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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	22	N/A	The FAI will host an annual Club Licensing Seminar. Club representation is mandatory at these Seminars.
5.4	26	2026 core process	2027 core process – Updated
6 (SPO)	31	SPO 1.08 – Anti-Racism	Removed from SPO section and included as SES 1.03 (B) – B Criteria
8 (INF)	33	INF 1.01	INF 1.01 – Must be provided annually to the licensing department if written contract with owner/lease agreement.
8 (INF)	34	INF 1.03 – Club Infrastructure Strategic Development Plan (CISDP) - Criteria B	INF 1.03 – Club Infrastructure Strategic Development Plan (CISDP) - Criteria A
9.1 (PAD)	37	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)	37-52	N/A	Removal of job descriptions that aren't mandatory. Now included within Job Description Guidance Document.
9.1 (PAD)	37	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)	38	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)	38-40	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)	39	N/A	PAD 1.08 – Sporting Director – B Criteria Must be Garda Vetted and Safeguarded

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9.1 (PAD)	39	N/A	PAD 1.11 – Commercial Officer – A Criteria*
9.1 (PAD)	40	PAD 3.10 – SES Officer	PAD 1.16 – SES Officer
9.2 (PAD)	41	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)	41	PAD 2.01 – UEFA A	PAD 2.01 – UEFA A or on the course.
9.2 (PAD)	42	PAD 2.02 – UEFA A or on the course.	PAD 2.02 – UEFA A or already on the course. Alternative 2: Valid UEFA B
9.2 (PAD)	43	N/A	PAD 2.04 – Strength & Conditioning Coach – B Criteria Must be Garda Vetted and Safeguarded
9.2 (PAD)	43	N/A	PAD 2.05 – Performance Analyst – B Criteria Must be Garda Vetted and Safeguarded
9.2 (PAD)	43	N/A	PAD 2.06 – Kit & Equipment Manager – B Criteria Must be Garda Vetted and Safeguarded
9.2 (PAD)	45	N/A	PAD 2.09 – Sporting Director – B Criteria Must be Garda Vetted and Safeguarded
9.3 (PAD)	46	N/A	9.3 Academy Staff Criteria
9.3 (PAD)	46	PAD 2.04 – Head of Academy Elite Youth A or already on course	PAD 2.09 – Academy Director UEFA A or EYA
9.3 (PAD)	46	N/A	PAD 2.10 – Head of Academy Coaching – B Criteria
9.3 (PAD)	47	PAD 2.05 – Academy Head Coaches U19 – UEFA B U17 – UEFA B	PAD 2.11 – Academy Head Coaches U23 – Youth B or UEFA B Alternative 2: On either course U17 – Youth B or UEFA B Alternative 2: On either course
9.3 (PAD)	48	N/A	PAD 2.13 – Academy Goalkeeper Coach – B Criteria
9.4 (PAD)	49	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)	49	PAD 3.01 – Match Organisation Officer	PAD 3.01 – Match Manager
11.3 (FIN)	67	N/A	Where a payable has been deferred by mutual agreement, clubs will be required to provide evidence of same.

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