

Call for World Congress on Science and Football 2029 bids

Bids for World Congress on Science and Football (WCSF) 2029 are now open until 31st January 2027. Please see the information below regarding how to submit a bid.

Guidelines for conference bids

1. **Rationale:** Describe why your institution is suited to host the event, highlighting strengths and facilities. Include a signed statement by the Vice Chancellor, Rector or Principal of the University/Institution acknowledging the institution's financial responsibility.
2. **Committees:** list nominated individuals for the Organising Committee and proposed members of the Scientific Committee.
3. **Business plan:** Present a detailed business plan, indicating financial 'break even' numbers for delegates.
4. **Programme:** Ensure the programme affords participation from researchers in all football codes.
5. **Tom Reilly Memorial Keynote Lecture:** include plans for this keynote lecture
6. **Event details:** Specify provisional dates, venue, and any connections with national/local related sports events.
7. **Supplementary material:** include any material supporting the application.
8. **EDI statement:** provide a statement and strategy addressing how the organising committee will ensure Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion throughout the conference.

Deadline

31st January 2027

Submission and review

Conference bids should be sent to the Chair of the Committee by the specified deadline. The Committee will review and shortlist bids. The shortlisted bidders can present their bid in-person or by video meeting to the Committee at WCSF 2027 in Liverpool (UK). The announcement of the WCSF 2029 host will be made at the closing day of WCSF 2027.

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