

Walking Football 2023

The Italian Master's Trophy

Qualifying Matches Friday 15th September, Finals Sunday 17th September



Cesenatico Camping Village

Cesenatico, Emilia Romagna, Italy

14th to 18th September 2023

<https://youtu.be/ILBoIY5Q-ZU>

The Italian Masters 2023 tournament will be held from 14th till 18th of September in the Emilia Romagna Region of Italy.

Cesenatico is a small artistic town in the heart of the Riviera Romagnola; a place where the warmth of ancient traditions embraces the freshness of continuous urban buzz. The climate and rich environment of the area, makes it an ideal place to hold our latest tournament.

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

Accommodation

We will be staying in the recently refurbished Mobile/Bungalows that can accommodate 1-4 people, with two rooms and two bathrooms in each Bungalow.



The rooms are very clean and comfortable, with a small kitchen and lounge area. Breakfast is included in the package.



On site facilities include, Bar/Restaurant/Pizzeria, Supermarkets, Newsagents Barbers and washing machine facilities.

There are cycles for hire and Tennis, or Padel courts locally for hire.

A short distance away from the camp is the Town of Cesenatico, with its many bars and restaurants.

A row of old unfurled sails along the Porto Canale separates the city in two and runs all the way to the open sea. It is surrounded by a picturesque old fishing village, which still retains its colourful houses and the warm, welcoming, and smiling spirit of its inhabitants.



The popular tourist town of Rimini is just a fourteen-mile distance away and 24-mile journey would take you to the famous Country within a Country of San Marino. The Country claims to be the oldest surviving Sovereign state and constitutional republic in the world, and has maintained its independence through diplomacy, alliances and neutrality in wars and conflicts. If Visiting, don't forget you'll need your passport.

The Football Tournament

This will be held on an Astroturf football pitch a few kilometres away from the site and will be played on a 28m x 38m layout.

We will have two age groups, an over 50s Male only section and an over 65s Male only section.

Matches will be played on both the Friday and Sunday, with all teams playing the same number of Matches. At our age, we all need the Saturday off as a recovery day.

Current Italian master's 50s: **Coste WS**



Current Italian master's 65s: **Mansfield Senior Reds**



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. Player's 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

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 a penalty kick against them. Each subsequent infringement will result in the award of a further penalty kick.

2. Teams will comprise of 6 players with a maximum number of 4 substitutes

3. Players' equipment - Players must wear designated AstroTurf or moulded studded footwear. Screw-in metal studs and blades are not allowed. All jewellery and Fit Bits must be removed or safely taped over. 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. This will be decided prior to the first game in the tournament.

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. Goalkeepers have unlimited touches but are **not allowed to run** at any point.

7. Height of ball restriction - A height restriction is set at the height of the crossbar. 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 or deflection by a player or a block or save by a goalkeeper, then play should continue without the award of a free kick or penalty. If the ball is going above head height and the keeper chooses to try and play/touch the ball, then the play will continue as normal. Heading the ball is not permitted at all and will result in a free kick or penalty (if in the penalty area).

8. 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.

9. 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. 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. Kick ins must be taken behind the line but within two meters of the line. 10. Offside - There is no offside.

11. 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 play or during play if sanctioned by 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. The goalkeeper cannot be changed, just for penalties.

12. 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.

13. 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. The team that finishes at the final whistle are the only players allowed to take penalties. The goalkeeper may not be changed unless injured.

Once registered with a team Players may not play for any other team in the tournament.



We will need one contact for each club regarding payment and registration, individual payments cannot be accepted. It will cost **100 euros per person** to register your place at the event 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.

Payment Schedule:

Deposits of **100 euros per head** must be paid by **June 30th, 2023**.

Final balances must be received by **July 31st, 2023**,

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.



Nearest Airport to the Resort is Rimini (about 30 minutes' drive)

Next Airport is either Bologna or Ancona (around 1 hours' drive)

If you have any questions or Special requirements, please contact Mick Quinn directly on 07810 100175 More information can be found on

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