



Football Association of Ireland (FAI) Recruitment Policy

It is the policy of FAI to ensure that the recruitment and selection procedures implemented will result in the best candidate for the job being selected. Commitment to this principle of appointment on merit will assist in the continuing development of the FAI as a vibrant organisation.

Recruitment and Selection Procedures

Vacant positions in FAI are open to all suitably qualified candidates subject to educational and experience criteria relevant to each specific post being met. The FAI's selection process will provide equal access at all stages to all candidates. A record of all decisions made throughout the process will be retained for 12 months after the appointment has been made. The FAI will treat all personal information strictly in accordance with the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003.

Advertisements

Recruitment advertisements representing the FAI will contain nothing of a discriminatory nature and will encourage applications from the broadest possible base. This does not preclude local advertising of positions where appropriate. All advertisements will contain a positive statement of the FAI's commitment to its equal opportunity policy.

Job Descriptions

Formal job descriptions and person specifications will be developed for all positions. The requirements and qualifications specified will relate strictly to the proper performance of the position.

Short listing

All C.V applications are assessed against agreed criteria. Short-listing criteria will be based on the job requirements as set out in the job description and person specification. At short listing each candidate will be compared to the essential criteria and those who do not meet these criteria will not be short listed. Candidates who most clearly meet the requirements of the position will be brought forward to the next stage of the Assessment process.

Methods of Assessment

Candidates applying for a position in the FAI will be assessed on the following;

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Interview
3. Presentation (for specific appointments)
4. Verification of academic certification and identity
5. Reference Checking
6. Garda Vetting
7. Pre-employment medical

Curriculum Vitae

C.V's will be assessed at the short listing stage to determine whether the candidate meets the essential requirements of the position.

Interview

Prior to the interview, the Interview Board will meet and discuss the interview format and core areas of questioning. A competency based marking scheme in line with the job description and person specification will be drafted and agreed upon.

Additional Assessment methods may also be used and all candidates will receive advance notice in such circumstances.

Presentation

Some appointments may involve making a presentation to the Interview Board. Details of this and the presentation title will be given in advance of the interview.

Verification of Academic Certification and Identity

Candidates will be required to furnish proof of all academic certification achieved and a photocopy of an ID they possess when attending the interview. This is to verify one's identity and academic achievements.

Garda Vetting

As a sporting organisation that works with children and / or vulnerable adults, it is a duty of the organisation to ensure all employees are vetted by the Garda Vetting Unit. Candidates will be required to complete a Garda Vetting Form at the interview stage.

Reference Checks

Subject to appointment, references will be sought. In certain appointments references may be gathered prior to interview. Candidates will be asked for permission before references are sought.

Pre-employment medical

It is necessary for successful candidates, who are not already permanent employees before they are appointed, to undergo a medical examination by a qualified medical practitioner to be nominated by the Association.

Advising Unsuccessful candidates

The Human Resources Department will advise all unsuccessful candidates as soon as is practicably possible after receipt of the Interview Board's report.

Post Interview Feedback

Any candidate who would like post interview feedback can make a request to the Human Resources Department.

Canvassing

Any attempt by a candidate himself or herself or by any person(s) acting at the candidate's instigation, directly or indirectly, by means of written communication or otherwise, to canvass or otherwise influence in the candidate's favour, any member of the

staff of the Association or person nominated by the Association to interview or examine applicants, will automatically disqualify the candidate for the position being sought

Expenses

The Association will not be responsible for any expenses a candidate may incur in attending for interview.

Freedom of Information

The FAI currently is not subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. However, it is committed to transparency in its recruitment process and will provide relevant information and documentation as requested. All requests must be made in writing to the Human Resources Department.