

SWWGL 2021-22 Season **Developing female football** across South Wales with 74 clubs, 288 teams & ~3500 players



Age groups U12 & U13 play as per the guidelines in the FAW Small Sided Football Regulations which are available under [League Documents here](#).

The U12 section has 35 teams entered (16 U12 only and 19 mixed U11 & U12). Any team that has U12 players only may play on a competitive basis whereas teams with mixed U11 & U12 will be non-competitive. All will play one match each week in the 9v9 format with goal size of 16'x7'. The 19 non-competitive mixed teams will be split into East & West Divisions. The 16 competitive teams will be split into 3 Regional Divisions (Gwent, North & South) where there will be 2 stages of round robin fixtures in order to sort the teams by ability. After completion they will form into 3 Divisions based on ability continuing on a Home and Away fixture basis. *We will also have some competitive Cups for teams that can field sufficient U12 players only.*

The U13 section has 30 teams entered which will initially be split into 4 Regional Divisions (East, North, South & West). There will be 2 stages of round robin fixtures over an initial 12 week period in order to sort the teams by ability. Teams will play one match each week in the 9v9 format with goal size of 16'x7'. After completion they will form into 4 Divisions based on ability continuing on a Home and Away fixture basis.

The U14 section has 20 teams so we will have 3 Divisions based on ability as determined by the 2019-20 season's League positions at U12. They will play 11-a-side fixtures 30 mins each way on a Home & Away basis with full size goals.

The U15 section has 26 teams so we will have 3 or 4 Divisions based on ability as determined by Regional Fixtures (Central, East & West) plus new and selected teams in Division 4. They will play 11-a-side fixtures 35 mins each way on a Home & Away basis.

The U16 section has 14 teams so we will have 2 Divisions based on ability as determined by the 2019-20 season's League positions at U14. They will play 11-a-side fixtures 40 mins each way on a Home & Away basis.

The U17 section has 6 teams so we will have 1 Division only. They will play 11-a-side fixtures 40 mins each way on a Home & Away basis.

The Women's section of 22 teams is split into 12 that are in the South & West Combined Division (Tier 3) with 10 in SWWGL Division 1.

As in previous seasons the FAW are running both Women's and U16 Girls Cups and the SWFA will run a Women's Cup as well as for the first time U14 and U15 Girls' Cups.

It is still to be finalised depending on how well the season starts which League Cups will start with a group phase but the intention is that as we have small Divisions most Age Groups will but not the Women. The Junior teams would generally be split into 4 groups to play 1 round of fixtures before entering the knock-out phase of the tournaments. If we end up being disrupted in the Autumn then we will revert to straight knock-out League Cup competitions or cancelling the Cups altogether.

Where there are 16 or more teams who have entered in an age group (U14 & Women) there will also be a League Trophy competition. Where there are 24 or more teams who have entered in an age group (U12, U13 & U15) there will also be a League Trophy and League

Shield competition.