



# SOCCER DAY IN SASKATCHEWAN

## Walking Soccer Festival Information & Rules

### Event Information

#### Times

10:00am – 12:00pm – Ages 18+

#### Ethos for Event

Walking Soccer is an accessible and inclusive way to play the world's most popular game but in a slightly different way!

#### Player Eligibility

All players must be registered through the team registration page for the Walking Soccer festival on the Saskatchewan Soccer website. Any player not registered as a part of the team will be unable to participate.

#### Game Duration

Games will be 2x10 minutes long with no extra time added to the game. The game-time is continuous without stoppages. Rock-Paper-Scissors will determine which team starts on what side, then a rally for serve.

### Game Rules

Normal Laws of the Game apply except whereas noted below.

#### 1. Equipment

A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or another player. All jewelry must be removed. \*Shin guards; must be covered entirely by the socks. Goalkeepers must wear colours which easily distinguish them from the other players and the referees.

#### 2. The Authority of the Referee



Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which they have been appointed, from the moment they enter the facility where the playing area is situated until they leave.

#### **4. Ball Out of Play**

The ball is out of play when: it has wholly crossed the goal line or touchline, whether on the ground or in the air, when the referee has stopped play, or, when playing indoors, the ball hits the ceiling. The game is restarted by an indirect free kick awarded to the opposing team to the one which last touched the ball. If the ball hits the ceiling, the ball is placed from where it was kicked.

#### **5. Height of ball restrictions**

A height restriction is set at 6 feet. The referee has sole interpretation of the height limit. A ball is considered dead if it exceeds the 6 feet restriction. The game is restarted by an indirect free kick, placed from where the ball was kicked, awarded to the opposing team to the one which last touched the ball.

#### **6. Offside**

There is no offside

#### **7. Goalkeeper's Penalty Area**

Access to the penalty area is restricted except for the goalkeeper. Goalkeepers are not permitted to exit their penalty area.

#### **8. Free Kicks**

All free kicks are indirect. Minimum required distance is 3 yards, if an offense occurs within 3 yards outside the goalkeeper's penalty area there will be no player wall.

#### **9. Substitutions**

Substitutions can be made 'on the fly' and are unlimited

#### **10. Format**

The game format is \*\*6 a-side (including goalkeeper). If a team has less than 4 players, the match will be abandoned.

#### **11. Walking Rule**

Walking is defined as 'always having at least one foot in contact with the ground'. The referee will award a direct free kick against any player who is seen to be not walking. Jumping (ie. for a header) is not allowed.

*\*Players will be allowed to participate without shin guards, this participation will be voluntary.*

*\*\*Subject to change with team/player availability*

