



2014 Regulations

1. The GFA Cup will follow the current edition of the FIFA Laws of the Game with the modifications made below.
 - a. Law 2 – The Ball: All matches must use the official match ball provided by the GFA Women’s Committee. Other match balls may be used only if, at the discretion of the referee, the match balls are deemed unworthy for use. Additionally, the two playing teams shall be responsible for the cost of replacing any official match balls missing after the match.
 - b. Law 3 – The Number of Players (Substitutions): Teams have **5 substitution opportunities** during a match and may substitute an unlimited number of players per opportunity. Players may re-enter the match after being substituted. Halftime substitutions do not count.
 - c. Law 4 – The Players Equipment
 - i. Uniforms
 1. With the exception of the goalkeeper, all players on a team must wear identical jerseys, same color shorts and same color socks. A variation in color shades for shorts and socks is acceptable.
 2. The goalkeeper must wear a jersey of a different color than that of her teammates and that of her opponents.
 3. All players must wear a unique jersey number listed on the official roster. Numbers may not be taped or written on to the jersey.
 4. A field player substituting a goalkeeper must wear a number different than the goalkeeper she is replacing. It may be a different number than her field player jersey as long as no other player on the roster has the same number.
 5. A goalkeeper substituting a field player must wear a number different than the field player she is replacing. It may be a different number than her goalkeeper jersey as long as no other player on the roster has the same number.
 6. If, in the opinion of the referee, there is a uniform conflict, the home team must use a different colored jersey. Mesh-style vests/bibs/pennies of the same color may be used as an alternative.
 - ii. Jewelry and Casts/Splints
 1. With the exception of a Medical Alert necklace/bracelet, players may not wear jewelry of any kind. This includes watches, fashion bracelets, rubber bands, necklaces, etc.
 2. Players may not participate in a match if they are wearing a hard, unyielding cast or splint – even if padded.
 - d. Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct
 - i. A player who is sent off – either receiving two cautions in the same match or shown a red card – may not play in the next cup match.
 - ii. Ejection - Managers, coaches or any non-players in the technical area who, at the discretion of the referee, are guilty of committing a sending-off offence will be asked to leave the field of play (ejected).
 - iii. Players sent-off and non-players ejected must leave immediately and remain at least 30 yards away from the field of play.
 - iv. A player or non-player may receive additional sanctions from the GFA Disciplinary Committee if the offence is repeated.



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2. Caution Accumulation Rule:
 - a. Any player who receives three cautions in separate matches will be suspended for the match that immediately follows the third caution. Any player sent off for two cautions in the same match will not count as two cautions (it is a red card). However, a player who received a caution and then a straight red card in the same match will still count as one caution.
 - b. The caution count will reset in the semifinals, meaning that a player may only be suspended for the cup final if she receives a red card in the semifinals.
3. Player Eligibility
 - a. A player may play in the GFA Cup if she has a current GFA Player ID Card and does not have any outstanding disciplinary sanctions.
 - b. All players must have played twice during the **Spring and/or Fall 2014** Bud Light Women's Soccer League for the same team in which they intend to play with during the cup.
 - c. An "All Star" Teams from the Women's Intermediate League will also have the opportunity to participate. Player Eligibility rules to be announced prior to the Women's GFA Cup.
4. Grace period
 - a. There is no grace period. A match may not commence unless both teams can produce no less than **seven (7)** valid GFA Player ID Cards by the scheduled kickoff time. Any team that fails to meet this requirement will forfeit the match with a 0-3 result.
5. Ineligible Players
 - a. If a team is found guilty of fielding ineligible players during a match, that team will receive a forfeit for that match.
6. Team No-Show
 - a. A team that fails to field the minimum of seven (7) registered players by the scheduled kickoff time will forfeit the match with a 0-3 result and will incur a \$100 sanction.
7. Roster
 - a. Roster limit: A maximum of 20 players are allowed on the roster.
 - b. Rosters MUST have the following information: full name, jersey number, GFA ID, DOB.
8. Format
 - a. The format of the GFA Cup will be a knockout format, aka single elimination
 - b. Round 1: Bottom seeded teams randomly drawn.
 - c. Round 2: Round 1 winners drawn against seeds 1 and 2
 - d. Round 3: (Finals): Round 2 winners.
9. Extra Time & Penalties
 - a. In the event that the scores are level after normal time, two 15-minute periods of extra time will be played. Teams are to switch sides immediately between periods.
 - b. If the scores are still level after extra time, kicks from the penalty mark will be taken to decide the winner.
10. Protests
 - a. Any match protests must be submitted to GFA in writing within 48 hours after the scheduled kickoff time of the match in question.
 - b. Each match protest requires a \$50 deposit due at the time of filing. The deposit will be forfeited if the GFA Disciplinary Committee rules against the protesting team.