

National Selection

In order to make the cut for a spot on the Walkeroo 70s National Walking Football team, players must meet specific criteria:



1. **Eligibility:** Players must be turning 70 within the year. Some tournaments may require players to be over 70 at the time of that specific tournament.
2. **Conduct:** Essential to being considered for the core playing group, players need to exhibit the right ethos. This includes a positive attitude, good sportsmanship, teamwork, and adherence to fair play rules. Any overly competitive behavior, public cynicism, or aggressive attitudes toward opponents or teammates are discouraged. Continuously challenging decisions, criticizing fellow players, and creating disharmony will negatively impact future selection opportunities.
3. **Team Player:** Walkeroo selectors value team play above individual skills. Walking football emphasizes passing, positioning, and collaborative play over individual flashy moves. Players who prioritise dribbling and holding on to the ball over passing may find their selection chances reduced.
4. **Skills:** Strong technical ball control, tactical understanding, and a reasonable level of physical fitness are noted by selectors. High-energy players who support teammates, maintain positioning, and display good sportsmanship stand out.
5. **Health and Fitness:** Physical robustness, a history of injury-free play, and the ability to compete under international conditions are crucial.
6. **Previous Experience:** While taken into consideration, past experience alone or previous selection does not guarantee selection. Selectors constantly face tough decisions due to new talents emerging in the 70s age group. A diverse pool of players is necessary due to the frequency of tournaments and various factors that may affect player availability (including budget considerations given the number of tournaments and no sponsorship available so player have to pay their own way).

Ultimately, players aiming for a spot on the Walkeroo national team should not only possess the requisite skills and experience but also demonstrate the right attitude, teamwork, and commitment to fair play.