

ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION STRATEGY

2023/24



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INTRODUCTION

The Football Association of Wales shares FIFA's objective in protecting the integrity of football, specifically in preventing all methods or practices, such as corruption, doping or match manipulation, which might jeopardise the integrity of matches, Competitions, Players, Officials or give rise to abuse of Association Football.

The FAW aim to implement an effective approach towards preventing and challenging all forms of manipulation and unlawful influencing of football matches, competitions or individual performance.

The objective of the FAW's Anti-Doping Strategy is based on the promotion of integrity and clean sport in order to protect football matches and competitions. This will be achieved through an approach around 3 Core Pillars:

PREVENT: DETECT: RESPOND.

These pillars are comprised of promoting integrity and clean sport at all times through proactively educating and raising awareness throughout the football family to protect the values of clean sport and a level playing field in football.

We will protect football matches and competitions against doping through detection programs and by responding swiftly investigating any alleged breaches and imposing sanctions where sufficient evidence is found proven.

We believe that football should be an equal game where everyone has the same opportunity to be the best they can be and should always attain this cleanly and fairly.

Success should always be strived for and achieved on hard work and merit and not through manipulation or cheating.

The Anti-Doping Education Strategy outlines our commitments and implementation plan in delivering a value based approach for anti-doping education within the prevent pillar of the FAW Integrity Strategy.

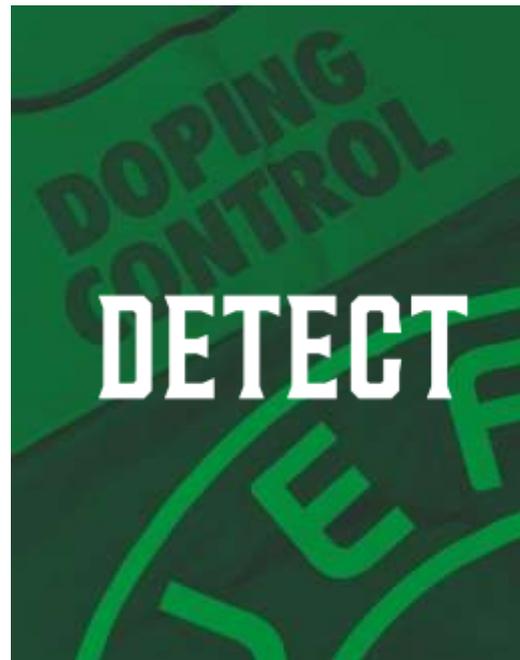


OBJECTIVES:

The strategic priority and objective of the FAW's Anti-Doping Strategy is to promote integrity and clean sport in order to protect football matches and competitions. This will be achieved through implementing 3 Core Pillars:

PREVENT:DETECT:RESPOND

This document outlines our Education Strategy & Implementation Plan within the Prevent Pillar.



CORE PILLARS

PREVENT

The first stage of the FAW Anti-Doping Strategy is **Prevention** through advocating Anti-Doping principles. We aim to be proactive in our approach in raising awareness and providing a values-based education programme to the football family, highlighting the values of clean sport and the FAW Anti-Doping rules and regulations in football.

DETECT

At the second stage of **Detection**, partnership work and mechanisms will be implemented for effective monitoring and reporting of information linked to allegations or suspicion of Anti-Doping breaches.

RESPOND

The final stage is **Responding** where an allegation, positive test or Anti-Doping rule violation is detected. An effective response process will commence involving an investigation leading to sanctions working with UKAD or relevant authority in accordance with FAW Rules and Regulations.

A green-tinted photograph of a meeting room. Several people are seated at tables, facing towards the front of the room. A large whiteboard or screen is visible in the background. The word "PREVENT" is overlaid in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

PREVENT

PREVENT

AWARENESS & EDUCATION

PROMOTION OF INTEGRITY & CLEAN SPORT.

Awareness and Promotion of Integrity & Clean Sport Principles and FAW Rules & Regulations.

We will develop and implement campaigns and communications to raise awareness and promote the core principles of integrity and clean sport throughout the year, specifically during periods such as Clean Sport Week (May) and Sport Integrity Week (Sep) to educate and inform the football family in Wales.

We will provide pre-competition briefings on integrity and clean sport before the start of each season for our Member Clubs, Match Officials, and our National teams & regional squads.

Educational Training and Prevention Programs.

An important element of the Prevent pillar will be the education of Players, Coaches, Officials, and other Player support personnel throughout the football family. Greater awareness and education is the best defence against integrity breaches and in developing a clean sport mentality throughout football. It is important that everyone understands the risks of doping and the consequences of breaching the FAW's Anti-Doping rules.

We will provide a range of Anti-Doping educational resources and establish Anti-Doping education and prevention programmes.

The education and prevention programme will include e-learning modules as well as briefings and educational workshops for Players/Team Officials/Player Support Personnel and all National/National Youth Team Players (working in partnership to implement the programme with other National Associations and Clubs where required).

TARGETED GROUPS (GROUPS FOR MANDATORY EDUCATION) EDUCATION PROGRAMME AUDIENCE & DELIVERY PLAN

IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL TARGET GROUPS FOR EDUCATION

Below are the groups of individuals who are potential targets for education.

POTENTIAL TARGET GROUPS (NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS)	
Players (91,249)	Safeguarding Officer (581)
Assistant Manager (650)	Security Officer (30)
Coach (7872)	Sports Therapist (29)
First Aider (2085)	Covid-19 Compliance Officer (67)
First Team Manager (566)	Accreditation Officer (315)
First Team Assistant Manager (180)	Assistant Secretary (124)
Team Helper (1891)	Chairperson (938)
Team Manager (1427)	Club Volunteer (245)
Academy Administrator (16)	COMET Champion (425)
Chartered Physiotherapist (11)	Commercial Officer (21)
Coaching Co-ordinator (123)	Committee Member (932)
Doctor (18)	Community Officer (124)
Finance officer (57)	Disability Access Officer (24)
Footie Huddle Co-ordinator (24)	Disciplinary Officer (7)
General manager (72)	Fixture Secretary (134)
Goalkeeper Coach (181)	Parent Liaison Officer (74)
Head of Coaching (19)	President (73)
Head of Youth (41)	Referees Officer (6)
Kit and equipment manager (75)	Secretary (1027)
Media Officer (104)	Steward (169)
Medical Officer (7)	Supporter Liaison Officer (26)
Volunteer Co-ordinator (143)	Treasurer (909)

Below is a list of mandatory target groups to receive mandatory Anti-Doping education as part of the education programme. The implementation of this education is described in further detail in the implementation plan.

GROUP	APPROX NUMBERS	HOW	WHEN
Men's National 1 st Teams (including futsal)	24 Players in the Team each camp (additional players in the talent pool)	Delivered via Clubs and/or by workshop by FAW/UKAD accredited Educator (where required).	Delivering during regular football season and/or delivered on camp in line with major tournaments.
Women's National 1 st Team	24 Players in the Team each camp (additional players in the talent pool)	Delivered via Clubs or by workshop by FAW/UKAD accredited Educator (where required).	Delivering during regular football season and/or delivered on camp in line with major tournaments.
Men's National Youth Teams	168 players in Teams U-15-U21's (additional players in the talent pool)	Delivered via Clubs or by workshop by FAW/UKAD accredited Educator (where required).	Delivering during regular football season and/or delivered on camp in line with major tournaments.
Women's National Youth Teams	120 players in Teams U-15-U19's (additional players in the talent pool)	Delivered via Clubs or by workshop by FAW/UKAD accredited Educator (where required).	Delivering during regular football season and/or delivered on camp in line with major tournaments.
Men's Cymru Premier (Tier 1) / Men's futsal league Players & Player Support Personnel (Coaches /Club Official & Medical staff)	916 Players / 24 Coaches /Club Official & Medical staff	UKAD Athlete & Coach/Clean Sport Advisor online courses.	Messages via incorporated system (COMET) used to provide relevant links to education courses prior to and during the 2023-24. – Players, coaches, and ASP will complete relevant courses during 2023-24 season.
Women's Adran Premier (Tier 1) Players & Player Support Personnel (Coaches /Club Official & Medical staff)	372 Players / 16 Coaches /Club Official & Medical staff	UKAD athlete Online course & Coach/Clean Sport Advisor online courses.	Messages via incorporated system (COMET) used to provide relevant links to education courses prior to and during the 2023-24.
FAW Academy Players	6,336 Players	Delivered through FAW Antidoping workshop by Club Official who is a clean sport advisor as part of Academy Education Programme.	Through out the 2023-24 season.
Players returning from a sanction	N/A	Delivered by online programme offered by UKAD for athletes returning from a sanction or 1-2-1 workshop delivered by FAW/UKAD accredited Educator.	Upon return to play.

Below is a list of additional target groups that are not part of the targeted mandatory groups but will still receive information on how to access antidoping education which will be voluntary to complete.

OTHER GROUPS (OPTIONAL GROUPS FOR EXPOSURE TO CLEAN SPORT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES)

GROUP	APPROX NUMBERS	HOW	WHEN
All Players (Tiers 2 & below)	91,000	UKAD Athlete online course.	2023/24.
All Player support personnel (Tiers 2 & below)	17,000	UKAD Clean Sport Advisor Course.	2023/24.

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GROUPS NOT INCLUDED

GROUPS	REASONING
Academy Administrator.	Not applicable to role
Finance officer	Not applicable to role
Kit and equipment manager	Not applicable to role
General manager	Not applicable to role
Media Officer	Not applicable to role
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Not applicable to role
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Treasurer	Not applicable to role

Below is the current Anti-Doping workforce at the FAW. The FAW will utilise UKAD tutors from the National Educator pool working in collaboration with other NGBS in Wales sharing current educators delivering in Wales. The number of UKAD Anti-Doping accredited tutors at the FAW will be trained as demand increases.

RESOURCES – WORKFORCE

PERSON	RESPONSIBILITY
FAW Integrity Manager.	FAW Anti-Doping lead & UKAD accredited Educator. Workshop/briefing delivery to Nation Teams & National Youth Teams.
FAW Academy - Clean Sport Advisors.	Delivering Anti-Doping workshop as part of FAW Academy Education Programme.
UKAD Educator pool.	Delivering educational workshops where required.

PREVENT PILLAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (EDUCATION & AWARENESS)

GOAL (WHAT)	ACTION (HOW)	YEAR (WHEN)	TARGET (PLAN)	OUTCOME (SUCCESS IS)	WHO (?)	PROGRESS (ACHIEVED)	STATUS (RAG)
1. Increase the Awareness and Promotion of Integrity Principles and clean sport. (Information Programmes)	1. Implement communication campaigns for identified & targeted Players and Player support personnel to raise awareness of clean sport & Anti-Doping Rules & Regulations.	1. 2023/24 season	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Included as part of Player registration briefing document & League handbooks. Social media campaign during Clean Sport Week (May), Play True Day (Apr) & Sport Integrity Week (Sep). Share a range of Integrity and Clean Sport resources & social media assets. Communicate annually via COMET system direct communications to individuals changes to the code, associated International Standards and the prohibited list factsheet to all Members, along with TUE information to relevant personnel. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A better awareness of integrity & clean sport principles & FAW Anti-Doping Rules & Regulations across the football family. Members are up to date with changes to the code, International Standards, prohibited list & TUE information. 	Integrity Manager, Competitions Department, International Department & Marketing Department.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Messages sent via COMET system to relevant club secretaries and relevant players directing them towards relevant FAW Integrity and UKAD E-Learning courses, whether for players, coaches, or ASP. End of 23/24 season and prior to 24/25, email sent to 4 prospective European qualifying clubs. This directs players to relevant E- 	

						<p>Learning Courses</p> <p>3. Message delivered via COMET to relevant clubs for players within TUE pool, using information provided by UKAD.</p> <p>4. Information and messages delivered via social media channels in conjuncture with UKAD and FAW Communication and engagement department for Clean Sport Week 2024. FAW themed posts created assisted with UKAD material.</p>	
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<p>2. Educational Training and Prevention Programs.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide provision of values-based antidoping education to all Players & Player support personnel. 2. See FAW Clean Sport Curricula in the appendix for topics covered in education for Players & Player support personnel. 3. Provide values based Anti-Doping education to FAW academy players. 4. See FAW Clean Sport Curricula in the appendix for topics covered in the educational workshop for 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2023/24 for all mandatory targeted Players & 2. Revalidated & delivered every two years thereon. 3. Delivered Annually. 4. Before returning to football 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deliver an Anti-Doping education programme to identified & targeted mandatory Players & Player support personnel using UKAD Clean Sport Hub (online education courses) or face to face delivery by an accredited UKAD Educator 2. Mandatory as part of Club Licencing for all Players & Player support personnel representatives (1 Medical representative, 1 Coach/Club Official at each Club) in Men's Cymru Premier & Women's Adran Premier to complete an online UKAD course by end of 2023/24 season. (Revalidated every two years thereon.) 3. Optional for all other Players & Player support personnel in FAW sport system. Information will be 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A better understanding of antidoping principles and clean sport values, Rules & consequences of Anti-Doping breaches. 2. Reflection of previous violations & prevention of any further Anti-Doping violations 	<p>Integrity Manager, International Department, Competitions Department, Head of Player</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instructions from the FAW for club secretaries to collate player completion certificates, for submission to FAW. 2. Plan for club in Europe's youth team to receive face-to-face education before they play in Europe in 24/25 season. 	
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	<p>FAW Academy Players.</p> <p>5. Provide a bespoke values-based education workshop for individuals returning to football following an Anti-Doping sanction.</p>		<p>provided to access UKAD online courses.</p> <p>4. Provide Anti-Doping Educational workshops to all Players & Player support personnel (required who have not received education via another National Association anti-d oping program via Clubs) in all International/Age Group Teams during training camps in line with major tournaments. Players who have received education will have a briefing update prior to a major tournament with the information provided based on any relevant tournament rules or local information.</p> <p>5. Anti-Doping workshop delivered as part of FAW. Academy Education Implementation Program. Tutors to complete UKAD Clean</p>		<p>3. Working with National Sides, both Men's and Women's national sides received face-to-face training in previous season whilst on international camps.</p> <p>4. A number of these players had also received education face-to-face with their clubs, majority within the English FA. A few had also completed E-Learning who had come through International Pathway.</p> <p>5. Men's and Women's u19's & u17's engaged well, and have</p>	
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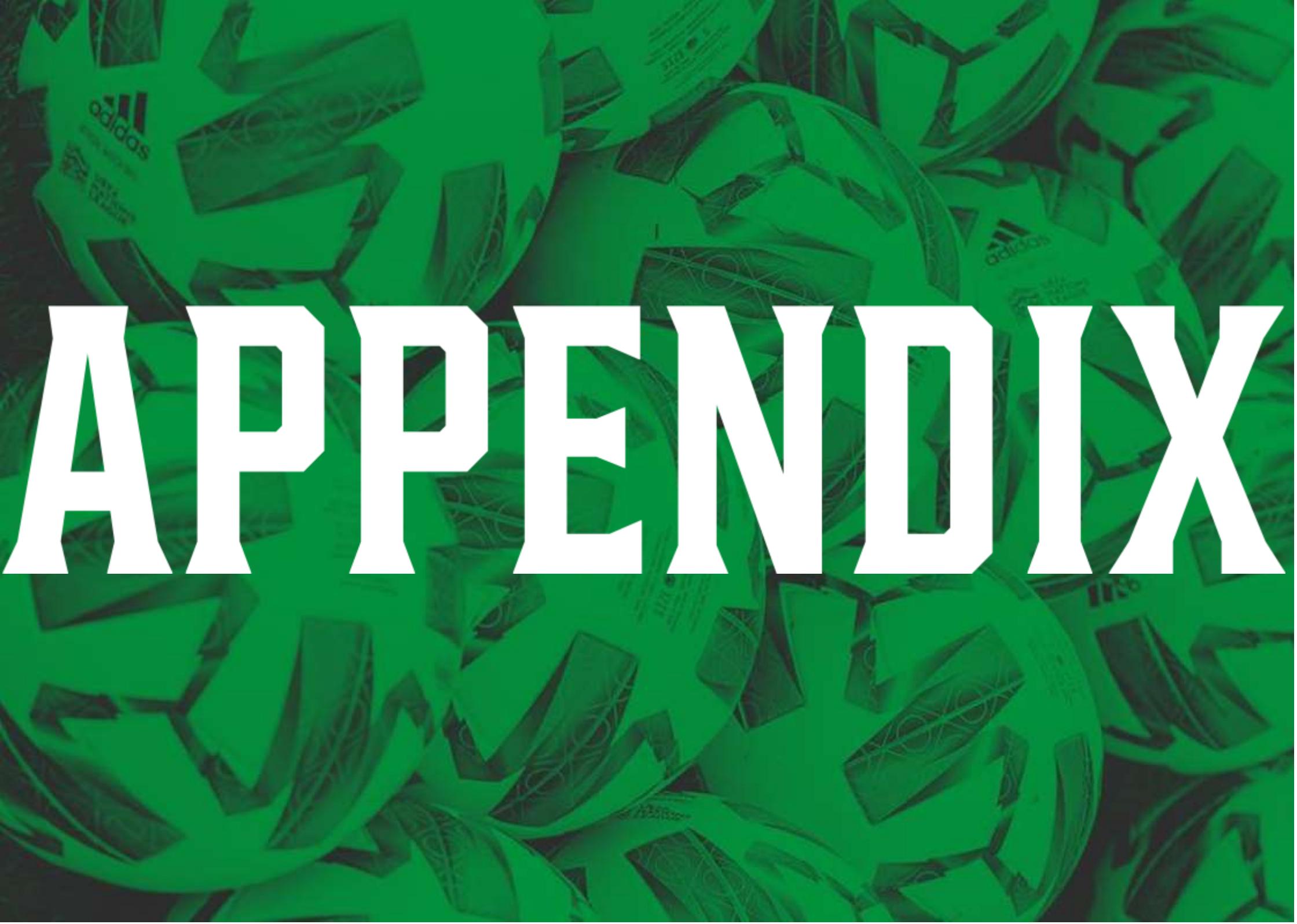
			<p>Sport Advisor Course & FAW Anti-Doping Education (Train the Trainer) workshop prior to delivering education.</p> <p>6. Deliver bespoke antidoping education workshop with individuals returning to football following an Anti-Doping sanction delivered by a certified UKAD Educator or UKAD course.</p>			<p>completed online education integrity and UKAD courses. They also received face-to-face education on international Camps.</p>	
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						<p>6. Players, coaches and ASP at clubs' education is via E-Learning.</p> <p>7. Academy players receive it face-to-face delivered by required "clean sport advisor".</p>	
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<p>3. Training monitoring & revalidation tracking.</p>	<p>1. Track & monitor Anti-Doping education delivered by other National Associations via Clubs to Welsh National Team/Age Group Players</p>	<p>1. Tracked through 2022/23</p>	<p>1. Database to be developed & monitored annually to track Players & Player support personnel who have /have not accessed the Anti-Doping educational programme & when revalidation is required. Agreement with other National Associations to share names & dates of Players & Player support personnel accessing antidoping education to assist with tracking & monitoring database & informing any gaps in the education provision for all Welsh Players at National/Age Group pathway. Avoids Risk of duplication of education.</p>	<p>1. Validation that all targeted Player & Player Support personnel have accessed Anti-Doping education in the targeted timeframe & are alerted when revalidation is due.</p> <p>2. Being able to identify any Player & Player support personnel who have not completed Anti-Doping education. Avoidance of duplication of education where Players or Player support personal have received Anti-Doping education via another National Association/Club.</p>	<p>Integrity Manager, International Department, Competitions Department, Head of Player Development & Head of coaching at Clubs.</p>	<p>1. List of players educated by the FA provided – database developed.</p> <p>2. Where players are not in England or Wales, we will strive to contact relevant FA to confirm what education has been received.</p> <p>3. Information sent via COMET instructs players that they need to provide certificates to club secretaries, who will collate to pass to FAW</p>	
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						<p>4. For national sides, players split into male and female in database, rather than age group so we are able to monitor a player's education more effectively, helping to prevent overlap as they progress through the age groups</p>	
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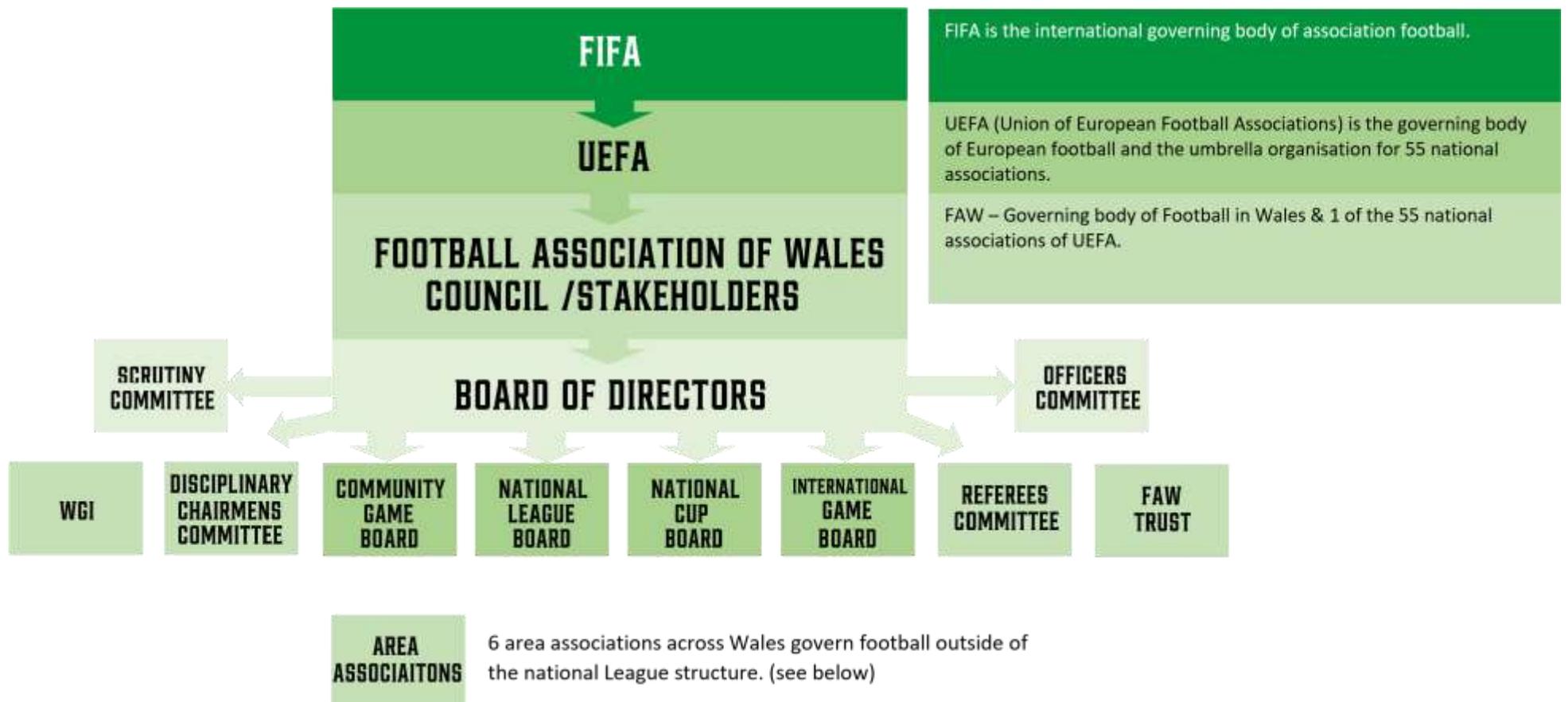
					<p>5. National camps will have photo and signed register of attendees.</p> <p>6. Regarding clubs and league, database is kept on a club-by-club basis.</p> <p>7. Database does allow us to easily search if we have record of education and if so what form and when.</p>	
NOT STARTED			IN PROGRESS		COMPLETED	

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APPENDIX

SPORTS SYSTEM & SIGNIFICANT PARTNERS

FAW GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



SPORTING LANDSCAPE

The below diagrams outline the sporting landscape and performance pathways within the game in Wales.

BOYS / MENS PATHWAY



The above diagram outlines our performance pathway for boys/men's football in Wales.

GIRLS / WOMENS PATHWAY



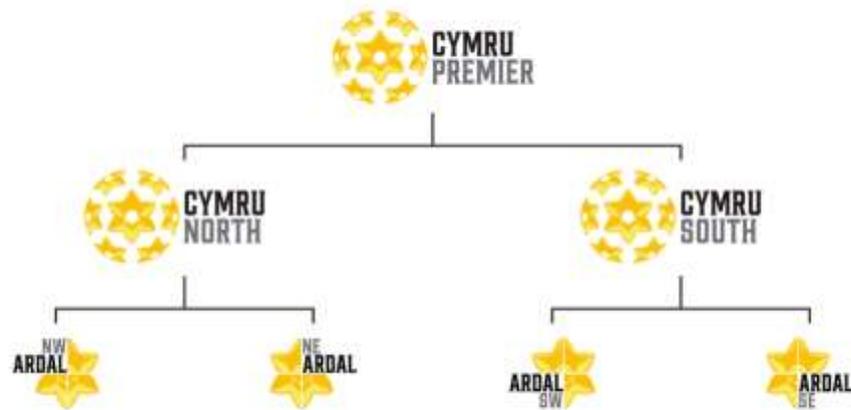
The above diagram outlines our performance pathway for girls/women's football in Wales

NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS	
National Team (pool)	850

WELSH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL LEAGUE STRUCTURE

MENS



The above diagram outlines our National League structure for men's football in Wales in which is governed directly by the FAW.

WOMENS



The above diagram outlines our National League structure for women's football in Wales in which is governed directly by the FAW.

NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS

Cymru Premier (Tier 1 Men's) - Under 16 age and above	916
Cymru North – (Tier 2 Men's) Under 16 age and above	1157
Cymru South - (Tier 2 Men's) Under 16 age and above	1257
Adran Premier – (Tier 1 Women's) Under 16 age and above	372
Adran North – (Tier 2 Women's) Under 16 age and above	280
Adran South – (Tier 2 Women's) Under 16 age and above	309

Registers for all individuals participating in educational sessions and those accessing UKAD online courses will be collected and retained in the FAW antidoping education database. This is essential to assess individuals who have not yet accessed the education programme and when revalidation is required.

The FAW Anti-Doping Education Strategy & Implementation Plan will be monitored by the FAW Integrity Manager and FAW Board Anti-Doping Lead and progress will be tracked using the RAG & progress sections of the above implementation Plan. Changes to the Implementation Plan will be made as required and a report will be provided to the FAW CEO & Board annually.

MONITORING & EVALUATION

The FAW will provide monitoring information to UKAD or other key stakeholders upon request.

FAW CLEAN SPORT CURRICULUM – PLAYERS & PLAYER SUPPORT PERSONELLE

UNIT	TOPIC	NAME	GRASSROOTS CLUBS	FAW ACADEMIES /REGIONAL SQUADS	CYMRU PREMIER & ADRAN PREMIER CLUBS	PROFESSIONAL CLUB ACADEMIES	NATIONAL TEAM & NATIONAL YOUTH TEAMS
Unit One: Global and National Anti-Doping Governance	1	Global and National Anti-Doping Governance	1	1	2	3	3
Unit Two: Good Practice in Anti-Doping	2	Principles of 100% me	3	3	3	3	3
		The Prohibited List (The List)	1	2	3	3	3
		Checking Medications	1	3	3	3	3
		Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)	1	2	3	3	3
		Food First/Supplements	3	3	3	3	3
		Report Doping in Sport	3	3	3	3	3

KEY

- 1 – The individual is aware of...
- 2 – The individual understands...
- 3 – The individual will be able to apply these principles in everyday life...

Unit Three: Preparation and Procedures for Testing Athletes	3	Testing Procedures for Blood and Urine	-	3	3	3	3
		Testing Pools	-	2	3	3	3
		Whereabouts Requirements	-	2	3	3	3
		Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS)	-	2	3	3	3
		Athlete Biological Passport (ABP)*	-	1	3	3	3
Unit Four: ADRVs and the Consequences of Doping	4	Results Management Process	-	1	3	3	3
		Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs)	1	3	3	3	3
		Consequences of doping	1	3	3	3	3
Unit Five: Societal Factors	5	Image and Performance Enhancing Drugs (IPEDs)/ Intravenous (IV) Infusion	2	3	3	3	3
		Psychoactive Drugs	2	3	3	3	3

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