

FAI WOMENS FOOTBALL COMMITTEE REGULATIONS



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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 – Scope, Definitions and Interpretation

1. These Regulations are established in accordance with FAI Rules and matters not specifically dealt with under these Regulations shall be dealt with in accordance with FAI Rules.
2. These Regulations may be amended by the FAI Board from time to time.
3. These Regulations establish;
 - a) Organisational Structure of women’s and schoolgirl’s football under the jurisdiction of the FAI
 - b) Terms of Reference and Structure for the Women’s Football Committee
 - c) Terms of Reference and Structure for the Women’s Regional Football Committees
 - d) Women’s Football Annual Convention
 - e) Disciplinary and Complaints Procedures
 - f) General Provisions.
4. Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa, words importing the feminine include the masculine and words importing persons shall include bodies.
5. Definitions not provided hereunder but contained in the FAI rules, regulations and codes, and the FIFA and UEFA Statutes are incorporated in these regulations where appropriate. In these regulations the following Definitions are also used:

“Annual Convention” shall mean the annual convention held by the Women’s Football Committee;

“Club” shall mean a club who has a women’s or schoolgirls team;

“League” shall mean a league that runs a women’s or schoolgirls competition

“The WFC” shall mean the Women’s Football Committee;

“The WRFC” shall mean the Women’s Regional Football Committee;

“Women’s Football Administrator” shall mean the employee of the FAI with responsibility for administering all matters pertaining to women’s football.

II. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Article 2 – Women’s Football Committee

1. The Women’s Football Committee is established by the FAI Board under FAI Rules as the principle body for the overseeing of women’s and schoolgirls football and shall report to the FAI Board on a regular basis.
2. The Women’s Football Committee shall be composed as follows:
 - a) The Chairperson of each of the Women’s Regional Football Committees
 - b) A representative of the FAI Women’s National League Committee
 - c) One representative of the FAI Board
 - d) Up to four (4) co-opted members approved by the FAI Board with relevant expertise and/or experience pertaining to women’s and schoolgirl’s football or the governance of women’s and schoolgirls football.
3. In the event of any of the committee members referred to at Article 2.2.a), 2.2.b) and 2.2.c) above being unable to attend a meeting, her nominating body may appoint a substitute to attend that particular meeting, providing they notify the Chairperson by email at least five days in advance of the meeting. No other substitutes shall be allowed.
4. If the Chairperson cannot attend a meeting then the Vice-Chairperson shall chair the meeting and not any substitute. If the Vice-Chairperson is also unable to attend, the rest of the Committee shall appoint a chair for that meeting from amongst themselves however, no substitute can be appointed Chairperson.
5. The Women’s Football Administrator must attend all meetings of the Women’s Football Committee but shall not be a member of the Women’s Football Committee.
6. The first Chairperson of the Women’s Football Committee shall be appointed by the FAI Board for a two (2) year term. The first Vice Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected from amongst its members at its opening meeting. At the end of this first term of office the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected in accordance with Article 2.7 below.
7. The Women’s Football Committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from amongst its members at its opening meeting in accordance with FAI Rules. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall act as Chairperson. The Chairperson shall have an original vote and a casting vote if required. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected for a two (2) year term and shall be eligible for re-election.
8. Members of the Women’s Football Committee shall hold office for a two (2) year term and thereafter are eligible for reappointment.
9. If during their term of office a member of the Women's Football Committee resigns or is no longer able to continue in their position, the body that they represent can nominate a replacement member for the remainder of the term. If the member who resigns or is no longer able to continue in their position is either the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson the person who replaces them as a representative shall not automatically hold the same position. Once the replacement has been appointed the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson shall be appointed or elected either in accordance with Article 2.6 or Article 2.7 whichever applies for the remainder of the term. For the purposes of this Article 2.9 only the next meeting of the Women’s Football Committee shall be regarded as an opening meeting.

10. The Women's Football Committee shall meet at least ten (10) times per year and shall have a quorum of seven (7). Meetings may be transacted by conference call or other medium of communication where all participants can communicate and hear the other.
11. The Women's Football Committee shall formulate an annual plan of activities.
12. Members appointed to the Women's Football Committee should have relevant expertise, knowledge or experience in the areas of grassroots, education, marketing and communications, high performance and Child Welfare. The Chairperson to the Committee shall also have such relevant expertise, knowledge or experience. The members co-opted under Article 2.2 (d) should be co-opted on the basis that they have relevant expertise, knowledge or experience in those areas which are not already covered through the appointments made at Articles 2.2(a), 2.2(b) and 2.2(c).
13. The Women's Football Committee shall have the following Terms of Reference:
 - a) Responsibility for the promotion and development of women's and schoolgirl's football under the auspices of the Association
 - b) Frame and monitor an annual calendar of events
 - c) Oversee national women's competitions and development activities
 - d) Set targets and key performance indicators for the development of women's and schoolgirl's football
 - e) Receive periodic and annual reports from the Regional Women's Football Committees
 - f) Monitor and review the ongoing progress of the strategic and annual plans
 - g) Review the impact of particular programmes of activity
 - h) Recommend priorities and courses of future action to the Board of the FAI
 - i) Agree timeline and focus for the development of each Strategic Plan
 - j) Responsible for proposing changes to these regulations or other matters pertaining to women's and schoolgirl's football to the FAI Board
 - k) Work with the FAI Finance Department to prioritise and review budgets
 - l) Report directly to the CEO and FAI Board on its activities
 - m) Implement any UEFA and FIFA directives or policy changes
 - n) Form sub committees where necessary for particular purposes.
14. The Women's Football Committee may carry out its functions through the WRFCs.
15. The Women's Football Committee shall be supported in its functions by the Women's Football Department, FAI Development Officers and all other relevant FAI staff as may be required from time to time.
16. The Women's Football Committee shall refer all matters more appropriately dealt with under the remit of the FAI Disciplinary Bodies to those bodies in accordance with FAI Rules. For the avoidance of any doubt matters not related to a breach of FAI Rules are matters entirely within the control of the Women's Football Committee whose decision shall be final and binding and not subject to any further review or appeal. Decisions of the FAI Disciplinary Bodies shall be binding on the Women's Football Committee.
17. Matters concerning child protection shall be referred to the FAI Child Welfare Officer in the first instance for initial evaluation and consideration and if necessary possible referral.
18. The Women's Football Committee may review and amend any decision taken by one of its WRFCs.

Article 3 – Women’s Regional Football Committees (WRFC)

1. The Women’s Football Committee have the power to increase or decrease the number of Regional Committees and to amend the composition of the WRFC’s with the approval of the FAI Board.
2. Initially the Women’s Regional Committees shall be as follows:
 - a) North West Regional Committee
 - b) Mid-West Regional Committee
 - c) West Regional Committee
 - d) South West Regional Committee
 - e) East Regional Committee
 - f) South East Regional Committee
 - g) North East Regional Committee
 - h) Midlands Regional Committee
3. The WRFCs shall be composed as follows:
 - a) One representative from each of the Leagues in the region operating women’s or schoolgirl football. Where a League in the region operates both women’s and schoolgirl football they shall have two representatives on the WRFC one to represent the women’s side of the game and one to represent the schoolgirls side of the game
 - b) One representative appointed by the National League of Ireland Clubs operating in the region to represent all of the Women’s National League of Ireland Clubs operating in the region subject to regional requirements
 - c) Up to one (1) representative from the Women’s Soccer Colleges Association of Ireland (WSCAI) subject to regional requirements
 - d) Up to one (1) representative from the Schoolboys F.A.I subject to regional requirements
 - e) Up to one (1) representative from the FAIS subject to regional requirements
 - f) Three (3) representatives nominated by the Women’s Football Committee
 - g) Additional representatives may be appointed to particular Regional Committees as the Women’s Football Committee deem necessary from time to time.
4. The Women’s Regional Football Committee shall be supported in its functions by the Women’s Football Department, FAI Development Officers in the region and all other relevant FAI staff as may be required from time to time.
5. In the event of any regional committee member being unable to attend a meeting, her nominating body may appoint a substitute to attend that particular meeting, provided that they notify the Chairperson by email at least five (5) days in advance.
6. Members appointed to each WRFC should have relevant expertise, knowledge or experience in the areas of grassroots, education, marketing and communications, high performance and Child Welfare. The Chairperson and Secretary to each Regional Committee shall also have such relevant expertise, knowledge or experience.
7. Members of the WRFC shall hold office for a two (2) year term and thereafter are eligible for reappointment.
8. If during their term of office a member of a Women's Regional Football Committee resigns or is no longer able to continue in their position, the body that they represent can nominate a

replacement member for the remainder of the term. If the member who resigns or is no longer able to continue in their position is either the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson the person who replaces them as a representative shall not automatically hold the same position. Once the replacement has been appointed the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson shall be appointed either by the Board in accordance with Article 3.11 or at the next meeting of the relevant Women's Regional Football Committee in accordance with Article 3.12, whichever applies for the remainder of the term. For the purposes of this Article 3.8 only the next meeting of the Women's Football Committee shall be regarded as an opening meeting.

9. Each WRFC shall oversee the development and growth of women's and schoolgirls football in their region and implement the Women's Strategic Plan as directed by the Women's Football Committee.
10. Each WRFC shall meet at least once every two (2) months and shall have a quorum of fifty (50) percent of the membership of each committee one of whom must be the sitting Chairperson or Vice Chairperson. Meetings may be transacted by conference call or other medium of communication where all participants can communicate and hear the other.
11. The first Chairperson of each of the WRFCs shall be appointed by the FAI Board for a two (2) year term. The first Vice Chairperson of each of the Regional Committees shall be elected from amongst the members of each Committee at their opening meeting. At the end of this first term of office the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected in accordance with Article 3.12 below.
12. Each WRFC shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from amongst its members at its opening meeting. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall act as Chairperson. The Chairperson shall have an original vote and a casting vote if required. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected for a two (2) year term and shall be eligible for re-election
13. Each WRFC shall elect a Secretary from amongst its members at its opening meeting. The Secretary shall be elected for a two (2) year term and shall be eligible for re-election.
14. The WRFCs shall have the following Terms of Reference:
 - a) Responsible for implementation of the Women's Football Committee strategy at regional level
 - b) Ensuring good communication with all stakeholders locally
 - c) Ensure that detailed annual operational plans which have been submitted to and approved by the Women's Football Committee are in place at the beginning of each year and agree timelines for each section
 - d) Monitor the ongoing progress of the annual plan
 - e) Evaluate the impact of annual plans and report back to FAI Women's Football Committee after each meeting
 - f) Oversee and manage local competitions, coach and referee education, emerging talent and participation events in line with FAI programmes
 - g) File an annual report to the Women's Football Committee
 - h) Shall report directly to the Women's Football Committee after each meeting
 - i) Can form sub-committees for particular purposes.
15. Each WRFC shall refer all matters more appropriately dealt with under the remit of the FAI Women's Football Committee to that Committee and shall refer all Disciplinary matters to

those bodies in accordance with FAI Rules. For the avoidance of any doubt matters not related to a breach of FAI Rules are matters entirely within the control of the Women's Football Committee. Decisions of the FAI Disciplinary Bodies shall be binding on the Women's Football Committee and each of the WRFCs.

16. Matters concerning child protection shall be referred to the FAI Child Welfare Officer in the first instance for initial evaluation and consideration and if necessary possible referral.
17. Decisions of each WRFC shall be reported to the Women's Football Committee.

III. ANNUAL CONVENTION

Article 4 – Annual Convention

1. Each year the Women's Football Committee must convene an Annual Convention for Clubs and Leagues involved in women's and schoolgirls football. Each Club and League affiliated as such to the FAI shall be entitled to nominate one Representative to represent them at the Annual Convention. The Women's Football Committee will decide when and where the Annual Convention will be held.
2. For the avoidance of doubt, only Leagues/Clubs who have discharged all affiliation and related fees owing on its behalf to the FAI shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual Convention.
3. The Notice for the Annual Convention and the Agenda must be sent to all Clubs and Leagues at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the Annual Convention. The Notice for the Annual Convention shall specify the day, the place and the hour of the meeting.
4. Proposals concerning any matters for discussion at the meeting may be submitted to the Women's Football Committee at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Convention for debate at the Annual Convention. Every such proposal shall be in writing and shall be signed by the Secretary of the League or Club submitting the proposal. Final recommendations arising from such debate shall following the convention be forwarded to the Women's Football Committee.
5. The conduct of the Convention(s) shall be determined by Standing Orders laid down by the Committee.
6. The business of the Annual Convention shall be:
 - a) Reports on the activities of the Women's Football Committee and the WRFC's shall be presented to the Annual Convention;
 - b) Debate any proposals that are properly before the meeting and agree recommendations to be forwarded to the Women's Football Committee;
 - c) Appoint twenty (20) members to the Women's Football Appeals Committee Pool.

IV. AFFILIATION

Article 5 - Affiliation

1. Each League shall affiliate directly to the FAI and shall pay the prescribed annual FAI affiliation fee on or before 31st December in the year the season commenced in accordance with FAI Rules.
2. For the avoidance of doubt Leagues operating a summer season must pay the prescribed annual FAI affiliation fee on or before 30th June in the year the season commenced.

V. DISCIPLINARY, DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES

Article 6 - Appeals

1. Disciplinary matters including Appeals from Clubs shall be dealt with in accordance with each Leagues own Rules.
2. The decision of a League may be appealed to the Women's Football Committee.
3. Appeals against a decision of a League shall be sent to the Women's Football Administrator by registered post within four (4) days of the date on which written notification of the decision being appealed against was received by the Appellant. For the avoidance of doubt time limits begin from the day after receipt of the notification. The request for Appeal must be accompanied by the following:
 - a) A copy of the decision being appealed against
 - b) Details of the reasons for the Appeal and confirmation of the date on which the decision was received
 - c) A bank draft or postal order in the sum of €400 made payable to the FAI
 - d) Confirmation that the League that made the decision being appealed against has been notified of the intention to appeal.
4. Notification of the intention to Appeal must also be sent by registered post at the same time as the Notice of Appeal to the League that issued the decision being appealed against.
5. On receipt of the Appeal the Women's Football Administrator shall ensure that the Appeal is in order. An Appeal is only in order if all of the requirements listed in Article 6.3 and 6.4 have been complied with.
6. If the Appeal is in order all interested parties to the Appeal shall be notified by the Women's Football Administrator and shall have three (3) days from such notification to make any submissions. As part of their submission the body against whose decision the Appeal is made must send a true copy of the minutes of the meeting at which the decision being appealed against was made and any proof of notification or delivery of such decision to the Appellant. Such body shall also send reasons for making that decision together with any other requested documentation or other documentation relevant to the Appeal.
7. The Women's Football Administrator will on behalf of the Women's Football Committee arrange a sub-committee (the Women's Football Appeals Committee) who will hear the Appeal and issue a decision.
8. The Women's Football Appeals Committee shall be composed of three (3) persons. A Chairperson who shall be a member of the Women's Football Committee and two others

appointed by the Women's Football Administrator from the Women's Football Appeals Committee pool provided that they are not conflicted. The members of the Women's Football Appeals Committee pool shall be appointed by the Annual Convention each year.

9. All hearings shall commence within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Appeal by the Women's Football Administrator unless there are exceptional circumstances which require an extension of this time period. The Women's Football Administrator shall inform all parties to the Appeal of the venue, date and time of the Women's Football Appeals Committee hearing.
10. The Women's Football Appeals Committee, once appointed, can issue directions to the parties in respect of the hearing prior to proceedings commencing.
11. All parties involved in the Appeal must, at least three (3) days before the hearing, confirm in writing, by post, fax or email to the Women's Football Administrator the name and the role within, or relationship to the party, of all persons who will be attending the hearing on their behalf, or at their request. The Women's Football Appeals Committee shall have discretion to permit the attendance of any persons not confirmed within the stated deadlines.
12. Any party involved in the appeal which fails to attend an Appeal hearing if requested to do so by the Women's Football Appeals Committee may be subject to disciplinary action.
13. The Women's Football Appeals Committee shall re-hear the case in question.
14. The Women's Football Appeals Committee shall consider all evidence that it deems relevant to the case and the Women's Football Appeals Committee will have absolute discretion regarding proof.
15. The Women's Football Appeals Committee shall have the power to uphold or reject the Appeal and/or to replace or vary the decision of the previous decision making body or to rule the Appeal out of order, provided the decision of the Women's Football Appeals Committee is not in conflict with any of the rules of the FAI, which shall take precedence at all times. The Women's Football Appeals Committee shall also have the power to send a case back to a previous decision making body to be re-heard, where appropriate in exceptional circumstances.
16. The Women's Football Appeals Committee may adjourn or suspend proceedings for further deliberation or to seek further or additional evidence or expert advice or where it is otherwise considered necessary to do so, provided an adjournment does not unduly prejudice any party. Following an adjournment the Women's Football Appeals Committee must reconvene within ten (10) days unless there are exceptional circumstances which require an extension of this time period.
17. The Women's Football Appeals Committee shall decide an Appeal on the basis of the rules of the FAI and the proof before them.
18. All parties shall be notified by the Women's Football Administrator within three (3) days by fax and/or electronic mail and/or registered post, of the decision of the Women's Football Appeals Committee. In urgent matters the Chairperson may issue or direct the Women's Football Administrator to issue an oral decision in advance of the written notification.

19. The Appeal fee shall only be returned when an Appeal is successful.
20. Decisions of the Women's Football Appeals Committee may be appealed to the FAI in accordance with the rules for FAI appeals contained in the FAI Rule book.

Article 7- Disputes/Complaints

1. Any issue regarding women's football which is not a disciplinary matter falling under the remit of a League, the WFC Appeal Committee or the FAI Appeal Committee, shall be referred in the first instance in writing to the relevant WRFC.
2. On receipt of notification of the issue the WRFC shall appoint a sub-committee (the "WRFC sub-committee") of three persons to review the issue and make a binding decision.
3. The WRFC sub-committee shall notify any relevant party about the issue within 5 days of receipt by the WRFC of notification of the issue and may where deemed necessary furnish them with a copy of the original notification.
4. Any party so notified must send a written response to the WRFC sub-committee within 5 days of notification being sent to them from the WRFC sub-committee.
5. The WRFC sub-committee will in the first instance aim to resolve any issue amicably within 5 days of receipt of the written response referred to in Article 7.4 above.
6. Where it is not possible to resolve an issue amicably the WRFC sub-committee may make a binding decision regarding the issue within 20 days of receipt of notification of the issue by the WRFC.
7. The WRFC sub-committee shall have absolute discretion regarding proof and may accept any evidence or proof unless it violates human dignity or does not serve to establish relevant facts. The WRFC sub-committee shall contact any party they deem relevant to establishing facts in any manner they deem necessary and they may call a meeting of all parties to discuss the issues in order to make their decision.
8. If the issue:
 - a) cannot be resolved amicably, or
 - b) is not within the remit of the WRFC, or
 - c) has been resolved by a decision from the WRFC but any party is not happy with the decision of the WRFC

then the matter shall be referred to the Women's Football Committee within 5 days. The Women's Football Committee shall appoint a sub-committee (the "WFC sub-committee") of 3 people to review and make a decision on the issue within 10 days of receipt of notification of the issue. This WFC sub-committee shall have the same powers regarding proof as outlined in Article 7.7 above.

9. The decision of the WFC sub-committee shall be final and binding on all Parties.

VI. COMPETITIONS

Article 8 - Competitions & Competition Rules

1. The FAI shall organise inter-league, inter-provincial, Gaynor tournaments, national cup competitions, and such other adult and underage competitions as shall be determined by the Women's Football Committee from time to time.
2. The entire control and management of all competitions referred to in Article 8.1 shall be vested in the Women's Football Committee.

Article 9 - Rules relating to the rights and duties of Leagues, Clubs and players

1. A properly constituted League shall satisfy the following requirements:
 - a) A League may have, subject to the approval of the Women's Football Committee, an adult and/or underage League but cannot affiliate more than two (2) leagues to the FAI. An Underage League may cater for players competing in League Competitions up to U18 years of age.
 - b) It shall promote the game of association football and be governed by the rules and regulations of the FAI.
 - c) All women's and girls' Clubs in the prescribed area shall be eligible for membership of the League, subject to the by-laws of their League, and they shall have the right to enter all Competitions providing they are properly registered to the FAI.
 - d) It shall be governed by regularly elected Officers and an Executive Committee, the election of such to take place at its Annual General Meeting. A person nominated for a position as an Officer or a member of the Executive Committee of any league shall be over eighteen (18) years of age.
 - e) It shall have the sole right to dispose of its own funds, through its Executive Committee. It shall not be called upon to render or disclose any of its business to any organisation other than the FAI in accordance with Rule 10.2 of the FAI Rules, which may at any time request the entire records of the League to be submitted for examination.
 - f) Its findings shall be binding in all matters of protests, reports of misconduct on the field etc. subject to the right of appeal to the Women's Football Appeals Committee and further appeal to the FAI.
 - g) A representative of a League shall not be entitled to more than actual out-of-pocket expenses when representing the League on any occasion.
 - h) Each League shall maintain an up-to-date register of players affiliated to clubs within their League.
 - i) Each League shall notify the Women's Football Administrator of the date, time and venue of their AGM. Members of the Women's Football Committee shall have the right to attend such an AGM.
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 - a) All Leagues and Clubs shall satisfy the Women's Football Committee that they are properly constituted in accordance with the Rules of the FAI.
 - b) Each League shall submit to the Women's Football Administrator, ten (10) days before the commencement of its League each year, a Return setting out a list of Clubs in membership, including contact details with email addresses, a list of its Officers and Committee, a copy of

its by-laws (Rules), a breakdown of the teams at each age level, and a list of competitions organised and competed for under its jurisdiction. This information must be submitted in the agreed format of the Women's Football Committee. Any changes or amendments to the information listed above must be sent immediately to the Women's Football Administrator.

- c) Failure to supply the information requested above may result in suspension from football activities and/or a fine.
3. a) No League or Club affiliated to the FAI shall take part in any competition which is not approved by the Women's Football Committee without prior written permission of the Women's Football Committee.
b) No League, Club or player shall play, or cause to be played, any match with any club outside the jurisdiction of the FAI without the prior written permission of the Women's Football Committee.
c) Application for such permission must be made, in writing, to the Women's Football Administrator. In the case of a Club, permission must also be received from their League and such permission must be forwarded at the same time as the request to the Women's Football Committee. Permission will only be granted provided that it does not interfere with any competitions run by the FAI.
d) Where any club that is seeking permission to take part in any match, friendly or competitive, or competition outside the jurisdiction of the FAI and intends inviting guest players from another club to take part in the match/matches, they shall first of all seek written permission from the Secretary of the player's club to include them in their squad. A copy of this permission shall be sent to the Women's Football Administrator together with the request for approval to play the match/matches.
e) Domestic friendly matches, including but not limited to Tournaments, must be sanctioned in advance and in writing by the League of the hosting Club/Team.
 4. All female players in membership of the FAI shall be amateurs and no club or player may play in any competition for which prizes are of a financial benefit to individual players.
 5. Any club or player who participates in any League operated without official sanction will be declared ineligible to play in any competition under the jurisdiction of the FAI.
 6. a) Misconduct shall be dealt with by the League in control of the team or player.
b) Findings in each case shall be sent to the Women's Football Administrator for record purposes. All suspensions imposed by affiliates relating to assaults on match officials must be notified by them immediately to the Disciplinary Control Unit of the FAI and to all other relevant bodies.
 7. Every Club in membership of the FAI shall be responsible to the FAI for the actions of its players, officials and spectators and shall take all necessary precautions to see that its matches are conducted in a proper manner.
 8. Each League shall, prior to accepting a Club into its membership, ensure that they have insurance as prescribed by the FAI.

Article 10 - Seasons, Registrations, and Transfers

1. a) Seasons are defined as -Winter Season - August 1 to May 31, Summer Season - March 1 to November 30.
 - b) The registration period shall be 1st June to 31st March inclusive for the Winter Season and 1st December to 30th September inclusive for the Summer Season.
 - c) The two (2) transfer periods shall be 1st June to 30th September inclusive and the 1st December to 31st January inclusive.
 - d) If a player's registration expires naturally at the end of her current season (i.e. 31st May Winter Season / 30th November Summer Season) a Transfer Form is not required for the player to register with another club in another League. Players registered with clubs whose fixtures extend beyond the above dates are committed to these clubs until those fixtures are completed.
 - e) No team shall be registered, by its Club, with more than one League at any one time.
2. a) All players in membership of the Association shall be registered with their League on a player's registration form approved by the FAI.
 - b) The Registration Form must be signed by the player. In the case of a minor the form must also be signed by the Parent/Guardian. The onus is on the Club Secretary to ensure the details on the form are correct.
 - c) The completed form must be sent to the relevant League Secretary/Registrar who shall keep a full record of all players registered in the League. Leagues shall retain the original Registration Forms for inspection.
 - d) The effective date of registration shall be the date on which the form is endorsed by the League Secretary/Registrar.
 - e) A player registered by any Club shall remain registered with that Club unless during that season she is transferred in accordance with Article 10.3 below.
 - f) A player registered with a college team may also register and play with a team in a Summer/Winter league provided her college team has not also affiliated to a league other than the Colleges League.
3. a) With the exception of the provisions in Article 10.3 (b) if a player is registered with a team she cannot join another team unless transferred in accordance with Article 10.1 (c).
 - b) Where a player is eligible to play at two different age levels or teams, movement of players between such teams in the same club shall not be regarded as a transfer even in the situation that the two teams play in different leagues.
 - c) No club official may approach another club's player seeking her transfer without first advising the player's Club Secretary. If a player seeking a transfer considers that her Club is wilfully withholding her transfer, she can appeal to the Executive Committee of her League who shall make a decision subject to the right of appeal to the Women's Football Appeals Committee.

- d) Notwithstanding the above, on an exceptional basis, the Women's Football Committee at its opening meeting may adopt regulations to govern the movement of under-age players between under-age teams in the same club. The operation of such regulations must be reviewed on an annual basis.
4. a) A team or club desiring to transfer to a different league at the end of a season must obtain a transfer on an official form (supplied by the Association) and signed by the Club, the League from which they are departing and the League they propose to enter.

Such a request must be made

- i) on or before 1st May for a team or club transferring from a league operating in the Winter Season to a league operating in the Winter Season,
 - ii) on or before 1st November for a team or club transferring from a league operating in the Summer Season to a league operating in the Summer Season
 - iii) on or before 31st August for a team or club transferring from a league operating in the Summer Season to a league operating in the Winter season
 - iv) on or before 31st March for a team or club transferring from a league operating in the Winter Season to a league operating in the Summer Season.
- b) It is a matter for each League to determine if an application for transfer from the League or to the League will be approved based on circumstances.
- c) Clubs and teams shall have the right to appeal a refusal by a League to grant a transfer out of their League to the relevant WRFC or the Women's Football Committee whichever is more appropriate.