

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S FOOTBALL  
YOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUES CONSTITUTION

Definition of terms

In this Constitution the following words bear the meanings unless the context requires otherwise;

“Annual General Meeting (AGM)”

shall mean an Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Women's Football Youth Regional League.

“Association Football”

shall mean any football played under the jurisdiction of FIFA and in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

“the Board”

shall mean the board of the Scottish FA.

“Chairperson of the Regional Management Committee”

shall mean the Chair of the Regional League Management Committee, who is nominated by the Scottish FA.

“Club”

shall mean a football club playing Association Football in the Scottish Women's Football Youth Regional Leagues.

“Club Member”

shall mean a Club in the Scottish Women's Football Youth Regional Leagues which has been recognised as a club member in accordance with Article 6 of Scottish Women's Football Articles and the expressions “Club Membership” and “Club Members” shall be construed accordingly.

“Code of Ethics”

shall mean the code of ethics issued by Scottish Women's Football from time to time.

“the Constitution”

shall mean the Constitution of the Scottish Women's Football Youth Regional Leagues.

“Disciplinary Procedures”

shall mean the disciplinary procedures for players and club officials of the Scottish FA as promulgated by the Board from time to time to deal with incidents and/or acts of misconduct occurring at a match.

“FIFA”

shall mean the Federation of International Football Associations.

“General Meeting”

shall mean a General Meeting of the Scottish Women's Football Youth Regional League.

“Girls’/Women’s Policy Working Group”

shall mean the Girls’/Women’s Policy Working Group which operates under the auspices of the Non-Professional Game Board of the Scottish FA.

“IFAB”

shall mean the International Football Association Board.

“Laws of the Game”

shall mean the laws of the game of Association Football promulgated and amended by IFAB from time to time.

“the League”

shall mean the Scottish Women’s Football Youth Regional League.

“League Administrator”

shall mean the National League Administrator employed by the Scottish FA.

“League Committee”

shall mean the Scottish Women’s Football Youth Regional League Committee, comprising of the office bearers of the League.

“League”

shall mean the Scottish Women’s Football Youth Regional Leagues.

“League Cup”

shall mean the Scottish Women’s Football Youth Regional League Cups.

“League and League Cup Competition Rules”

shall mean the Competition Rules for the Scottish Women’s Football Youth Regional Leagues and the Scottish Women’s Football Youth Regional League Cups.

“Non-Professional Game Board”

shall mean the body responsible for driving the development of the non-professional game in Scotland.

“Office Bearer(s)”

shall mean the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Scottish Women’s Youth Football Regional League elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Women’s Football Youth Regional League.

“Official”

shall mean any person having a function or duty or position involving authority or trust within a club or recognised football body.

“Player”

shall mean a player participating in Association Football under the jurisdiction of the Scottish FA and registered in accordance with SWF Article 7.

“Quorum”

shall mean the minimum required number of voting delegates attending a meeting before the meeting can commence.

“Regional Committee”

shall mean the Committee in each of the identified Scottish FA Regions in which one representative from each of the six affiliated SWF Youth Football Leagues is representing the Scottish Women’s Football Youth Regional League.

“Regional League Administrator”

shall mean the Regional League Administrator employed by the Scottish FA to work within a designated Region.

“Regional Management Committee”

shall mean the Regional League Management Committee comprising of representatives elected from the Scottish Women’s Football Youth Regional League and representatives nominated from the Scottish FA.

“Scottish FA”

shall mean the Scottish Football Association Limited.

“SWF”

shall mean Scottish Women’s Football.

“SWF Youth Committee”

shall mean the Youth Committee comprising of two representatives from each of the six affiliated member leagues.

“SWF Youth Executive Committee”

shall mean the Youth Executive Committee elected on an annual basis by the SWF Youth Committee, and shall consist of a Chairperson, 2 Vice-Chairpersons, Cup Organiser, and Child Protection Officer.

“UEFA”

shall mean the Union of European Football Associations.

## 1. Name

The league will be named the Scottish Women's Football Youth Regional League hereinafter referred to as The League. All in membership players, coaches and clubs shall be bound by the SWF Articles of Association. The League shall participate in Regional Football within the Scottish FA designated Regions.

## 2. Aims & Objectives

The object of the League shall be to provide organised football for girls at the relevant age-groups as directed by Scottish Women's Football in conjunction with the Girls'/Women's Policy Working Group.

The Scottish Women's Football Youth Regional League shall adhere to the Laws of the Game, the Scottish FA Articles, Scottish Women's Football (SWF) Articles, League and League Cup Competition Rules and Code of Ethics.

In pursuance of that objective, the Regional League Administrator(s) shall be empowered to organise and administer League and League Cup Competitions at such age groups as may be authorised from time to time.

The League may work with any other league or association affiliated to the SWF to promote and encourage the game for girls in Scotland.

## 3. Membership

Clubs will be admitted into membership of the League during the youth affiliation period of Scottish Women's Football. All clubs are expected to register in their respective region.

Application for membership shall be made in via the online system in use by SWF. On receipt of application, approval shall be granted to the club by the SWF where the club and teams meet the affiliation requirements. All clubs accepted must comply with the requirements of SWF in respect to Insurance, First-Aid, Coaching Certificates, and any other regulations as deemed necessary from time to time. The clubs shall also be required to sign up to SWF Code of Conduct.

Membership shall be open to all who fulfil the league criteria.

### 3.1 Player

A player shall be recognised by the League as a Player through her participation in a Club providing she has not been removed or barred from membership by the League or SWF, subject to the following provisions:-

Submission to the League of the Players Recreational Form as per SWF Registration procedures which will affect her agreement to adhere to the Laws of the Game, this Constitution, the Rules, the Disciplinary Procedures and other statutes/codes as required, SWF or Scottish FA, from time to time.

### 3.2 Club

A club shall be recognised by the League as a Member through its participation in the League providing that it has not been removed by or barred from membership by the League or SWF, subject to the following provisions;

Payment of the Annual Affiliation Fee and Submission to the League of the Club Affiliation in terms of which it has agreed to adhere to the Laws of the Game, this Constitution, the Rules, the Disciplinary Procedures and any other statutes/codes as required, SWF or Scottish FA from time to time.

#### 4. Annual League Affiliation Fee

Clubs admitted to the League shall pay an Affiliation Fee to the SWF within 30 days of affiliating to SWF for the coming season.

#### 5. Termination

SWF may terminate any membership should any infringement of the Constitution and/or Rules occur or other statutes or codes be broken, also if the Annual League Affiliation Fee has not been paid within 30 days.

#### 6. League format

A League shall commence where necessary with grading fixtures followed by League and League Cup fixtures. Where grading is not required leagues may commence from the start date of the season and should end by the last noted season in any calendar. Sub-divisions may be formed regionally by the Regional Management Committee when there are more than twelve member teams. Combined Regional Leagues may be formed where there are less than twelve member teams.

Should a team resign mid-season from the League, the League will continue until the end of the current season, when the situation will be reviewed by SWF in conjunction with the Regional Management Committee.

#### 7. Management of the Leagues (the Regional League Management Committee)

Scottish Women's Football, organise and administer the League(s) and the League Cup(s) in accordance with the Rules and the Laws of the Game, and in collaboration with the Regional League Management Committee in conjunction with the Girls'/Women's Policy Working Group.

A Regional Management Committee shall comprise a total of six representatives. The representative's period of tenure shall be for one year from date of appointment.

Within each region three representatives shall be nominated by the SWF Youth Regional Leagues, from members elected at an Annual General Meeting (End of season Meetings) , of all clubs in that region.

Scottish Women's Football shall nominate a further three representatives including the Chairperson.

A Regional League Administrator, employed by SWF shall provide administer the League and provide support to the Regional Management Committee.

Regional Management Committee members representing the SWF Youth Regional Leagues (retiring club representatives included) shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination.

Other club representatives seeking election to the Regional Management Committee shall be nominated by forwarding to the Regional League Administrator in writing their intention to stand for election, and shall be formally supported in writing by the individual's member club.

Within each region the names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting of the SWF Youth Regional Leagues for that region. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the terms aforesaid, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

If an election is required to determine the Management Committee representatives from the SWF Youth Regional Leagues, this will be conducted on the day of the Annual General Meeting by ballot.

The Regional Management Committee has responsibility for all matters relating to the League(s) and the League Cup Competition(s) within their own Region. The Regional Management Committee shall consider, review and implement, where appropriate, recommendations of the League Administrator and the Girls'/Women's Policy Working Group.

Each member of the Regional Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Regional Management Committee meetings and have one vote thereat. No member shall be allowed to vote on any matter directly appertaining to themselves or the club which they represent.

In the event of voting being equal on any matter, the Chairperson shall have a second and casting vote.

The quorum for any meeting of the Regional Management Committee shall be three.

#### 8. Disciplinary

The League Administrator shall carry out the Disciplinary Procedures for Players and Club Officials Misconduct for the clubs in accordance with the SWF's Disciplinary Procedures.

#### 9. Regional Committee Delegate

The League shall elect one representative who will sit on the SWF committee for the SWF AGM.

These members will be nominated on an annual basis following LMC elections.

#### 11. Insurance

SWF requires that all youth clubs have an insurance policy. Clubs who do not wish to use SWF Insurance broker shall submit a copy of their insurance policy to SWF for approval at the point of affiliation.

#### 12. Child Protection

All clubs must have a Child Protection Policy and adhere to the SWF Child Protection Policy.

#### 13. Code of Ethics

The League and its members will agree to adopt and abide by the Code of Ethics.

#### 14. Anti-Doping Charter

The League and its member clubs will agree to adopt and abide by the Anti-Doping Charter. Furthermore, the member clubs shall procure compliance with the Anti-Doping Charter by its officials, players and coaches.

#### 15. Annual General Meeting

a) The AGM of the League shall be held annually at a date in December when the order of business will be as follows:

1. Minutes of previous AGM
2. Review of Season
3. Rules and constitution voting review

#### 4. AOCB

Each club within the region will be required to send one representative to the AGM and will be entitled to one vote only on any issue. Where a club representative is a member of the League Committee then that club shall be entitled to send an additional representative to the AGM (but will only be entitled to one vote on any issue).

The AGM will require a quorum of two thirds of the member clubs.

#### 16. General Meeting

On a special requisition signed by not less than one-half of the clubs in membership of the League and stating the business to be considered, the Regional League Administrator, in conjunction with and on behalf of the League, shall be required to convene a General Meeting. The General Meeting will require a quorum of two-thirds.

The majority of members of all the League Committee will also have the power to request the convening of a General Meeting.

The meeting shall be called no sooner than twenty-one days from the time of notice, and the business detailed on the notice shall be the only business discussed.

#### 17. Amendments to the Constitution and Rules

All proposed amendments must be submitted to the board of the SWF, in consultation with the Girls/Women's Policy Working Group for approval prior to the League's AGM.

They will then be presented to the clubs ahead of the AGM for voting, the amendments will then be referred to the SWF AGM for ratification and acceptance. No amendment shall be made to this Constitution except at the Annual General Meeting or at a General Meeting convened for the purpose.

Notice of any proposed alteration or addition for consideration at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted in writing and be in the Regional League Administrator's hands not later than 31<sup>st</sup> August. SWF shall be empowered itself to propose any amendment.

A copy of any proposed amendment shall be sent to all teams not later than twenty one days prior to the Annual General Meeting or General Meeting at which it is to be considered. No amendment shall be made to the unless two-thirds of those qualified to vote shall have voted and a majority of members voting shall be necessary to carry the motion.

#### 18. Dissolution of the League

The League will not be dissolved except with the consent of not less than two-thirds of the members present at a General Meeting called especially for that purpose subject to ratification by the SWF in consultation with the Girls/Women's Policy Working Group.

#### 19. Interpretation

The LMC, in consultation with the League Administrator, shall have full powers to determine any matter relating to the interpretation of the Constitution, and matters not covered within will be covered through SWF Articles of Association and/or Scottish FA Articles.