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Awards 2026

Thursday, November 19th
Stella Cinema, Rathmines

Tonight's Running Order

19:00 Doors Open & Cocktail Reception

20:00 Welcome Address from Máire Treasa Ní Cheallaigh, MC
Welcome from Mark Scanlon, League of Ireland Director
Welcome from Ashley Morrow, SSE Airtricity Head of Brand, Advertising & Sponsorship

20:10 Panel Discussion

20:30 Awards Ceremony Commences
EVOKE.ie Golden Boot
TG4 Golden Glove
Grinds360 LOI Academy WU17 Player of the Year
Grinds360 LOI Academy Women's Development League Player of the Year
Umbro Goal of the Year
SSE Airtricity Services to Women's Football
SSE Airtricity Team of the Year

21:00 Interval

21:15 Awards Recommence
SSE Airtricity Women's Premier Division Manager of the Year
SSE Airtricity Women's Premier Division Young Player of the Year
SSE Airtricity Women's Premier Division Player of the Year

22:00 Ceremony Ends



Welcome

League of Ireland Director, Mark Scanlon

On behalf of everyone at the League of Ireland and the FAI, welcome to tonight's awards ceremony. To all the players, staff, match officials and families who make this League what it is, thank you for being here.

I want to recognise our League partners, whose support has been exceptional throughout the season. SSE Airtricity have backed the League of Ireland since 2010 and have been proud title sponsors of the SSE Airtricity Women's Premier Division since 2021. We're also grateful to Club Orange, DMG Media, Rockshore and Umbro for their continued commitment to the women's game.

I'd also like to thank our broadcast partners at TG4, whose coverage has brought the League into homes across the country and helped make this season one to remember.

Tonight belongs to the players, coaches, administrators and volunteers who make our League so special. To everyone who gave so much again this year, thank you for your commitment and dedication.

A special word of congratulations to Athlone Town, our SSE Airtricity Women's Premier Division Champions, and to Shelbourne, who claimed a Cup double by lifting both the Club Orange Women's FAI Cup and the Women's All-Island Cup.

2026 has been a landmark year. We welcomed the inaugural season of the Women's Development League, and Athlone Town flew the flag for Ireland in the UEFA Women's Champions League. We also secured a second UEFA Club Competitions place for next season, so in 2027 Athlone Town will represent our League in the UEFA Women's Champions League whilst Shelbourne will take part in the UEFA Women's Europa Cup.

Behind all of this is the continued progress and significant Government investment in our LOI Academy system. I want to thank Minister Patrick O'Donovan, Minister Charlie McConalogue, the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport and Sport Ireland for their support, the future of women's football in Ireland is bright.

Finally, to all of tonight's nominees: the very best of luck. You've earned your place here, and it's a privilege to celebrate what you've achieved on the pitch. Enjoy the night.



Awards

SSE Airtricity Player of the Year Nominees
Alex Kavanagh, Dana Scheriff, Hannah Waesch

SSE Airtricity Young Player of the Year Nominees
Halle Harcourt, Katie Lawlee, Maeve Wollmer

SSE Airtricity Manager of the Year Nominees
Lily Agg, Gavin Hughes, Sean Russell

EVOKE.ie Golden Boot Winner
Dana Scheriff (17)

Spórt TG4 Golden Glove Winner
Mya Sanchez (10)

Umbro Goal of the Year Nominees
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Grinds360 LOI Academy Women's Development League Player of the Year
Mia Whelan

Grinds360 LOI Academy Women's U17 Player of the Year
Maisy Healy

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TEAM OF THE YEAR



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Grinds360
Women's Development League Player of the Year

Mía Whelan



At just 15, the Wexford forward scored 28 goals in 21 Development League appearances and finished as top scorer in Group 2 with 18.

She saved the biggest moment for September, scoring the only goal of the Development League Cup Final as Wexford beat Dundalk 1-0.

Her form also earned six appearances and two goals in the SSE Airtricity Women's Premier Division.

Grinds360
Women's U17 Player of the Year

Maísy Healy



The Bohemians midfielder scored 14 goals and set up nine more in 26 LOI Academy WU17 appearances, and her 10 goals in Tier 1 made her the division's joint-top scorer as Bohemians finished third.

She carried that form into a green jersey as a Republic of Ireland underage international and stepped up to the Women's Development League.



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Season Review 2026

Three in a row for the Town - Athlone Town's hold on the SSE Airtricity Women's Premier Division trophy was tested in 2026 but never broken, and the Midlanders became the first club to win three consecutive titles since the League began in 2011.

It did not look so simple in March, when manager John Sullivan departed after the opening game. An interim team steadied things before Republic of Ireland international Lily Agg arrived at the end of May for her first job in management. What followed was a nine-game winning run, a 12-point margin at the top of the table and a final record of 17 wins and one defeat from 22 games.

The title was confirmed on the last Saturday of September when Wexford beat Galway United at Ferrycarrig Park, and the trophy was lifted at Athlone Town Stadium a week later.

Dana Scheriff, back at the club where she won the Golden Boot in 2023, led the scoring with 17 League goals, four of them in one afternoon away to Bohemians in March. Captain Hannah Waesch set the standard in midfield and Alexis Strickland reached double figures. In Europe, Athlone beat Skopje 2014 4-0 in UEFA Women's Champions League qualifying in Poland before bowing out to Czarni Sosnowiec.

Behind them, the race for the League's new second European place went to the final day. Shelbourne and Galway United drew 2-2 and finished level on 43 points, with the Reds taking the runners-up spot on goal difference.



In Sean Russell's first season in charge, the Reds won the Women's All-Island Cup for the first time, Becky Watkins and Pearl Slattery scoring in a 2-0 win over Galway United at Tolka Park in July.

Two months later they denied Athlone a second successive double in the Club Orange Women's FAI Cup Final. Halle Harcourt, Alex Kavanagh and Maeve Wollmer all scored before half-time at Tallaght Stadium, and Slattery lifted the trophy after a 3-1 win.

2026 WINNERS

SSE AIRTRICITY WOMEN'S PREMIER DIVISION
Athlone Town

CLUB ORANGE WOMEN'S FAI CUP
Shelbourne

WOMEN'S ALL-ISLAND CUP
Shelbourne

WOMEN'S PRESIDENT'S CUP
Athlone Town

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE
Shamrock Rovers

LOI ACADEMY WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE CUP
Wexford

LOI ACADEMY WOMEN'S U17 LEAGUE
Athlone Town

Shamrock Rovers were the first winners of the Women's Development League, Wexford won the Development League Cup and Athlone Town added the LOI Academy WU17 League. In the Women's Premier Division, six clubs are represented in the Team of the Year.

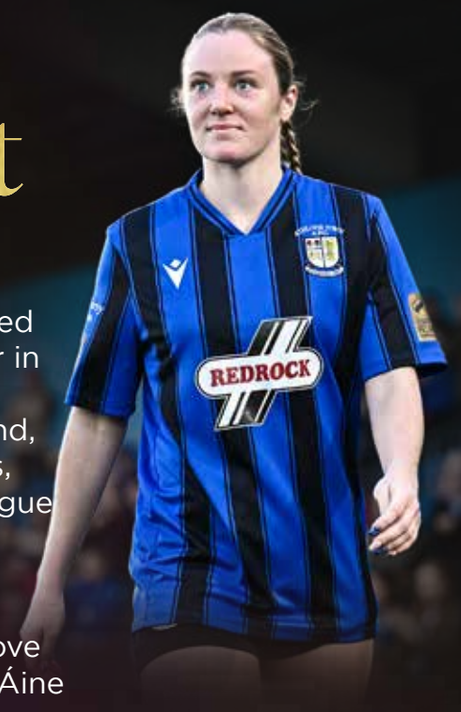
Congratulations to all the nominees and winners, and thank you for a season to remember.



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Golden Boot

Dana Scheriff



The Scheriff came back to Town and picked up where she left off. Golden Boot winner in 2023, the American striker returned to Athlone for 2026 after spells in Switzerland, the Czech Republic and the United States, and finished top of the charts with 17 League goals.

Four of them came in a 5-2 win away to Bohemians in March, and her finishing drove Athlone to a third title in a row. She joins Áine O'Gorman, Amber Barrett and Stephanie Roche as a multiple winner of this award.

Spórt TG4

Golden Glove

Mya Sanchez



Ten clean sheets earned Mya Sanchez the Spórt TG4 Golden Glove. The Shelbourne goalkeeper was the base on which Sean Russell's side built a season that brought two trophies and a place in Europe,

Her crucial stops in the 1-1 draw with Athlone Town at Tolka Park kept Shelbourne's European hopes alive going into the final day, and she was just as assured in the Club Orange Women's FAI Cup Final in Tallaght.



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Umbro

Goal of the Year Nominees

A	Aoife Kelly (Shelbourne) vs Treaty United	14 March
B	Katie Lawlee (Treaty United) vs Cork City	28 March
C	Maeve Wollmer (Shelbourne) vs Shamrock Rovers	25 April
D	Aoife O'Connor (Peamount United) vs Shelbourne	23 May
E	Remini Tillotson (Galway United) vs Athlone Town	23 May
F	Sydney Stephens (Sligo Rovers) vs Shelbourne	20 June
G	Halle Harcourt (Shelbourne) vs Sligo Rovers	20 June
H	Aoife Fennel (Bohemians) vs Sligo Rovers	25 July
I	Fiana Bradley (Waterford) vs DLR Waves	12 September
J	Katie Lawlee (Treaty United) vs Peamount United	19 September
K	Katie O'Reilly (Shamrock Rovers) vs Shelbourne	19 September
L	Ellie O'Brien (Cork City) vs Athlone Town	24 October

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SSE Airtricity
Player of the Year Nominees

This year's shortlist for the SSE Airtricity Women's Premier Division Player of the Year features Hannah Waesch and Dana Scheriff, captain and the top scorer of the Champions, alongside Alex Kavanagh, the midfielder at the heart of Shelbourne's Cup double.

All three were named in the Team of the Year and will be eager to follow Kelly Brady as the winner of the League's top individual award.



Alex Kavanagh (Shelbourne)
The midfielder was central to everything Shelbourne did in a season that brought the Women's All-Island Cup and the Club Orange Women's FAI Cup to Tolka Park. She was at her best on the biggest day of the season in Tallaght Stadium. Her free-kick led to the opening goal of the Cup Final, and she bent another over the wall herself before half-time.

Dana Scheriff (Athlone Town)
Back at Athlone after three years away, the Scheriff scored four against Bohemians in March and added a UEFA Women's Champions League goal against Skopje 2014 in July.

Hannah Waesch (Athlone Town)
Nominated for the second year running, the Athlone captain led her side through a change of manager and on to a third successive title. She set the tempo for the champions from midfield all season and scored their goal in the Cup Final.

SSE Airtricity
Young Player of the Year Nominees



Halle Harcourt was July's Player of the Month at just 16 and scored the opening goal of the Club Orange Women's FAI Cup Final for Shelbourne, while Treaty United captain Katie Lawlee took the same monthly award in June and earned a place in the Team of the Year. Maeve Wollmer, Shelbourne's 18-year-old forward and a Republic of Ireland Under-19 international, scored her side's third goal at Tallaght, with all three are also nominated for Umbro Goal of the Year.

SSE Airtricity
Manager of the Year Nominees



Lily Agg took her first job in management at Athlone Town in May and led the champions unbeaten through the rest of the League season to a third title in a row, while Gavin Hughes guided Sligo Rovers to seventh place and 34 points in his first season at The Showgrounds. Sean Russell's first year at Shelbourne brought the Women's All-Island Cup, the Club Orange Women's FAI Cup, a runners-up finish and a place in Europe.

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Previous Winners

Player of the Year

2025 | Kelly Brady (Athlone Town)
2024 | Julie-Ann Russell (Galway United)
2023 | Sadhbh Doyle (Peamount United)
2022 | Emily Corbet (Athlone Town)
2021 | Kylie Murphy (Wexford Youths)
2020 | Karen Duggan (Peamount United)
2019 | Rianna Jarrett (Wexford Youths)
2018 | Rianna Jarrett (Wexford Youths)
2017 | Amber Barrett (Peamount United)
2016 | Noelle Murray (Shelbourne)
2015/16 | Karen Duggan (UCD Waves)
2014/14 | Áine O'Gorman (UCD Waves)
2013/14 | Julie-Ann Russell (Peamount United)
2012/13 | Sara Lawlor (Peamount United)

Young Player of the Year

2025 | Madison McGuane (Treaty United)
2024 | Katie Keane (Athlone Town)
2023 | Lia O'Leary (Shamrock Rovers)
2022 | Jessie Stapleton (Shelbourne)
2021 | Aoibheann Clancy (Wexford Youths)
2020 | Ellen Molloy (Wexford Youths)
2019 | Emily Whelan (Shelbourne)
2018 | Erica Turner (UCD Waves)
2017 | Saoirse Noonan (Cork City)
2016 | Leanne Kiernan (Shelbourne)
2015/16 | Roma McLaughlin (Peamount United)
2014/15 | Ciara Rossiter (Wexford Youths)
2013/14 | Katie McCabe (Raheny United)
2012/13 | Rianna Jarrett (Wexford Youths)

Manager of the Year

2025 | Alban Hysa (Bohemians)
2024 | Ciarán Kilduff (Athlone Town)
2023 | James O'Callaghan (Peamount United)
2022 | Tommy Hewitt (Athlone Town)
2021 | Noel King (Shelbourne)

Golden Glove

2025 | Amanda McQuillan (Shelbourne)
2024 | Amanda McQuillan (Shelbourne)
2023 | Niamh Reid-Burke (Peamount United)
2022 | Amanda Budden (Shelbourne)
2021 | Amanda Budden (Shelbourne)
2020 | Rachael Kelly (Shelbourne)

Previous Winners (cont'd)

Golden Boot

2025 | Kelly Brady (Athlone Town)
2024 | Jenna Slattery (Galway United)
2023 | Dana Scheriff (Athlone Town)
2022 | Áine O'Gorman (Peamount United)
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2020 | Áine O'Gorman (Peamount United)
2019 | Rianna Jarrett (Wexford Youths)
2018 | Amber Barrett (Peamount United)
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2015/16 | Áine O'Gorman (UCD Waves)
2014/15 | Áine O'Gorman (UCD Waves)
2013/14 | Stephanie Roche (Peamount United)
2012/13 | Sara Lawlor (Peamount United)
2011/12 | Stephanie Roche (Peamount United)

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