarded for a win; one point for a draw. The team with the most points shall be the winners of the respective league. In the event of more than one team finishing with the same number of points, the winner will be decided as follows:

- 1 Greater goal difference
- 2 Greater number of goals scored
- 3 Head to head results
- 4 Disciplinary results (that is, fewer blue cards and red cards)

In the event of a tie, then at the organisers discretion, a play off may be arranged, or a penalty shoot out. For the over 50s and 60s, teams finishing in first and second place in each league shall compete in semi-finals (first in one league v second in the other league).

The final shall be played between the winners of each semi-final. If a final shall be a draw after normal time, then extra time shall be played; if the final is still drawn after extra time, the winner shall be decided by a penalty shoot out.

First aiders

Qualified first aiders will be on site (with a defibrillator) but each team should have a designated first aider to be responsible for minor matters.

Laws of the Game

All games will be played to the Walking Football Laws of the Game as published by the FA of Wales (those being identical to those published by the Football Association). All games will be refereed by referees authorised by Wales Walking Football Federation. The referee's decision on any matters relating to the Laws of the Game shall be final. In the event of any serious breach of the Laws of the Game, resulting in a red card, the referees shall have the authority to ban any offender from the remainder of the day, or for the remainder of the weekend if appropriate.

Organisers

Any changes or variations are at the discretion of the organisers, namely Wales Walking Football Federation and Monlife. Any questions on the day should be directed to those organisers or the designated volunteers.

The authorised representatives of Wales Walking Football Federation shall be Hedley Austin (Chair) and Martin Ransom; the authorised representative of Monlife shall be Nathan Thomas.