

**2027 Men's Club Licensing Manual**  
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**New Criteria – A Grading**  
**New Criteria – B Grading**  
**Increased from B to A Grading**

Section	Pg.	2026 Manual	2027 Manual
5.3.1	25	N/A	The FAI will host an annual Club Licensing Seminar. Club representation is mandatory at these Seminars.
5.4	30	2026 core process	2027 core process – Updated
6 (SPO)	34	SPO 1.08 – Anti-Racism	Removed from SPO section and included as SES 1.03 (B) – B Criteria
8 (INF)	37	INF 1.01	INF 1.01 – Must be provided annually to the licensing department if written contract with owner/lease agreement.
8 (INF)	39	INF 1.03 – Club Infrastructure Strategic Development Plan (CISDP) - Criteria B	INF 1.03 – Club Infrastructure Strategic Development Plan (CISDP) - <b style="background-color: yellow;">Criteria A</b>
9.1 (PAD)	41	Note: All roles within this section must be accompanied with a signed mandate on an annual basis and prior approval must be confirmed before mandating.	Note: All roles within this section must be accompanied with a signed mandate on an annual basis and prior approval must be confirmed before mandating. Please review the Job Description Guidance document which will include a full overview of pre-requisites and responsibilities for each role within the PAD section.
9 (PAD)	41-57	N/A	Removal of job descriptions that aren't mandatory. Now included within Job Description Guidance Document.
9.1 (PAD)	41	PAD 1.02 – Organisation of Club  PAD 1.14 – Club Contact List	PAD 1.02 – Organisation of Club - Hierarchical, Role title, who is in the role, align with the Contact List.  PAD 1.02 – Club Contact List
9.1 (PAD)	42	PAD 1.12 – Club Children's Officer PAD 1.12 – Designated Liaison Person	PAD 1.06 – Children's Officer PAD 1.07 – Designated Liaison Person
9.1 (PAD)	42-44	PAD 1.06 – Media Officer PAD 1.07 – Marketing Officer PAD 1.08 – Grounds Person PAD 1.09 – Infrastructure Coordinator PAD 1.10 – Supporter Liaison Officer PAD 1.11 – Disability Access Officer	PAD 1.09 – Media Officer PAD 1.10 – Marketing Officer PAD 1.12 – Infrastructure Coordinator PAD 1.13 – Grounds Person PAD 1.14 – Supporter Liaison Officer PAD 1.15 – Disability Access Officer
9.1 (PAD)	43	N/A	<b>PAD 1.08 – Sporting Director – B Criteria</b> Must be Garda Vetted and Safeguarded

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9.1 (PAD)	42	N/A	<b>PAD 1.11 – Commercial Officer – A Criteria*</b>
9.1 (PAD)	44	PAD 3.10 – SES Officer	PAD 1.16 – SES Officer
9.2 (PAD)	45	9.2 Football Staff Criteria	9.2 First Team Football Staff Criteria
9.2 (PAD)	45	N/A	Note: Both the men's and women's licensing applications are linked in that you may not mandate the same person in conflicting roles across the two applications.
9.2 (PAD)	48	N/A	<b>PAD 2.04 – Strength &amp; Conditioning Coach – B Criteria</b> Must be Garda Vetted and Safeguarded
9.2 (PAD)	48	N/A	<b>PAD 2.05 – Performance Analyst – B Criteria</b> Must be Garda Vetted and Safeguarded
9.2 (PAD)	48	N/A	<b>PAD 2.06 – Kit &amp; Equipment Manager – B Criteria</b> Must be Garda Vetted and Safeguarded
9.3 (PAD)	51	N/A	9.3 Academy Staff Criteria
9.3 (PAD)	51	PAD 2.04 – Head of Academy Elite Youth A	PAD 2.09 – Academy Director UEFA A or EYA
9.3 (PAD)	51	N/A	<b>PAD 2.10 – Head of Academy Coaching – B Criteria</b>
9.3 (PAD)	52	PAD 2.05 – Academy Head Coaches U20 – UEFA A U17 – UEFA A or on the course U15 – Youth B or on the course U14 – UEFA B	PAD 2.11 – Academy Head Coaches U20 – UEFA A or EYA U17 – UEFA A or EYA or on either course U15 – Youth B or UEFA B or on either course U14 – Youth B or UEFA B or on either course
9.3 (PAD)	53	N/A	<b>PAD 2.13 – Academy Goalkeeper Coach – B Criteria</b>
9.4 (PAD)	55	N/A	Note: All roles within this section must be accompanied with a signed mandate on an annual basis and prior approval must be confirmed before mandating.
9.4 (PAD)	55	PAD 3.01 – Match Organisation Officer	PAD 3.01 – Match Manager
11.1 (FIN)	67	FIN 1.01 (A) – Audited Financial Statements must consist of (1-8)	FIN 1.01 (A) – Audited Financial Statements must consist of (1-10): 9) Auditors Practising Certificate 10) Auditors Declaration of Independence
11.1 (FIN)	68	N/A	For those clubs that have supplied their audited accounts as part of the UEFA Solidarity requirements by March 31st, these will be used as part

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			of their respective domestic licensing application.
11.3 (FIN)	78	N/A	Where a payable has been deferred by mutual agreement, clubs will be required to provide evidence of same. This must be set out in writing on the club headed paper of the counterparty and signed by an authorised officer of that club.
11.3.3 (FIN)	79	N/A	<p>Transfer Receivables Tables: License applicants should disclose where there is an amount outstanding to be paid to them at 31st July in relation to either the permanent or temporary (loan) transfer of a player.</p> <p>This disclosure should contain details of the club from whom the balance is outstanding, the name of the player(s) to which the balance outstanding relates, as well as details of any settlement agreement which is in place.</p> <p>This must be completed in the format/template provided by the FAI.</p>