



ENGLAND WALKING FOOTBALL

Founding Members: Brendan Maxwell, Alex Marsden, and Carl Clinton.

Constitution of England Walking Football (EWF)

1. Name

The name of the organisation shall be **England Walking Football (EWF)**.

2. Objectives

The objectives of EWF are:

1. To promote and facilitate the sport of walking football for all abilities and ages across England.
 2. To place members' needs and welfare at the forefront of all activities and decisions.
 3. To foster community, inclusion, and respect among members.
 4. To provide opportunities for participation, training, and competition in walking football.
 5. To uphold the principles of fair play, sportsmanship, and respect.
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3. Membership

3.1 Eligibility

Membership is open to any individual who:

- Supports the objectives of EWF.
- Pays the annual subscription fee, as set by the committee.

3.2 Rights of Members

All members have the right to:

- Attend and vote at General Meetings.
- Propose ideas or changes to the committee for consideration.
- Participate in EWF-organised activities and events.

3.3 Termination of Membership

Membership may be revoked only if a member:

- Breaches EWF's code of conduct.
 - Is subject to a majority vote by the committee after due process.
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4. Governance

4.1 The Committee

The EWF shall be managed by a democratically elected committee consisting of:

- Chairperson
- Vice-Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Welfare Officer
- Director of Football (male)
- Director of Football (female)

4.2 Committee Roles and Responsibilities

- **Chairperson:** Oversees meetings and ensures the constitution is upheld.
- **Secretary:** Maintains records, minutes, and communications.
- **Treasurer:** Manages financial accounts and reporting.
- **Welfare Officer:** Ensures the welfare, safety, and well-being of all members.
- **General Members:** Support the committee in fulfilling the club's objectives.

4.3 Elections

- Committee members are elected annually at the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**.
- Nominations for committee positions must be submitted in writing at least 14 days before the AGM.

4.4 Decision-Making

- Committee decisions will be made by majority vote, with the Chairperson holding a casting vote if needed.
 - A quorum for committee meetings shall be **50% of committee members + 1**.
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5. Meetings

5.1 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- The AGM shall be held annually to:
 - Receive reports on the club's activities and finances.
 - Elect the committee.
 - Discuss and approve changes to the constitution.
- Notice of the AGM shall be sent to all members at least **21 days** in advance.

5.2 Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

- An EGM may be called at the request of the committee or at least **25% of members**.
- Notice of the EGM must be provided at least **14 days** in advance.

5.3 Voting

- Each member has **one vote**.
 - Decisions at AGMs and EGMs shall be passed by a **simple majority**.
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6. Finance

- EWF's financial year shall run from **1st January to 31st December**.
 - All funds shall be used solely to achieve EWF's objectives.
 - The Treasurer shall maintain proper accounts and present an annual report at the AGM.
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7. Dissolution

- EWF can only be dissolved by a **majority vote of the committee members** at a specially convened EGM.
 - In the event of dissolution:
 - Any remaining funds and assets shall be distributed to a **like-minded organisation** promoting walking football or a charitable cause, as decided by the committee.
 - Members will be notified, and all financial matters settled transparently.
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8. Amendments to the Constitution

- Changes to the constitution can only be made at an AGM or EGM.
 - Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary **14 days** before the meeting.
 - Changes require approval by a **two-thirds majority vote** of members present.
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9. Code of Conduct

- All members are expected to:
 - Uphold the values of respect, fairness, and inclusivity.
 - Act in the best interest of EWF and its members.
 - Adhere to rules and guidelines set out by the committee.
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10. Adoption

This constitution was adopted by the members of EWF at the AGM on **17/12/2024**.

Signatures of Committee Members

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Chairperson	Brendan Maxwell		
Secretary	Carl Clinton		
Treasurer	Alex Marsden		

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