

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - for referees

FAIR PLAY

DISCOVER FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

July 28 - August 5, 2019

Berlin, Germany

Dear Futbolistas and Enthusiasts of Women's Football and Women's Rights,

Dear Teams, Players, Coaches, Referees and Activists,

We are thrilled to announce **the 8th International Women's Football and Cultural Festival!**

From July 28 to August 5, 2019 in Berlin, Germany - it is more than just a sports event. Comprising a friendly tournament as well as topic-related workshops and skill-building trainings, the event focuses on football as a tool to confront gender inequality and to call for a **"fair play"** among diverse genders. We use football to strengthen mutual solidarity and women's rights and fight for a more inclusive women's football. Therefore, we invite women active in female football and/or women's rights from all over the world.

The main goals of the event are to share our experiences and bring women* together from different backgrounds, to learn from each other and build a strong network. To foster the exchange and stress the idea of overcoming national, cultural, religious and language barriers, mixed teams put together from the pool of participants will play the tournament. **The spirit of fair play and networking stands above the competition in this event.**

DISCOVER FOOTBALL is inviting **female referees** (professional/non-professional) to apply now.

Main costs for the event during the festival will be covered.**

*All female-identified persons are welcome including transgenders and intersexuals.

** Travel and visa costs, accommodation, meals and main transportation during the event will be provided by DISCOVER FOOTBALL. Travel costs for visa application and all other costs can only be covered in exceptional cases and must be agreed upon beforehand.

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Preliminary Festival Schedule

28 July	29 July	30 July	31 July	1 August
Day of arrival	Workshops and practice in the newly mixed teams	Workshops and practice in the newly mixed teams	Tournament and cultural program	Tournament and cultural program
2 August	3 August	4 August	5 August	
Tournament and cultural program	Tournament and cultural program	Tournament and cultural program	Day of departure	

Apply by 22 April 2019, 12:00 (MESZ: UTC+2)

Let's claim the pitch together!

About Us

DISCOVER FOOTBALL was started by committed football enthusiasts who use sport as a tool to empower women and promote intercultural understanding. We are mostly women who organize international conferences, tournaments and exhibitions where women and girls develop skills and share knowledge that will help them enhance their autonomy, mobility and power. We also collect and share information on women's football and rights and are building a global network of football activists. **This non-profit organization relies largely on the work of volunteers**, which makes it unique in the world of football. DISCOVER FOOTBALL has received strong encouragement from German Chancellor Angela Merkel and the UN special advisor on Sport for Development and Peace, Mr. Willi Lemke.

In the project DISCOVER FOOTBALL, we are committed to promoting gender equality, emancipation and women's rights and fighting discrimination. Football is our shared passion that enables women from different backgrounds with diverse life experiences to meet on a level playing field.

About You, the Applicants

you **must** be:

- older than **18 years**;

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- a professional/non-professional referee, who is committed in the field of women's football, women's rights and empowerment;
- interested in getting to know other people and seeing football within a broader setting of women's rights and culture;
- above all, interested in dialogue with other people, learning and experiencing new workshop and training methods **beyond the pitch**. In addition, you should be eager to contribute with your own ideas and experiences and be able to communicate with us via the internet and provide all required information for logistics. **Your social commitment and experience in the field of football as well as an interest to think beyond the line is more important to us than your actual football skills.**

Organizational Details

- The event will take place from July 28 to August 5, 2019. Day of arrival is Sunday, July 28, and day of departure is Monday, August 5.
- If invited, participants agree to be photographed and filmed over the course of the event.
- Travel costs, accommodation, meals and main transportation during the event will be provided.
- Language: All languages are respected and will try to find interpreters if needed. However, please note that communication prior to the event will be in **English and German**.
- **If you would like to participate, please fill out the [⇒ online application form](#) thoroughly and submit.** Application does not guarantee participation. All decisions are final and not open to legal recourse.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email.

Your contact person is Ms. Eunsun Lim (e.lim@discoverfootball.de)

For updated information, please check our website (<http://www.discoverfootball.de>).

We are looking forward to your applications!

Best Regards from DISCOVER FOOTBALL

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