



1. Player Registration	
<p>1a. How do I register my interest for MAN v FAT Football XI's with MAN v FAT Football?</p>	<p>Every member of the MAN v FAT Football Community will be sent an email with a MAN v FAT Football XI's registration link. By following the link found on www.manvfat.com/elevens each player can provide a few simple details before paying their £11.50 registration fee. Players can register throughout the season however teams must have a minimum of 20 players registered before the season starts. If you are a new team to the competition and require any help or assistance, then please contact events@manvfat.com</p>
<p>1b. How do I register for my MAN v FAT Football XI's Team?</p>	<p>Once the initial player registration has been completed, the manager will be sent a list of all the players that have registered as a player for their club. If you are a new team then a manager will need to be appointed, if not already, who will then be responsible for the next phase.</p> <p>The Team Manager will register the team for the MAN v FAT Football XI's competition on The Whole Game System and will need to make sure that all their players are registered through the same system.</p>
<p>1c. When can I register my players for the 2023/24 season?</p>	<p>Players will register through the MAN v FAT system using the link provided, as mentioned in 1a, but they will also need to register with their team on the FA systems, this will not be possible until the team has been affiliated and accepted onto the system by their county FA. For teams that have already competed in Season 2022/23 this process should be a lot easier and more straightforward. Affiliation normally opens in June or July, but this can differ between the County FAs, Players will be able to register through MAN v FAT from June.</p>
<p>1d. How much will it cost me?</p>	<p>Players must pay a £11.50 annual registration fee, this is applicable at whatever point the player registers. Registration lasts for one season (August to May inclusive). If you are not selected as a squad member for any game, you are able to request a full refund of your registration fee. All requests for refunds must</p>

	<p>be submitted no later than 31st May. We are unable to honour requests submitted after this time as current season data will be reset and archived.</p> <p>Teams must be affiliated and insured through their County FA.</p> <p>Players will continue to contribute towards match fees ie referees, facilities etc as in previous seasons. Some helpful advice on managing your team's budget for the season can be found on the homepage (link is on previous page).</p>
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MAN v FAT Football 11's Key Rules FAQ's

2. Player Eligibility	
<p>2a Which team can I register for?</p>	<p>MAN v FAT FOOTBALL Players may only register for the MAN v FAT Football XI's team that is associated with the club at which they play their weekly club nights. If a player is registered at more than one MAN v FAT Football Club, they must decide which one to represent at MAN v FAT Football XI's during the registration period as you can only play for one XI's team each season.</p> <p>If you leave the club that you are registered for you will no longer be able to play for them in the MAN v FAT XI's competition and your eligibility will be removed.</p> <p>During the season, If you subsequently return to MAN v FAT you would only be eligible to play XI's if you return to the original club that you left, and you must attend for 1 month before you can be submitted for approval by your manager, this is providing there is a space available in their squad, if not then you must wait for a space to become available.</p> <p>At the end of the playing season, you would be eligible to register for your new MAN v FAT Club.</p>
<p>2b. What's the eligibility criteria?</p>	<p>A player must be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male, • 18+ • Teamed member of their MAN v FAT Club for 1 month • Active member of MAN v FAT Football. (Attend 1 in 3 sessions) • BMI Bosses are also eligible to participate. • MAN v FAT staff, providing they meet eligibility criteria.

<p>2c. Can I play for more than one club/team?</p>	<p>No, a player can only play for one MAN v FAT Football team representing the location where they take part in weekly club nights (their registered MAN v FAT Football Club). A player may only register for one MAN v FAT Football XI's team per season. If you leave the club where you are registered as a MAN v FAT XI's player, you will no longer be able to play for them in the competition.</p> <p>If you subsequently return to MAN v FAT during the season, you would only be eligible to play XI's if you return to the original club that you left, and you must attend for 1 month, attending a minimum of 1 in 3 sessions, before you can be submitted for approval by your manager, this is providing there is a space available in their squad, if not then you must wait for a space to become available.</p>
<p>2d. Do I have to attend my MAN v FAT Football Club nights?</p>	<p>Yes, players must attend at least one weekly club night every three weeks at the club that they are representing to remain eligible. If a player does not maintain this level of attendance, they are no longer eligible until they have attended at least one session to bring them back up to date.</p>
<p>2e. Can I play MAN v FAT Football XI's if my MAN v FAT Football payments are in arrears?</p>	<p>If your MAN v FAT profile is red flagged, but you are still actively in your team, you will be able to participate in MAN v FAT XI's fixtures, however if you are removed from your team/club due to your payments not being up to date, or for any other reason, you will not be eligible to play in any competition games, until such time that the profile is back up to date and you are meeting the attendance criteria. It is each player's responsibility to inform their team manager if they are no longer eligible to play.</p>
<p>2f. Can I play MAN v FAT Football XI's if I am suspended from MAN v FAT Football for misconduct?</p>	<p>If a player receives a ban from the FA you will not be able to play in tournament games. If you are suspended by the FA pending an investigation, you will not be able to play in tournament games.</p> <p>If you have just received a ban from your club night, providing it is not a ban imposed by the FA, you will be able to participate in XI's fixtures, providing you have met the attendance criteria.</p>
<p>2g. If I receive a ban from the FA for an XI's related issue will I be able to play in my weekly club night</p>	<p>This will depend on the severity of the ban. If it is a ban across all football then you will not be able to participate in your weekly club nights, if it is just a ban from Saturday/Sunday football,</p>

	you would be able to take part in your weekly club night as long as it is not on a Saturday or Sunday. As an FA affiliated programme, any ban imposed by the FA will also be applied to weekly club nights, where appropriate.
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It is the players responsibility to make their team manager aware that they are not eligible to play, failure to do so may result in games being forfeited, results or points being altered for playing an ineligible player. The Competition Manager will continue to check eligibility via the FA systems and MAN v FAT system throughout the season.

3. Squad/Team Eligibility	
3a. Will my 11's team be required to affiliate?	Yes, as a fully FA Sanctioned Competition, registered teams are required to affiliate with their County FA. Teams will be able to utilise available FA Affiliated Referees as part of the affiliation.
3b. Will we need to purchase insurance?	Yes, Insurance is required as part of the affiliation process. This will be offered at a competitive rate by your County FA when teams affiliate.
3c. How many players will my team need?	Each squad must consist of a minimum of 20 eligible players and no more than 40. Although MAN v FAT will not be involved in any way in player selection, we would recommend selecting as many players as possible within the 40. This will help to ensure teams have plenty of eligible players in the squad to choose from and help avoid forfeits. If a club registers 50 or more eligible players, they may choose to enter 2 teams, if rules 2c and all of 3c are adhered to.
3d. My MAN v FAT Football Club is in Wales or Scotland, can I still participate?	Yes, MAN v FAT are in ongoing discussions with the FAW and SFA to establish how we work with them on the tournaments. Pending sufficient player/squad registrations we'll be including groups in Scotland and Wales throughout the group stages. We will be looking at running these as separate elements to the competition, providing there is enough uptake from players/clubs and will try and bring those teams into the main competition at the knock-out stages.

4. Season 2023/24 Dates	
4a Player Registration	Opens June 2023 and remains open throughout the season until 31 st March 2024
4b Group Stage	1 st August – 31 st December 2023
4c Knock-out stages	January 2024 – April 2024
4d Finals Day	May 2024

5. Validity of Fixtures	
5a. Which group will I be in?	Pending team registrations, regional groups will consist of no more than six teams. Where a MAN v FAT Football Club registers more than one MAN v FAT Football XI's Team, every reasonable effort will be made to ensure the teams are in separate groups. This will depend heavily on team registrations and geographical splits of each group as we will always aim to keep travelling time/distance as reasonable as possible.
5b. Who will my team play and when?	<p>All group stage fixtures will be given to each team manager at the start of the competition season. The pre-determined fixture dates will reflect a fixture window meaning the fixture must be played within a two-week window. Teams will then communicate with their opposition to arrange the exact fixture date and time and inform the competition secretary, who will then add this to the Whole Game System.</p> <p>Teams will be expected to play in a maximum of two fixtures per month during the group stages. The group stages will consist of no more than five home and five away fixtures. The home team is responsible for arranging the kick off time, location, officials and must share this along with any other useful information for the opponents with sufficient notice. If a team does not arrange all elements and share with the opponents in sufficient time or either team is unable to fulfil the fixture the game may be forfeited, and points awarded to the relevant team.</p>
5c. Who will be responsible for submitting match reports?	<p>Each manager will be able to submit the score for the fixture using the FA's MatchDay App. The competition secretary will allow sufficient time for the score to be added and will then confirm the score to the system. This will be done on Wednesdays. This means that managers will have 2 – 3 days to enter all the information that they need to on the system which will include the score of the game and any goal scorers. Using the Matchday App they will also need to enter details of who participated in the fixture as well.</p> <p>If there are any disciplinary issues during the game it will be the responsibility of the referee to submit a report to the county FA of the home team in the fixture.</p>