

- Association founded 1876
- Affiliated to FIFA in 1910



Flag



Association emblem



World map



Football in Wales

The Welsh FA was founded in 1876 and is the third oldest association in the world. Football is extremely popular in Wales, although rugby union (in the winter) and cricket/golf (in the summer) also have many fans. Welsh football celebrated its greatest successes in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. The national team reached the quarter-finals of the 1958 FIFA World Cup and the 1976 European Championship. From time to time, Wales have also defeated giants such as Germany (then reigning world champions), Czechoslovakia (then reigning European champions) and Brazil. In recent years, the most famous player was Ian Rush, who played for a number of teams including Juventus, Liverpool, Leeds United and Wrexham. Further back in time lie the careers of two other Welsh greats – John Charles (Juventus 1958 – 1963; Leeds United, Cardiff City) and Trevor Ford (PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 1956 – 1959; Aston Villa, Sunderland and Cardiff City). Former international John Toshack is the most famous coach to have emerged from his homeland. During his career, he has coached Sporting Lisbon (Portugal), Real Sociedad (Spain, three times), Real Madrid (Spain, twice), Deportivo La Coruña (Spain), Besiktas (Turkey), St. Etienne (France) and Swansea City (Wales).

Goal project

The national training centre, which was built in cooperation with Leekes Ltd (owner of the Vale Hotel), is part of a larger project in the Vale of Glamorgan sports complex. The project, which was approved by the Goal Bureau on 15 March 2006, foresees the laying of a grass pitch of international dimensions as well as a half-size pitch for training purposes. Leekes Ltd will also allow youth and senior national teams to use facilities such as dressing rooms, medical rooms, fitness rooms and accommodation, which will result in considerable savings for the Football Association of Wales.

Financing of Goal project

Project

National training centre in Vale (Glamorgan)

Project approved on

15 March 2006

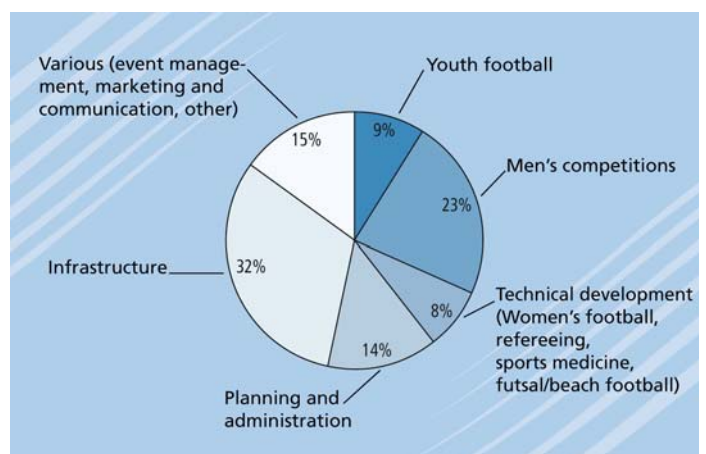
Status

Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Total cost	USD	400,000

Use of FAP funds



Football education and courses	No of courses until 1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
FUTURO III regional courses																						
Refereeing (men and women)																						
Coaching (men)																						
Coaching (women)																						
Administration and management																						
Football medicine																						
Seminars																						
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Beach soccer																						
Futsal																						
Olympic solidarity coaching courses																						
Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)																						
FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches																						

●: Course host country

□: Course participant in another country

Women's football

When, in 1995, today's FIFA President said "The future of football is feminine", it was more than mere lip service. It reflected a strong belief in the huge potential that women's football has to develop. Ever since, FIFA has given targeted support for the efforts of associations who offer women the same opportunities to develop as male players. Launched in 1998, FIFA's Financial Assistance Programme (FAP) introduced a requirement in 2004 for the associations and confederations to invest at least 4% of their FAP funding into women's football. This threshold was increased to 10% in 2005. On top of this commitment, FIFA also promotes the women's game in more general ways by directly financing women's matches and organising competitions and symposiums. Thanks to its development programmes, FIFA is also playing an active role in the training of administrators, coaches, referees and sports doctors.

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	1993
From which age on, players are registered?	6
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	43
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	236
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	yes
University competitions	yes
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	no
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-15, U-16, U-17, U-19