



Amateur football in Belgium

A Joint Study of the ULB and the VUB

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1. How is amateur football

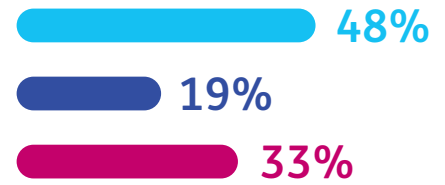
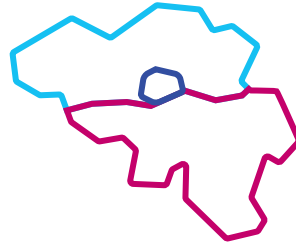
anchored in the Belgian population?

1744 clubs



3 clubs per one Belgian municipality (average)

Affiliates' distribution by region



2. Amateur football is social football

4 Belgians out of 100 are affiliated to an amateur club of the RBFA

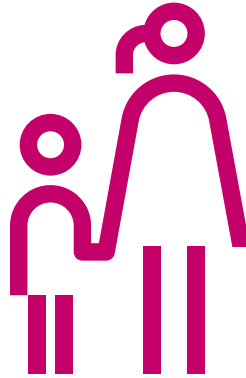
500 000 affiliates

94% men

6% women



Gender and age are targets of improvement



50% of municipalities have no female team among the clubs active on their territory

78% of the clubs have no team available for women

25% have no youth team

3. Impact of the COVID on amateur football

62%

of respondents claimed that the COVID crisis has had, at the time of the survey, a very important impact on the club's treasury

% respondents

No importance

Relative importance

High importance

4. How do amateur football clubs function?



5 axes to cope with the challenges



Build bridges with public authorities



Organize relay between clubs and sponsors



Provide training and formation



Volunteers's recruitment and retention



Copewith the COVID crisisand its uncertainty