

Walking Football 2019

The Italian Masters Trophy

Qualifying Matches Friday 27th September and Finals Sunday 29th September



Bella Italia, Peschiera del Garda

Lake Garda, Italy

26th – 30th September 2019

The Italian Masters 2019 Tournament will be held for the first time at Bella Italia Peschiera, in the stunningly beautiful resort of Lake Garda, Italy.

Bella Italia were our hosts for the last three Italian Masters tournaments in the Lignano Sabbiadoro sports village and we are now utilising the Northern Italian setting for the latest trip.



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

Accommodation

We are staying in the Bella Italia Facility in Peschiera del Garda and have various single, twins and triple room options to choose from.



The Rooms are all clean and comfortable with full amenities on site.



The package includes bed and breakfast and a packed lunch will be included on Match days.

There are bars, restaurants, supermarkets, greengrocers, laundrette and newsagents on site and tickets can be purchased at reception for the main theme parks at Lake Garda.



The Football Tournament

This years over 50s Tournament will be a male only, five a side competition.

Teams can register eight players for each squad entered.

The over 65s tournament will be a male only six a side competition with each team permitted to register up to ten players in their squad.

The football pitches are nearby in the village of Peschiera and travel to the pitches will be provided.

Tournament structure

Teams will be split into league groups to ensure everyone will have the same amount of games instead of a knockout tournament. Games will commence on Friday 27th September and matches will be played against all the other teams in the group. Saturday will be a day off to recover, then play will recommence on the Sunday with the top teams from the over 50s contesting the

“Italian Masters Trophy”

The other over 50s teams will contest the **“Cucchiaio di Legno Trophy”**

The over 65s will be playing for the **“Italian Seniors Trophy”**



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

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 – over 65s Teams will comprise 6 players. A maximum number of 4 substitutes is permitted. Over 50s teams will comprise of 5 players with a maximum number of 3 substitutes
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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Offside - There is no offside.
13. 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 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.

14. 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.
15. 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 May 1st, 2019

A further payment of 100 euros per head must be paid by July 1st, 2019

Final balances must be received by August 1st, 2019

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.**

If you need assistance organising travel from the airport to the resort (Verona or Bergamo 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