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Lionesses aim for 2035 home World Cup glory

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The United Kingdom is set to host the 2035 Women's World Cup, FIFA president Gianni Infantino has said.

England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland submitted a joint expression of interest in March to hold the World Cup across the UK's home nations.

Spain's federation president Rafael Louzan had said that they were "working on" a joint bid alongside Portugal and Morocco.

However, Infantino said the UK's bid is the only "valid" one received for 2035, while the United States are set to host the 2031 edition.

"The path is there for the Women's World Cup in 2031 and 2035 to take place in some great nations and further boost the women's football movement," he said.

England women's manager Sarina Wiegman said: "We know from the experience of the Euros [in 2022] how big the game is already here and what the momentum did in the country.

"Another tournament on an even bigger stage would be incredible and give another boost to the game."



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Formal bids for the 2035 World Cup must be submitted this winter, with a vote taking place to confirm the hosts in a FIFA congress in 2026.

English Football Association insiders are delighted by the news and see it as a hugely significant moment for both women's football in the UK.

England failed to win the right to host the men's World Cups in both 2006 and 2018. In 2022, a proposed UK and Ireland bid for the 2030 tournament was also abandoned after it became clear it would not succeed.

But England and Scotland did host games at the men's Euros in 2022, and England organised the women's Euros in 2022. In that tournament, it was the Lionesses who tasted glory by bringing home the trophy.

In 2028, the men's Euros will be played across England, Scotland, Wales, and the Republic of Ireland.

But assuming this bid for the 2035 Women's World Cup is ratified next year, the UK can finally look forward to staging a global senior football competition for the first time since 1966, with the final expected to be held at the iconic Wembley stadium.

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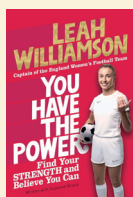
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Women have been playing football for just as long as men.



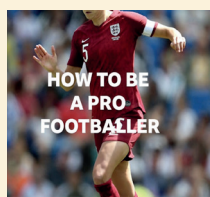
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Answer to Find the truth. True! The first women's Association football teams in England were organised in the 1800s. Read [more here](#).



CHECK YOUR FACTS

1

WHAT
did the
Lionesses win
in 2022?

ANSWER:
The Euros

WHO
is the England
women's
manager?

ANSWER:
Sarina
Wiegman

WHERE
will the Women's
World Cup be
held in 2031?

ANSWER:
The United
States

WHEN
will the UK host
the Women's
World Cup?

ANSWER:
2035

WHY
is the decision
significant?

ANSWER:
Tackle the
perception of
football as a
'men's game'

HOW
could the
tournament
inspire girls?

ANSWER:
Help them
dream of being
footballers

2

KNOW YOUR KEYWORDS

1. Fifa

2. Tournament

3. Manager

4. Lionesses

A. Person who chooses a team's players

B. England women's football team

C. Organisation of world football

D. Competition between different teams

1=C

2=D

3=A

4=B

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LOOK AT ALL SIDES

Answers are subjective and may vary.
The below is just a guide.

UK football fans



Excited

**People who don't
like sport**



Bored

UK business owners



Happy

**People who thought
only men could play
football**



Angry



Surprised



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