

Scottish Warriors Football Association

APPLICATION TO REGISTER A NEW CLUB

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to set forth the standard and values required to register a team within the Warriors Football Association. The content is both taken from the Scottish Welfare Football Association, our affiliated association and also from the Scottish Football Associations Quality Mark programme for clubs.

The scope of this document is to provide an understanding of the MINIMUM requirements for clubs to register with the Warriors Football Association and more information on best practices and governance can be found at

<https://www.scottishfa.co.uk/football-development/club-services/club-accreditation/quality-mark-criteria>

ETHOS OF THE WARRIORS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

The thing that sets apart the Warriors from your average Sunday League is the ethos of the WFA and its members. Whilst we celebrate being able to get over 1300 men into football, and being an avenue for them to improve their health through sport, the ethos is targeting men who are considered clinically obese. Teams should not be targeting players who simply just meet criteria as after a short period will find that they now have many non criteria players, which cannot all participate in the same game.

CLUB REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY

The Warriors Football Association has set criteria for clubs to gain entry. These relate to proper governance and accountability in order to ensure teams are able to fulfil the course of a full season. Without these requirements being completed in full within the timescales allocated later in this document, then application to the Warriors Football Association will not be possible.

The requirements for clubs are listed below.

1. The club must have a governing document such as a constitution outlining a framework for the running of the club.
2. The club must have a Bank account in the name of the club with 2 separate persons having access to the finances of the club.
3. The club must have elected office bearers, in particular to the positions considered executive positions. These are Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.
4. Must have, or be in the process of procuring both Home and Away kits which will be in place before the start of the competitive season.

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5. Clubs must agree to and abide by the rules governing the players criteria to participate as well as acknowledging the rules and regulations set out within the Warriors Football Association Constitution.
6. Clubs will be expected to undertake 3 Vetting Games, against currently WFA members to ensure suitability for the league. Please note that these vetting games must be played with fully criteria squad, and cannot include players currently registered to other clubs.

CRITERIA OF THE PLAYERS PERMITTED

All clubs participating in the WPL must ensure their playing staffs meets the following criteria to qualify as eligible:

Players MUST

- Be no younger than 18.
- Have a waist size of at least 38 inches round the Navel
- Have a BMI of at least 30.
- Not be registered for another club recognised by any governing football association in Scotland, therefore no amateur level players.
- Not be an ex- professional player.
- Not be an ex-semi-professional player.
- Max of 5 total transfers from another association side per season.
- Players cannot return to previous club in the same season without committee approval of a valid reason.
- No limit on previously unregistered players.
- Non Criteria transfers between teams require committee approval.
- New signings should be identified to opposition team for criteria check at their first game.

*Only Goalkeepers are exempt from following the waist size and BMI criteria as they pose no obvious advantage from an in-goal position. These players can only play in goals.

No teams are permitted to sign Non-Criteria Players and can only develop their own Non-criteria players through weight-loss. Excluding Goalkeepers.

Criteria checks on match day can be requested pre-game and will be carried out by both team captains, If captains cannot agree on final measurements then the Referee will be asked to give his final decision on the matter. The Home side on matchdays should provide a set of scales and measuring tapes for this purpose.

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Failure to follow these guidelines during any match will mean the team will be subject to forfeiting the match.

If concerns over opposition squad criteria arise following a match, the concern must be raised within 24 hours of the match ending directly to the committee and the re-measuring of the individuals must be done within 5 days of the match in question. Measurement checks will then be carried out by 2 committee members unrelated to either club involved and only the players in questions should be present at the measuring. The decision taken on the day by the 2 impartial committee representatives will be considered final and not up for debate or appeal, and any player who fails criteria check at this moment will not be considered for re-measuring as a criteria player for further 6 months.