

NEWMEDICA WYCHAVON PARISH GAMES

Organised by Wychavon Parish Games Association – Competition and Community Coming Together

5 a SIDE FOOTBALL (Men)

Venue – Evesham United Football Club, WR11 2LZ.

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DATE - 5th JULY 2026

Registration closes at 9.15am Prompt Start – 9.45am

Rule 1.

1.1 All competitors **MUST RESIDE** in the Wychavon Parish / Ward that they are representing. Where a person resides between more than one Wychavon Parish / Ward then, they can only represent the Parish or Ward in which they predominantly reside. Being on the electoral Roll does not in itself constitute residency.

1.2 Competitors who are studying full time at university or college will be eligible to compete for the Parish / Ward where they normally reside, until they have completed their course.

1.3 Where an ineligible competitor has been found to have breached this rule, then the Parish / Ward will forfeit all points gained in that event.

Rule 2.

2.1 The team details must be recorded on the **SHEETS PROVIDED** prior to the event; this is for Insurance and Health & Safety reasons.

2.2 The team sheet must provide the following details for each team member - name, address with post code and it must be **SIGNED** by each team member.

2.3 For competitors under the age of 18 the team sheet **MUST BE SIGNED** by their Parent or Guardian.

2.4 By signing the team sheet, the team member confirms that he/she is medically able to take part and is doing so at his/her own risk.

2.5 If a team does not comply with the requests above or fails to provide the teams details as required, then they will not be allowed to enter the event.

Rule 3.

3.1 Two weeks before the event, Team Captains must send confirmation to the Secretary, that they will be attending.

3.2 Where a Parish or Ward has entered an event but then needs to withdraw, they will need to give the WPGA SECRETARY a minimum of 48 hours' notice of their non-participation, to avoid delays on the day.

3.3 Any team that fails to take part and has not given the WPGA Secretary 48 hours' notice, then the Parish / Ward will be deducted 2 points from their total points score.

Rule 4.

4.1 Any queries prior to the event should be made to the WPGA SECRETARY before 9pm.

4.2 Any dispute or protest must be made by the Team Captain on the day of the event, so that the facts can be established.

Rule 5.

5.1 Abuse of any of the people identified in the WPGA Abuse Policy will not be tolerated by the Committee. Where there is evidence of any abuse, the person concerned will not be allowed to continue representing that Parish in that event or any other event.

5.2 Team Captains must make all team members aware of the contents of this policy which will be included in the pack sent out to them with the rules.

Rule 6

6.1 If a team withdraws from an event but then subsequently finds that they are then able to take part, they can request the reinstatement of their entry.

6.2 Any decision on these requests will be at the discretion of the Committee.

Rule 7.

7.1 A Team can consist of Five to Eight named Male Players, with 5 playing at any one time.

7.2 Roll on Roll off substitution of the named players are permitted.

7.3 Players must be 16 years and over on the day of the event. Proof of age will be required.

Rule 8.

8.1 It is a FA requirement that Team Captains must register all their players before the draw takes place.

8.2 Any player not registered by that time will not be able to play.

Rule 9.

9.1 Each Parish must provide two match balls.

Rule 10.

10.1 It is a compulsory FA requirement that shinpads are worn whilst playing.

10.2 For 4G Pitches, footwear must comply with the Hosts requirements which will be notified.

Rule 11.

11.1 Duration of matches will be determined on the day of the event but will be a minimum of 10 minutes each way.

Rule 12.

12.1 Defenders are NOT allowed to enter their own goal area; if they do, then a free kick is awarded at the point where they came into the area.

12.2 No attacker can enter the opposition goal area; if they do, then a free kick is awarded at the point where they entered the area.

12.3 Goalkeepers cannot come out of their goal area; if they do, then a free kick is awarded at the point where they came out of the area.

12.4 A goalkeeper cannot score directly from a kick out.

12.5 No pass back to the goalkeeper is allowed until two players from the same side have touched the ball.

12.6 Where the ball goes into touch, the ball must be returned on to the field of play by a throw in as per the normal game.

Rule 13.

13.1 Where a team is deemed to be time wasting by continually using the pass back to the goalkeeper or by kicking the ball into touch, then the referee will add on the additional time and warn the Team Captain.

Rule 14.

14.1 In all other matters, the referee's decision based on normal FA rules and is final.

Rule 15.

15.1 The normal disciplinary rules of the FA will apply. All yellow and red cards will be reported to the Worcestershire FA, under whose jurisdiction the event is held.

Rule 16.

16.1 A player receiving two yellow cards during the competition will be suspended for their team's next game.

16.2 A player who receives a red card will not be allowed to take any further part in the competition.

Rule 17.

17.1 There must be no more than the 8 registered players wearing their team kit at the venue at any one time

Rule 18.

18.1 Scoring will be 2 points for a win - 1 point for a draw.

Rule 19.

19.1 Teams will be split into Four (4) groups, with all teams in each group playing each other.

19.2 The top two (2) teams in each group will then go through to the Quarter Finals, as follows:

Match 1 - Group 1 winner will play RU from Group 4

Match 2 - Group 2 winner will play RU from Group 3

Match 3 - Group 3 winner will play RU Group 2

Match 4 - Group 4 winner will play RU Group 1

19.3 All other teams will then play another game to determine their overall position on the following basis:

(i) The team in 5th place will play the team in 6th place

(ii) The team in 7th place will play the team in 8th place until all teams have played.

Rule 20.

20.1 The formula used for deciding league positions will be based on:

(i) Most points.

(ii) Most goals scored.

(iii) Best goal average

(iv) Penalty Shoot-out as per FA Laws.

Rule 21.

21.1 In the event of a team leaving before this process has been completed, they will forfeit the match to their opposition.

21.2 If there are an odd number of teams in the competition then the team in last place will not need to play again.

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