**Appointment of Independent Members to Association Committees**

The Irish Football Association is the governing body for association football within Northern Ireland, and is the fourth oldest Association in World Football.

Over the past few years the Association has undertaken a review of its governance and a number of positions within its participative governance committee structure have been reserved for independent members (those who are not connected to any of the IFA’s member Clubs, leagues or associations). It is expected that applicants should have an interest in and empathy with association football and would wish to make a positive contribution to its administration at an exciting time for the game in Northern Ireland.

The Irish Football Association is seeking to recruit a number of individuals who have no affiliation to any of its clubs to serve on Association Committees as follows –

1. **Licensing Committee – Two Members**
2. **Licensing Appeals Committee – Two Members**
3. **Audit and Risk Committee – One Member**
4. **IFA Foundation Trustee Committee – One Trustee**

*All positions will be for an initial tenure of three years.*

*All positions are non-remunerated, but appropriate out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed.*

***Licensing Committee & Licensing Appeals Committee***

The Licensing and Licensing Appeals Committees are constituted under the Articles of Association and are responsible for the provision of Licensing manuals and the granting of licenses to clubs to enable participation in UEFA Club competitions, NIFL Premiership and Championship. Licenses are awarded annually and clubs must meet standards in administration and personnel, facilities, sporting infrastructure and finance.

The Association is particularly seeking applicants who have experience in at least one of the following disciplines –

* Marketing
* People Management
* Financial management
* Administration

***Audit and Risk Committee***

The Audit and Risk Committee is a Committee of the Irish FA’s Board, the overall purpose of

which is to assist the Irish FA Board in discharging its responsibilities with regards to financial

reporting, internal controls, and risk management principles and maintaining an appropriate

relationship with the Irish FA’s internal and external auditors.

The Association are seeking applications from suitably qualified financial professionals who

can demonstrate recent audit or risk management experience in a multi-faceted organisation.

***IFA Foundation Trustee Committee***

The IFA Foundation is a charitable foundation set up in 2016 to fulfil the charitable aims of its parent organisation, The Irish Football Association, in particular providing the funds and resources to develop and complete the IFA Youth Strategy – Let Them Play and also operates numerous programmes of community and social interaction. It is a registered charity (NI 106229) and a company limited by guarantee. Trustees to the IFA Foundation meet a minimum of six times per year.

Candidates for the Board should demonstrate the following –

* Experience and knowledge of the charity sector in Northern Ireland
* Experience of contributing at board level in an organisation
* Experience of contributing to project development and the ability to critically examine project outcomes.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**How to Apply:** Applications for consideration of any of the above positions should apply by submission of a CV and attached Covering Letter outlining how the applicant meets the criteria for the relevant position. CV’s and Covering Letter’s should be sent via emailing recruitment@irishfa.com or via post to the following address:

CEO Office

Irish Football Association

National Football Stadium

Donegall Avenue

Belfast

BT12 5LW

**Closing date:** The closing date for the receipt of completed application is **12:00 (noon)** on **Wednesday 24th April 2019**. Applications received after the closing date and time will not be considered.

**The Irish Football Association is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications form all sections of the community. All appointments will be made on the basis of merit.**

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