

Barry Town United Walking Football Festival

1 June 2025

Jenner Park Barry CF62 8NA

Thank you for entering the Barry Town United Walking Football Festival on 1 June 2025. This is the fourth year for our event, and we appreciate your support and look forward to meeting you and to a successful and enjoyable day in what has become an annual event.

We have put together this information pack to help the event run smoothly and safely for all. This pack should contain everything you need for the festival but if you think we've missed something please let us know by emailing us at duffersunited@virginmedia.com

Additional information about Barry Town United Walking Football, this event, updated copies of this document and frequently asked questions can be found on our website at https://www.barrytownunitedwalkingfootball.com

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Venue Location

All games will be played at the home ground of Barry Town United. The full address of the venue is:

Jenner Park Gladstone Road, Barry CF62 8NA

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Jenner Park has two entrances one on Barry Road and another on Gladstone Road (A4055). Both gates will be open on the day.

Parking

There are limited parking facilities at Jenner Park however there is plenty of free on street parking around the ground. The ground is in a residential area, please park responsibly with regard to the needs of residents.

Although you can park at the Barry Road and Gladstone Road ends of the ground there is likely to be more free parking opportunities at the Gladstone Road end of the ground.

Please note that if you park in the car park the gates may be locked before the end of our presentations at the end of the day. It is therefore suggested that you park on the nearby roads where possible.

Images of Jenner Park





Barry & Barry Island

Barry (Welsh: Y Barri) is a town in the Vale of Glamorgan, Wales, on the north coast of the Bristol Channel approximately 9 miles (14 km) south-southwest of Cardiff.

Barry is a seaside resort, with attractions including several beaches (sand and pebble) and the Barry Island Pleasure Park.

If you plan to bring family with you, Jenner Park is approximately 2 miles from Barry Island

If you are travelling from afar and need accommodation there are a number of hotels and guest houses in Barry, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan and several caravan parks.

For more information about Barry and the surrounding area see https://www.visitthevale.com/towns/barry-barry-island

Venue Facilities (Jenner Park)

The Pitch

All games will be played on the 3G surface at Jenner Park. Specific footwear is a requirement (see picture below) without which access will be refused. Please ensure all your players and officials meet the footwear requirement before attending the festival. Those without correct footwear will without exception be required to leave the pitch.

Player Changing Rooms

Changing Rooms and showers are available for players at the Barry Road end of the ground. Please note that the player changing rooms are built to accommodate two eleven a side squads so space will be limited at certain times.

Separate changing rooms and showers will be available for referees.

Seating and Shelter

Jenner Park has two covered fully seated stands either side of the pitch. There is ample seating at the ground for players and spectators.

Toilets

There are both male and female toilet facilities next to the pitch, inside the changing rooms and in the social club.

Social Club

There is a Social Club at the ground which welcomes visitors. The social club is situated above the changing rooms at the Barry Road end of the ground and will be open all day to purchase drinks, snacks and lunch.

Food & Beverages

We plan to have an ice cream van and a refreshment tent selling amongst other items water, tea & coffee, crisps, and chocolate available throughout the day.

During the presentations at the end of the games a free buffet will be available in the social club. We would appreciate it if all teams join us in the social club at the end of our event.

Essential Footwear

All games will be played on Barry Town United 3G pitch. **There is a strictly enforced footwear rule at Jenner Park**. Please make sure that all your players and anyone requiring access to the pitch has the correct footwear (see illustration below)



The only footwear permitted on the pitch are moulded round stud boots (RECOMMENDED) and round stud boots less than 2mm. Blades, astroturf boots and training shoes are not allowed on the pitch.

All footwear will be checked to ensure it complies with the above before each game, failure to comply will mean, without exception, exclusion from the event.

Without exception, (including non-players) anyone not wearing the correct footwear as shown above will be refused access to the playing surface at Jenner Park. Please make sure all your players are aware of this requirement before attending.

Festival Qualifying Criteria

The festival is open to men only, women only or mixed gender walking football teams. To qualify to play at our event the following must be satisfied:

- ♣ Over 50, all men players must reach age 50 between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025.
- ♣ Over 60, all men players must reach age 60 between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025.
- Women Over 40, all women players must reach age 40 between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025 and can play in either of the above age groups either as a women only team or part of a mixed gender team.

Men players who satisfy the over 60 criteria can play at over 60 and or over 50

Each club invited to play at our festival is permitted to register a maximum of 10 players per team.

We operate our walking football festivals on a "Trust" basis so you will not be required to submit player names and dates of birth prior to the event. All players must however bring some form of photo ID to ensure compliance with the above age requirements or in case of dispute.

Times and Event Format

Event start times (all times are subject to change):

Team registration: 9:45am

First game kick off: 10:30amLunch break: 12:30pm – 1pm (approximately)

Games including finals: 10:30am to 4pm (approximately)

Presentations: 4:30pm (approximately)

A full event timetable will be posted on our "Festival 2025 Arrangements" page at https://www.barrytownunitedwalkingfootball.com/festival-2025-arrangements nearer to the event date

Pitches:

4 pitches will be in use throughout the day as follows:

Pitch 1 Over 50 group 1
Pitch 2 Over 50 group 2
Pitch 3 Over 60 group 1
Pitch 4 Over 60 group 2

Pitch number and fixtures will be clearly displayed on the goalposts.

Event Format

There will be a maximum of 12 teams in each age group with the age groups playing on two pitches simultaneously. Each team will consist of 6 players with rolling substitutions.

3 points will be awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw.

The format of the event will be decided by Barry Town United Walking Football a few days before the event. In arriving at our decision we will consider the number of teams playing and the anticipated weather conditions.

Fixtures for 2025 will appear on our website on the https://www.barrytownunitedwalkingfootball.com/festival-2025-arrangements page a few days before the event

In the event of a points tie goal difference will be applied first and if still tied, goals scored will be applied.

If necessary, penalties will be used to decide the outcome of the competitions.

The maximum match duration will be 15 minutes without a half time break.

To ensure that timings are adhered to all games will start and finish on a klaxon/whistle. Teams will get a 1-minute warning before each game, but each game will start on the 2^{nd} klaxon/ 2^{nd} whistle whether the teams are ready or not. If any team fails to be on the pitch for the start of the game, they will start 1 nil down.

Four pitches will be available throughout the day so any teams who would like to play each other can use a free pitch at their own risk until the presentations commence.

Presentations

After the completion of the finals a presentation will be held in the social club with trophies presented to the winners of both age groups.

During the presentation the social club bar will be open to purchase refreshments and a buffet will be provided free of charge for anyone who attends the presentations.

We hope everyone will join us in the social club to celebrate a successful event and acknowledge the winners and runners up.

Essential Equipment

Barry Town United will provide sufficient footballs for each pitch.

All pitches will be of equal size and set up as agreed with the match day referees.

In addition to the essential footwear requirement above each team must ensure they have, or provide the following:

- Shin pads are compulsory for each player.
- Coloured bibs for all players in case of a colour clash
- Coloured bibs for all substitutes
- ♣ Player personal information, emergency contact information and details of health needs in case of emergency
- Player medication as needed.

- ♣ Barry Town United will have a first aid kit on site however each club must provide its own first aid kit with your players needs in mind.
- Barry Town United will have 2 defibrillators on site (see below)

First Aid

We will do everything we can to make sure that event is safe, and everyone has fun, but it is important to remember that accidents happen. There may be injuries and illness, they can happen anywhere and at any time, but we are particularly aware of them in walking football.

Barry Town United Walking Football will do what it can on the day but keeping everyone safe is all of our responsibilities and each club is responsible for ensuring that they are aware of the issues and needs of their players and representatives and have one qualified first aider on site at all times.

Barry Town United will provide a nominated first aider for the day who will co-ordinate and assist each club with any first aid needs.

Defibrillator locations

In accordance with Football Association of Wales guidelines Jenner Park has a working defibrillator pitch side.

There is an additional defibrillator in the social club and with Barry Town United Walking Football squads

Risk assessment, health and safety information, insurance.

All teams must ensure that they have suitable public liability insurance in place.

Jenner Park is used to host football matches across a wide range of age groups and is currently owned by Vale of Glamorgan Council. Barry Town United use Jenner Park as its home ground and checks will be made to ensure that the venue is safe, and risks are minimised.

The pitch and facilities will be checked before the first game and periodically throughout the day. Any issues should be brought to the immediate attention of one of the Barry Town United Walking Football Team Managers. A Barry Town United Walking Football Team Manager will be allocated to each age group.

Representatives from Barry Town United Walking Football will be available on the day to answer any questions about the venue and its facilities.

Referees & Laws

The Wales Walking Football Federation will provide fully qualified referees for the day.

As the event is in Wales, we will be following the Wales Walking Football Federation Laws of the game. The referees will outline the key laws at the start of the event.

A copy of the current laws can be found on the "Festival 2025 Arrangements" page of our website at https://www.barrytownunitedwalkingfootball.com/festival-2025-arrangements Please read them and convey them to your team before you attend.

Please respect the referees and their decisions at all times. The decision of the referee is final. There will be a break for lunch during the day where referees and Barry Town United Walking Football representative will review the event so far. Any issues will be addressed with team representatives. Any persistent offenders will be excluded.

Conduct

Barry Town United Walking Football believes in full inclusivity and the involvement of the community and family members in sport. There is no entrance fee to the ground on the day so families and children, as well as members of the public may be present. As such we expect the highest standards of conduct and behaviour of everyone attending the event

A code of conduct document is included as an annex at the end of this document. Please ensure anyone linked to your club has read and understood the code before attending our festival.

Photographs

Barry Town United will have a photographer available throughout the day. After your team has changed in to match kit you will be invited to have your team photograph taken.

Throughout the day every effort will be made to capture "action shots" however if you want specific photographs taken, please ask.

A selection of photographs taken will appear on our website and Facebook pages after the event and can be sent to your club contacts.

Barry Town United Walking Football Contact Details

Email: <u>duffersunited@virginmedia.com</u>

Website: https://www.barrytownunitedwalkingfootball.com
Facebook: BarryTown United Walking Football Club | Facebook

Chairperson: Andrew Weeks contacted via duffersunited@virginmedia.com
Secretary: Paul Edwards contacted via duffersunited@virginmedia.com

Contact on the day of 1 June

In case of an issue, traffic delays etc please contact:

Lawrence Williams 07768 976830

Anything Else?

If there is anything you think we have missed from this document or anything that would develop it further, please email duffersunited@virginmedia.com

We will not be issuing revisions to this document to each club. Any future updates to this document will be published on the "Tournament 2025 Arrangements" page of our website at https://www.barrytownunitedwalkingfootball.com/festival-2025-arrangements so please check for changes before you attend on 1 June 2025.

Finally

Thank you for taking the time to read all of the above. We are looking forward to the day and hope you are too.

We hope you have a relaxed, friendly competition and a celebration of Walking Football at Jenner Park that leaves you looking forward to our next event.

Yours

The committee and members at Barry Town United Walking Football https://www.barrytownunitedwalkingfootball.com

Annexes

Code of Conduct

