Walking Football 2020

SPANISH EUROPEAN MASTERS TROPHY

Qualifying Matches Friday 2nd October and Finals on Sunday 4th October

Cambrils Park Sports Village
Salou, Spain
1st to 5th October 2020

Futbol Salou and Sport Village video: https://bit.ly/2CI07w9
The Spanish Masters 2020 tournament will be held on 1st – 5th October in the beautiful setting of Cambrils Sports Village, Salou Spain.

This tournament has gradually become one of the most prestigious Walking football tournaments in Europe. With its rich environment of things to see and do, the Costa Daurada is a perfect place to hold a football tournament.

The following pages will provide all the information you need to know regarding the tournament, accommodation and the resort.

**Accommodation**

We will be staying in Cambrils Sports Village and residing in the two twin bedroom Villa Bonita/Aloha bungalows that can host up to 4 people. Single occupancy rooms are available with a small extra charge and family or non-player rates are also available.

The rooms are clean and comfortable with a small lounge area to relax in.
The village can accommodate up to 2000 people at a time.

The package includes Breakfast and Lunch served buffet style in the onsite restaurant. Mealtimes will be arranged around our match times.

There are Bars, Laundrette, supermarket and many other facilities on site, including a Fitness and Spa centre.

The village is nestled between Cambrils and Salou which are both a short ten-minute taxi ride away.

Cambrils is a beautiful place and well worth a visit. Tours can be arranged to the nearby "Ferrari land" or local wine tasting trips. For the more adventurous there are speed boat tours or even football sight-seeing tours to the Camp Nou.
in Barcelona around an hour drive away. Tarragona, Reus and La Pineda are also within easy travelling distance.

**The Football Tournament**

Will be hosted at the nearby Futbol Salou complex around 900 meters from the village. With its breath-taking facilities the complex is one of Europe’s most prestigious football Academies and holds many international tournaments annually. Please note there will be over 50s and over 65s Male Only sections and a new Ladies only section for the first time.
**Tournament Structure**

The tournament will consist of teams being split into League groups. The idea is that everyone will have the same amount of games instead of a knockout tournament. Group games will commence on 2\textsuperscript{nd} October and will consist of matches against all the other teams in their group. There will be half time water breaks of 2 minutes. The games are 6 a side with unlimited substitutions from your registered 10 players. There will then be a day off on the Saturday to recover, remember we are older now and most of us need this. Play will re commence on the Sunday morning and will be split as follows: The top teams from the groups (**over 50s**) will form a group and contest the **“Spanish European Masters Trophy”**

The remaining teams from each group will form new groups and play for the **“Cuchara De Madera”** (Wooden Spoon)

In the (**over 65s**) the format will be similar, and teams will compete for the **“European Seniors Trophy”**

The Ladies section will play for the **“Spanish European Señoras Shield”**

Cup presentations will be held after the Sunday Matches.
Due to the complexity of getting copies of everyone’s medical records and as we all have medical history, we are unable to arrange any personal insurance for the tournament. You will have to make sure your own travel insurance policy will cover you playing football abroad. Everyone competing will have to sign a disclaimer to confirm they are playing at their own risk.

**Tournament Rules**

*The objective of these rules is to ensure safe and competitive tournaments played in a friendly fun manner. The normal rules of Football apply with the following exceptions and amendments:*

1. Walking rule
2. Teams
3. Players equipment
4. Playing area, goals and ball
5. Duration of play
6. Three touch rules
7. Height of ball restriction
8. Areas of play
9. Free kicks and penalties
10. Offside
11. Substitution procedures
12. Disciplinary sanctions
13. Appeals committee

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1. Walking rule - Walking is defined as “always having one foot in touch with the ground whilst moving”. The referee will award an indirect free kick against any player who is seen to be not walking while moving. If a *team* is penalised on five occasions in a match for infringing the
walking rule a blue card will be issued this will result in the award of as penalty kick against
them. Each subsequent infringement will result in the award of a further penalty kick.
2. Teams - Teams will comprise 6 players. A maximum number of 4 substitutes is permitted.
3. Players’ equipment - Players must wear designated AstroTurf or moulded studded footwear.
   Screw-in metal studs and blades are not allowed. All jewellery must be removed. Spectacles
   may be worn. Shinguards must be worn.
4. Playing area, goals and ball - The playing area will be approximately 38mx28m. Goals will be
   similar in size to standard Futsal goals. A size 4 ball will be used.
5. Duration of matches - The duration of matches shall be divided into 2 equal periods of 6, 7 or
   8 minutes.
6. Three touch rule - An outfield player is limited to three touches of the ball uninterrupted by
   another player touching the ball. A fourth touch will be an infringement and result in the
   award of an indirect free kick. A player having used three touches should step back two
   metres from the ball and not obstruct play. Goalkeepers must distribute the ball in an
   underarm “bowling” motion. Goalkeepers may not kick the ball directly from their hands.
   Goalkeepers cannot control the ball with their hands from a pass back.
7. Height of ball restriction - A height restriction is set at the greater of the height of the
   crossbar or 6ft (1.83m). If the ball is kicked by any player or thrown by a goalkeeper above
   the designated height an indirect free kick will be awarded except where the infringement
   occurs in the penalty area when a penalty kick will be awarded. If the ball rises above the
   designated height restriction due to a block by a player or a block or save by a goalkeeper,
   then play should continue without the award of a free kick or penalty.
8. Heading the ball is not permitted at all and will result in a free kick or penalty (if in the
   penalty area).
9. No tackling from behind or overzealous tackling will be permitted, this will be at the
   referee’s discretion. The game should be semi-contact and controlled tackling is allowed.
   Areas of play - The playing area will include a Penalty Area and Goalkeeper Safe Zone (GSZ).
   All players can enter the Penalty Area. A goalkeeper cannot exit their penalty area. If a
   goalkeeper exits their penalty area a penalty will be awarded. Access to the GSZ is
   restricted to goalkeepers. Entry to the GSZ by a player will result in the award of a penalty
   for defending players and an indirect free kick for attacking players.
10. Free kicks and penalties - Infringements outside of the Penalty Area will result in
    the award of an indirect free kick. Infringements in the Penalty Area will result in
    the award of a penalty kick. Infringements will include over physical contact,
    barging and excessive use of upper body strength.
11. Offside - There is no offside.
12. Substitution procedures - The number of substitutions made during a match is unlimited. A
    player who has been replaced may return to the field of play as a substitute for another
    player. Substitutions should take place when there is a break in player during play if
    sanctioned the second official where there is one. Any of other players, or substitutes, may
    change places with the goalkeeper. The referee must be made aware of any change before
    it takes place and a change may only be made during a stoppage in play. The replacement
    goalkeeper must wear a jersey which distinguishes them from other players and the referee
13. Disciplinary sanctions - Blue card offences will be dealt with as per Rule 1. Yellow and red
    cards will be issued in line with normal rules related to foul play. Any player receiving a
    yellow card will be suspended from playing in the next match. Any player receiving a red
    card will be suspended from playing in all remaining matches in the tournament.
14. Appeals committee - Appeals against sanctions noted above or any other matters relating to the tournament will be heard by the tournament disciplinary committee which will consist of two officials from walkingfootballtours.com and two senior referees.

There will be 3 points awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw. The winners will obviously be the team with the most points.

If teams are tied on points then, the head to head results will be checked (On aggregate)

If still tied team placings will be decided on Goal difference.

If still tied it will be judged on most goals scored.

If still tied a play-off match will be played including extra time and penalties if required.

We will need **one contact** for each club regarding payment and registration, individual payments cannot be accepted. It will cost **100 euros** to register your place at the event (non-refundable) which will come off the final balance owed. **All payments must be in Euros.** Places for the event are limited and popular, so you are advised to register quickly before planning flights.

**Deposits of 100 euros per head must be paid by April 1\(^{st}\), 2020**

**A further payment of 100 euros per head must be paid by June 1\(^{st}\), 2020**

**Final balances must be received by July 14\(^{th}\), 2020**

Once commitment of team players numbers has been made by deposits, you can still change players’ names but not numbers. Once we make the initial payment, we cannot receive cancellation fees and full payment will be required.

Player registration forms will be sent separate and will require dates of birth. Passports will be checked at resort. **Once registered with a team Players may not play for any other team in the tournament.**

Playing squads must have a maximum of 10 and we would recommend a minimum of 8 to cover unforeseen injuries.
If you need assistance organising travel from the airport to the resort (Barcelona or Reus airports) we can assist you.

If you have any questions or Special requirements, please contact Mick Quinn directly on 07810 100175

More information can be found on www.walkingfootballtours.com