



## **Colemanstown United Football Club**

### **Similar Access Policy**





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## Colemanstown United Football Similar Access Policy

### 1. About this Policy

- 1.1 Colemanstown United F.C. undertakes that it will provide similar access on equal terms to females and males of its facilities

### 2. Similar Access Steps

- 2.1 Colemanstown United F.C.'s Committee will undertake the necessary and proportionate steps towards implementation of a Similar Access Policy by ensuring that:
  - 2.2 Females and males will have similar access to facilities, including the 'best' training, game and optimal facility times, as well as similar access to social and changing room facilities.
  - 2.3 Females and males can fully participate in all aspects of the club, including as a player, active participant, coach, administrator, official, volunteer and spectator.
  - 2.4 Females and males will have similar access to and similar use of the sport infrastructure.
  - 2.5 Females and males will be represented in leadership and governance roles, including representation in line with government policy at board level\*.
  - 2.6 All user groups who access and use the facility are encouraged and supported to understand, implement and adopt our similar access policy.
  - 2.7 User groups which demonstrate an ongoing commitment to implementing similar access policies are prioritised and supported.
  - 2.8 We further undertake to post our Similar Access Policy and to update it annually, on our club website (or on another suitable and publicly accessible forum.)
  - 2.9 We confirm compliance with the provisions of the Equal Status Acts.

\* *All sporting bodies in receipt of State funding must have at least 40 per cent female at board level. '2019 - Publication of Sport Ireland Policy on Women in Sport & Appointment of Women in Sport Lead'*

### 3. Publicity

- 3.1 A copy of this policy is available on the Colemanstown United FC website





#### 4. Declaration

On behalf of Colemanstown United F.C. we, the undersigned, will oversee the implementation of the Club Policy and take all necessary steps to ensure it is adhered to.

Signed: *Sandra King*

Name: Sandra King

Role: Secretary

Date: 22/12/2025

Signed: *Adrian Burke*

Name: Adrian Burke

Role: Club Chairperson / DLP

Date: 22/12/2025

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## 5. Appendix, Similar Access Paragraph in Clubs AGM Report\*\*

Currently Colemanstown United FC has 325 members of which 111 are female and 214 are male (2023/24 season). Membership for 2024/25 season is still open & steadily growing.

It is expected that Colemanstown United FC will realise similar access by the year 2027. The club commits to increasing similar access by 25% year on year until our goal is achieved. In 2019 we embarked on a female participation strategy across all aspects of our club (players, coaches & decision making/ committee level) and at that time we had 2 girls participating in underage boys competitions. In a bid to become a 50/50 male/ female club & as part of our club development plan 2018; we registered for the FAI Soccer Sisters programme which we participated in for 3 successive years. We signed up to the 20x20 charter in 2020 in a conscious effort to grow our female participation which was driven by our 20x20 champions. Covid aborted our ambitious plans as part of our planned 20x20 schedule of events. We signed up for the Disney Playmakers Programme for 2 consecutive years, the 'Girls in Green' initiative & organised numerous fun 'GLOW Football' events. We organised our own 'Festival of Girls' Football in 2022 as part of Galway Sports Partnership 'Women in Sport' week where we had visiting teams from Dublin participate. In 2022, we also subscribed to the Future Stars programme for our U10s & U11 age group & run the FAI Summer Soccer school on an annual basis which is capped at 120 children aged 7-14 years; circa 38% of which were females in Summer 2024 week-long event. With a total of 2 females participating in 2019, following participation in initiatives as outlined above; this has culminated in a 5,450% increase in female participation in 4 years equating to over 1,300% per annum.

In the 2023/24 season 34.15% of females were members of Colemanstown United FC, they had access to use of facilities at the 'best' training, game and optimal facility times, as well as use of the communal and changing room facilities. Similarly, in 2023/24 season, 65.85% of male members of the club had access to use of facilities at the 'best' training, game and optimal facility times, as well as use of the communal and changing room facilities. Table 1 provides a sample table.

**Table 1**

Month	% of Female Usage	% of Male Usage	Best Training Time (Monday-Thursday 7-9pm)	Best Game Time (Sat/Sunday 11-4.30pm)	Usage of Optimal facility Times (Monday-Thursday 7-9pm)	Usage outside of best training, game and optimal facility times % of Female Usage	Usage outside of best training, game and optimal facility times % of Male Usage
Jan	35%	75%	50%	50%	50%	40%	60%
Feb	35%	75%	50%	50%	50%	40%	60%
Mar	35%	75%	50%	50%	50%	40%	60%
April	35%	75%	50%	50%	50%	40%	60%
May	35%	75%	50%	50%	50%	40%	60%





June	Season closed						
July	Season closed						
August	35%	75%	50%	50%	50%	40%	60%
Sept	35%	75%	50%	50%	50%	40%	60%
Oct	35%	75%	50%	50%	50%	40%	60%
Nov	35%	75%	50%	50%	50%	40%	60%
Dec	35%	75%	50%	50%	50%	40%	60%

Colemanstown United’s Committee 2025 comprises a 22 person Committee; 10 of which are female representing 46% participation at board level.

**Reference:**

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If Annual Report is not published, the paragraph can be included in social media posts and annual financial statement report

National Sports Policy 2018-2027 - <https://assets.gov.ie/15979/04e0f52cee5f47ee9c01003cf5559e98d.pdf>  
2019 - Publication of Sport Ireland Policy on Women in Sport & Appointment of Women in Sport Lead

[https://www.sportireland.ie/sites/default/files/2019-11/wis\\_policy.pdf](https://www.sportireland.ie/sites/default/files/2019-11/wis_policy.pdf)  
2022 - Sport Ireland Policy on Diversity and Inclusion in Sport.pdf

<https://www.sportireland.ie/sites/default/files/media/document/2022-05/Sport%20Ireland%20Policy%20on%20Diversity%20and%20Inclusion%20in%20Sport.pdf>

