



FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

DOMESTIC TRAINING COMPENSATION REGULATIONS

EFFECTIVE 1st DECEMBER 2025 – 30th NOVEMBER 2027

Domestic Training Compensation Regulations

ARTICLE 1.1 – Scope, Definitions & Interpretations

The following terms and expressions shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings for the purpose of these Regulations.

Commencement Date: 1st December 2025

Disputes Resolution Chamber: A panel, or single arbitrator, with jurisdiction to handle disputes between Clubs and Players, or Clubs and Clubs, regarding financial obligations such as employment and contractual stability, training compensation, solidarity contribution, overdue payables and other relevant matters.

Domestic Training Compensation: Payments due to Qualifying clubs to cover the development of players during the Qualified Training years at the point a player changes status within the jurisdiction of the Football Association of Ireland for the first time.

FAI: Football Association of Ireland

FAI Domestic Transfer Matching System: The FAI Football Management System with the ability to administer and monitor all domestic transfers of players.

League of Ireland Clubs: Clubs who possess or for the purposes of this agreement may have previously possessed an FAI Club licence to participate in the League of Ireland.

League of Ireland Club Academies: Clubs who are participating or have participated in the League of Ireland Academy Development Programme or previously the Underage National Leagues.

New Professional's Club: The club with which a player is registered as a Professional for the first time, thereby triggering Domestic Training Compensation under these Regulations.

Professional: A professional is a player who has a written contract with a club and is paid more for his footballing activity than the expenses he/she effectively incurs. All other players are considered to be amateurs.

Qualifying clubs: All of those clubs registered with the FAI which has previously trained the player whilst they were an amateur beginning from the season of their 10th birthday - until the point they became a Professional - but no later than the season of their 21st birthday.

Qualifying Training years: The period beginning from the season of the players 10th birthday through to the end of the season after the player's 21st birthday.

Qualifying Transfer years: The transfer of a professional player that takes place between the players 16th birthday through to the end of the season following the players 21st birthday.

Regulations: Domestic Training Compensation Regulations

SFAI: Schoolboys Football Association of Ireland

Term: the period from the 1st December 2025 – 30th November 2027 inclusive.

ARTICLE 1.2 – GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.2.1 Definitions not provided hereunder but contained in the FAI Handbook or the Statutes or Regulations of FIFA or UEFA are incorporated into these Regulations where appropriate.
- 1.2.2 Except where the context otherwise requires words denoting the singular include the plural and vice versa; words denoting any gender include all genders; wording importing persons shall include bodies.
- 1.2.3 The Regulations are established in accordance with the FAI Handbook.
- 1.2.4 These Regulations may be amended by the Board of the FAI from time to time and before the end of the end of the Term in consultation with the SFAI and the League of Ireland.
- 1.2.5 These Regulations may also be subject to changes in accordance with any changes to FIFA regulations and/or FAI rules or regulations in consultation with the SFAI and the League of Ireland.
- 1.2.6 For the avoidance of doubt, these Regulations come into effect on the Commencement Date and shall be reviewed for an extension no later than eighteen (18) months from the Commencement Date.
- 1.2.7 For the avoidance of doubt, these Regulations shall only apply to a change of status of a player to Professional and to their subsequent domestic and international Transfers between the 1st December 2025 and 30th November 2027.
- 1.2.8 These Regulations govern the system for Domestic Training Compensation payments where a Transfer agreement is in place for the Domestic Transfer of the Professional player and where such transfer takes place during the Qualifying Transfer years.
- 1.2.9 A Club which changes the status of a player from amateur to Professional, within the Qualified Transfer years, shall trigger a Domestic Training Compensation payment to Qualifying Club(s) under these Regulations.
- 1.2.10 Neither the FAI, SFAI or the League of Ireland (or any similar entity) shall accrue any material or monetary benefit from these Regulations under any circumstances. The only payments made under these Regulations shall be to the relevant Qualifying clubs.
- 1.2.11 Entitlement to Domestic Training Compensation payment cannot be assigned to a third party. If Domestic Training Compensation is due, the club with which the Professional is registered shall be liable to the Qualifying club(s) for its payment.
- 1.2.12 Clubs may enter into bilateral agreements outside the scope of these Regulations (“Alternative Agreements”). All such agreements—including any historical agreements that remain in effect, agreements entered into after the commencement date of these Regulations, and agreements relating to individual players—shall be notified to the FAI within the same timeframe applicable to proof of payment under these Regulations. Notification shall consist of a signed copy of the Alternative Agreement and shall be submitted to DomesticCompensation@fai.ie
- 1.2.13 It is acknowledged that the terms of this Agreement are without prejudice to, and shall not affect or limit, any entitlement to training compensation or solidarity contributions arising under the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (RSTP).
- 1.2.14 It is acknowledged that the assistance, support and advice provided by FAI staff is not to be regarded as a substitute for professional advice and that the FAI accepts no responsibility or liability, for any action taken or omitted as a consequence, direct or indirect, of the assistance, support or advice offered or provided.

ARTICLE 2. DOMESTIC TRAINING COMPENSATION

- 2.1 Domestic Training Compensation shall be payable by the New Professional's Club to Qualifying clubs for training and education relating to players during the Qualified Training years between the ages of ten (10) years and twenty one (21) years in accordance with these Regulations.
- 2.2 Domestic Training Compensation shall be payable relating to players during the Qualified Training years for training incurred up to the age of twenty one (21) years.
- 2.3 Where the LOI club holds the registration of a player who reaches the age of seventeen (17) or older, and the club elects not to offer the player a Professional Contract, and the player subsequently registers as a first time professional with another club, the club hereby waives their entitlement to Domestic Training Compensation under the terms of this agreement.

In the event, a player reaches the age of seventeen (17) at a time when the applicable regulations do not permit the Club to register the player as a first time Professional (i.e. outside of an registration window), the club shall not be deemed to have declined to offer a Professional Contract under the terms of this agreement provided: -

- (a) The club issues the offer of a Professional Contract before the player reaches the age of seventeen (17).
- (b) The offer is not withdrawn before the first day of the next available registration period.

The Professional Contract will take effect from the first day of the next available registration period.

Clubs must provide evidence of the written contract offer as requested by the League of Ireland Department.

- 2.4 The obligation to pay Domestic Training Compensation is without prejudice to any obligation to pay compensation for breach of contract.

ARTICLE 3. PAYMENT OF DOMESTIC TRAINING COMPENSATION

- 3.1 Domestic Training Compensation is due to be paid during the Qualifying Training years when a player is registered as a Professional for the first time before the end of the season of their 21st birthday and in all cases will apply whether the change of status to Professional is on a full or part-time basis.
- 3.2 Domestic Training Compensation shall be paid by the New Professional's Club to the relevant Qualifying Club(s) within thirty (30) Business Days of the notification issued by the FAI under Article 4.2.
- 3.3. For the avoidance of doubt all payments will be made on a pro rata basis to those Qualifying Clubs involved in the training of the Professional.
- 3.4 For the purposes of this agreement, a Dispute means any difference or dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or the performance, validity or enforceability of it, including issues or events occurring during the term of this Agreement or post-termination of it.
- 3.5 For the purposes of this Agreement, any Disputes shall be referred to the Disputes Resolution Chamber (DRC) for resolution.

Article 4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF DOMESTIC COMPENSATION

- 4.1 It shall be the responsibility of the New Professional's Club to pay all Domestic Training Compensation due to the relevant Qualifying Club(s) within thirty (30) Business Days of the notification issued by the FAI under Article 4.2.
- 4.2 Following the registration of a player as a professional for the first time, the FAI, via an email issued from DomesticCompensation@fai.ie, shall notify the New Professional's Club of its Domestic Training Compensation obligations under these Regulations as soon as reasonably practicable and, in any event, within ten (10) Business Days of the player's registration.
- 4.3 The New Professional's Club must submit proof of payment (a remittance statement or equivalent) to DomesticCompensation@fai.ie, copying the relevant Qualifying Club(s), within ten (10) Business Days of making the payment to the Qualifying Club(s).
- 4.4 Representatives from the League of Ireland Department, the Competitions Department and the SFAI will meet within 14 days of the conclusion of each respective registration period to confirm that all parties have adhered to the agreed processes and obligations under the terms of this agreement.

Domestic Compensation Payment Process – Summary Table					
	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Action	Player is registered as a First Time Professional with a League of Ireland club.	The FAI issues a notification to the New Professional's Club setting out its Domestic Training Compensation (DTC) obligations.	The New Professional's Club pays the relevant Qualifying Club(s) the DTC due.	The New Professional's Club submits proof of payment (remittance statement) to the FAI	Representatives from LOI Dept, Competitions Dept & SFAI meet for a post-window review
Timeframe	Day of Registration	Within 10 Business Days of registration as a First Time Professional	Within 30 Business Days of notification from the FAI	Within 10 Business Days of making payment	Within 14 days of conclusion of each registration period

- 4.5 For the avoidance of doubt, non-payment of Domestic Training Compensation to Qualifying clubs qualifies as an overdue payable under the Participation Agreement.

ARTICLE 5. DOMESTIC TRAINING COMPENSATION RATES

Registered with Qualifying Club for:	Amount Due		
	Men's Premier Division	Men's First Division	Women's Premier Division
Season of the players 10 th birthday	€500	€300	€100
Season of the players 11 th birthday	€500	€300	€100
Season of the players 12 th birthday	€500	€300	€100
Season of the players 13 th birthday	€500	€300	€100
Season of the players 14 th birthday	€500	€300	€100
Season of the players 15 th birthday	€500	€300	€100
Season of the players 16 th birthday	€750	€400	€100
Season of the players 17 th birthday	€750	€400	€100
Season of the players 18 th birthday	€750	€400	€100
Season of the players 19 th birthday	€650	€350	€100
Season of the players 20 th birthday	€650	€350	€100
Season of the players 21 st birthday	€650	€350	€100

ARTICLE 6. DOMESTIC SOLIDARITY

- 6.1 In line with the principles set out in the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (RSTP), this section introduces a Domestic Solidarity Mechanism designed to further recognise and reward the role of clubs in the long-term development of players within the League of Ireland player pathway.
- 6.2 A solidarity contribution shall be payable whenever a player who has been registered with one or more domestic clubs as an amateur or professional is subsequently transferred on a permanent basis, and a transfer fee is paid in respect of that move within the domestic jurisdiction. Domestic Solidarity shall apply each and every time a professional player is transferred on a permanent basis for a transfer fee, up to the end of the season in which the player turns twenty-one (21) years of age.
- 6.3 A total of 5% of any transfer or compensation fee received by the releasing club shall be set aside as a Domestic Solidarity Contribution and shall be distributed to all clubs involved in the player's training and development between the ages of 12 and 21 on a pro-rata basis.
- 6.4 This solidarity mechanism shall operate in addition to these Domestic Training Compensation regulations and shall not replace or offset any training compensation payments due under that system. Both mechanisms collectively aim to support the sustainability and reinvestment of resources into player development within the domestic game.

ARTICLE 7. FIFA REGULATIONS ON THE STATUS AND TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

- 7.1 These Regulations do not affect any entitlements arising under the applicable version of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players ("RTSP") on training compensation and solidarity in respect of international transfers. Where a player covered under these Regulations is transferred to, or registers with, a club affiliated to another national association, the relevant provisions of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players shall apply.
- 7.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the entitlement to Domestic Training Compensation under these Regulations does not affect or limit any rights to international training compensation or solidarity contributions under the applicable RTSP.