



## **Fighting Fit Football Club**

### **PRIVACY POLICY**

**Effective 1st January 2026**

#### **1. Who We Are**

Fighting Fit Football Club ("the Club") is an unincorporated club run by a volunteer committee.

The Club provides Walking Football and Association Football activities, including sessions specifically for people living with Parkinson's disease & their adult family members.

The Club is affiliated to The Football Association (the FA) through its relevant County FA and the Walking Football Association (the WFA) and participates in Walking Football and Association Football activities in line with FA / WFA rules and guidance, as the case may be.

For the purposes of UK data protection law, the Club is the data controller.

Contact details:

Email: [contact@fightingfitfootball.co.uk](mailto:contact@fightingfitfootball.co.uk)

#### **2. What Personal Data We Collect**

We may collect and process the following personal data:

Personal information

- Name
- Contact details (email address, phone number, postal address)
- Date of birth (where required for FA affiliation, eligibility, safeguarding, or competition rules)
- Emergency contact details

### Membership, affiliation, and participation information

- Membership status and renewal dates
- Attendance at training sessions, matches, or events
- FA affiliation details where required (e.g. FAN number or equivalent)
- Volunteering, coaching, refereeing, or committee roles

### Financial information

- Records of membership fees or other payments (we do not normally store card details)

### Health and medical information (special category data)

Because the Club runs football activities for people with Parkinson's disease, we may collect limited health-related information, such as:

- Confirmation that a participant has Parkinson's disease
- Medical or other health information of a participant
- Information necessary to make football activities safe and inclusive (e.g. mobility considerations or emergency medical information)

This information is limited to what is strictly necessary for participation, safeguarding, and player welfare.

### Communications

- Emails or messages you send to the Club
- Relevant records of correspondence

## **3. How We Collect Personal Data**

We collect personal data when you:

- Apply for or renew membership

- Register for one of our activities or events, and / or Walking Football or Association Football events
- Complete FA / County FA or WFA affiliation requirements
- Provide information for safety, safeguarding, or emergency purposes
- Contact the Club
- Volunteer, coach, officiate, or join the committee

#### **4. Why We Use Your Personal Data (Lawful Basis)**

We use personal data to:

- Manage membership and participation in Club activities
- Register and affiliate the Club, teams, and participants with The FA and the relevant County FA and the WFA
- Organise and run Walking Football and Association Football sessions
- Ensure activities comply with FA / WFA rules, safeguarding policies, and insurance requirements
- Promote player welfare, safety, and inclusion, particularly for people with Parkinson's disease
- Communicate with members about training, matches, events, and administration
- Manage finances and maintain appropriate records
- Comply with legal, safeguarding, insurance, and regulatory obligations

#### Lawful bases under UK GDPR

- Legitimate interests – to run and administer the Club and football activities
- Contract – where processing is necessary for membership or participation
- Legal obligation – including safeguarding and financial record-keeping

- Consent – where required, including for health data and publicity

### Special category (health) data

Health information relating to Parkinson's disease and other medical conditions is processed only where:

- You have given explicit consent, and
- The information is necessary for participation, safety, safeguarding, or player welfare

Consent may be withdrawn at any time.

## **5. Sharing Your Personal Data**

We do not sell personal data.

We may share personal data where necessary, including:

- With committee members, coaches, and session leaders to run activities safely
- With The FA, County FA, WFA or associated bodies for affiliation, registration, safeguarding, discipline, or insurance purposes
- With match officials, leagues, or competition organisers where required
- With service providers (e.g. email systems, payment processors, booking tools)
- With insurers, medical responders, or venues where required for safety or legal reasons

Only the minimum necessary data is shared, and recipients are expected to handle it securely and lawfully.

## **6. How We Store and Protect Your Data**

- Personal data is stored securely, either electronically or in limited paper form

- Access is restricted to authorised committee members, coaches, or volunteers on a “need to know” basis
- The Club follows FA / WFA safeguarding and data protection expectations where applicable
- Reasonable measures are taken to prevent unauthorised access, loss, or misuse

## 7. How Long We Keep Your Data

We keep personal data only for as long as necessary:

- Membership and FA / WFA affiliation records: for the duration of involvement and a reasonable period afterwards
- Health and emergency information: reviewed regularly and deleted when no longer required
- Safeguarding or disciplinary records: retained in line with FA / WFA guidance and legal requirements
- Financial records: for the period required by law
- Communications: only while relevant

Data is securely deleted or destroyed when no longer needed.

## 8. Your Rights

You have the right to:

- Access your personal data
- Request correction of inaccurate or incomplete data
- Request deletion of your data where applicable
- Object to or restrict processing
- Withdraw consent, including for health data or images

Requests should be made using the contact details above.

## 9. Photographs and Publicity

Photographs or recordings may be taken at training sessions, matches, or events for:

- Club publicity or promotion of activities and events
- FA or County FA or WFA promotion of Walking Football or association football events
- Record-keeping

Consent will be sought where appropriate.

You may request that images or recordings of you are not used.

## 10. Changes to This Privacy Policy

This policy may be updated from time to time to reflect changes in law, FA / WFA guidance, or Club activities.

The latest version will be made available to members.

## 11. Complaints

If you are concerned about how your data is handled, please contact the Club first.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO):

[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)