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Section 1: NAME OF COMPETITION

1.1 The league shall be called **2016** GFA Bud Light Co-ed Masters Soccer League.

Section 2: PARTICIPATING TEAMS/TEAMS DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

2.1 There are **six** teams participating in this league.

2.2 Teams are: **IT&E, Big Blue, Rovers FC, Paintco Strykers and United Masters, Family FC**

2.3 On entering the league, each Club shall automatically undertake the following:

- a.) Observe any Regulations, Codes, policies, decisions, guidelines and amendment issued by GFA;
- b.) Comply with the FIFA Football Laws of the Game;
- c.) Accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the league shall be settled by GFA in compliance with these Regulations or the decisions of relevant GFA Committee(s);
- d.) Observe the principles of Fair Play;
- e.) Be responsible for the behavior of their players, officials, members, supporters and any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the league (before, during and after the matches).

Section 3: LEAGUE FEE

3.1 The league fee for the season is **\$1000.00** per team

3.2 All league fees (current, outstanding and/or late fee) must be paid by the due date to the Guam Football Association Main Office.

3.3 Teams will not be allowed to play and assessed a forfeit if league fees are not paid.

3.4 The due date of all fees: **Friday, July 1, 2016**

3.5 Checks should be payable to: **Guam Football Association** with Memo:
2016 Bud Light Co-ed Masters Soccer League

3.6 Late Fee: A late fee of \$100.00 will be assessed to teams that make payment after the due date.

Section 4: SCHEDULE OF COMPETITION

4.1 All games will be held on Saturday at the GFA Headquarters and Training Facility

4.2 First game will commence on **TUESDAY, 7 June 2016**

4.3 Schedule will be distributed to all team representatives. GFA reserves the right to modify the schedule as necessary. Any updates, as applicable, will be posted on the website and/or via email to club representatives.

4.4 Kick-off time is game time.

4.5 There will be a five (5) minute grace period according the Referee's/Match Commissioner's watch.

Section 5: ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

5.1 All male players must be 40 years of age and all female players must be 25 years of age by December 31, **2016** and registered with the Guam Football Association.

5.2 All players must have GFA Player ID cards.

5.3 Each team must have no less than three (3) female players and no more than eight (8) male players on the field and playing at all times.



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5.4 Teams may start and continue the match with seven (7) players, less than 7 players would result in a forfeit.

5.4 Teams will play short-handed if they do not have the required three (3) females by the number of females the team is short, i.e. one female short = one male short, etc. For example if only two (2) females are on the pitch then only (7) males may play.

5.5 In the event a team plays short of the required three (3) female players for two (2) successive games, the team will be penalized and must play the following game with no more than seven (7) male players, three (3) successive games will reduce the team to six (6) male players and so on.

Section 6: TEAM ROSTER

6.1 Teams are allowed a maximum of twenty five (25) players on the match roster. Teams may register more than the maximum, but only 25 may play in any one match.

6.2 The club representative is responsible for monitoring and managing the numbers of registered players.

Section 7: PLAYER TRANSFER

7.1 A player may only transfer his or her registration to another club provided he/she has not played any matches for the original club in an on-going season. Once a player has played in one or more matches for a club, they may not transfer to play for another club until the end of the season.

7.2 The player is recommended to give notification as common courtesy to the original club of their intent to transfer.

7.3 The player is obligated to the original team if the said team can prove said player is in financial or compensation debt to that team (i.e., team paid for player card, player refuses to return uniform, etc). In such case, if said player satisfactorily reimburses the original team of its debt, the player may transfer as prescribed in Section 7.

Section 8: INELIGIBLE/UNAUTHORIZED PLAYER

8.1 As required by GFA, player ID cards must be presented to the referee prior to the start of each match. Players without an ID card will not be permitted to participate in the match. NO ID, NO PLAY.

8.2 No exceptions will be made through referees, match commissioners or the Co-ed League's Committee regarding player cards.

8.3 If a player misplaces or loses their player ID card, a replacement card can be obtained through the GFA Main Office during normal business hours. The fee for replacement card is \$10.00.

8.4 If a team is found guilty of fielding ineligible or unauthorized player(s) during a match, that team will receive a forfeit for that match.

8.5 Managers or coaches that use ineligible or unauthorized players in a match will not be permitted in the technical area for the next scheduled match. Any subsequent offences will be referred to the GFA Disciplinary Committee for additional sanctions.

Section 9: EQUIPMENT/KIT

9.1 Home team is responsible for changing jerseys should a conflict of colors arise. Using pennies/bibs of the same color may be used as an alternative.



- 9.2 With the exception of goalkeeper, all players on a team must wear the same basic color jerseys. Variations on the brand and style are allowed.
- 9.3 All team members must wear same basic color shorts with no pockets and same basic color socks. Variations on the brand and style are allowed.
- 9.4 Each goalkeeper must wear colors that distinguish them from own team players and opponents. Use of bibs/pennies is acceptable.
- 9.5 All players must have numbered jerseys.
- 9.6 No switching of numbered jerseys during the match, with the exception of the goalkeeper jersey.
- 9.7 Shinguards are mandatory gear for play. Socks must completely cover the shinguards at all times during the match.
- 9.8 All participating teams must comply with the GFA Sponsor Patch Regulations.
- a.) All players MUST wear the League sponsor patch (provided by the League Sponsor). NO PATCH, NO PLAY.
 - b.) Sleeve Patches – BUDWEISER or BUD LIGHT logo patch on left sleeve .
- 9.9 The above equipment/kit rules will be enforced by league officials in addition to the referees.

Section 11: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

11.1 Matches played in accordance with the Laws of the Game

11.1.1 Except noted in this regulations, all matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game in force laid down by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.

- a.) FIFA LOTG website: <http://www.fifa.com/worldfootball/lawsofthegame/index.html>
- b.) A match will be classified as forfeit with a score of 0-3 if one of the teams has fewer than seven players ready to play (equipped) at the end of the grace period according to the referees watch.
- c.) No appeals may be lodged against decisions stated in this section.

11.2 Substitution Procedure

11.2.1 2.1 Unlimited substitutions are permitted

11.3 Duration of Match

11.3.1 Each match shall comprise of two (2) periods of forty-five (45) minutes halves. Half time will be between 10 and 15 minutes, at the referee's discretion.

11.4. Extra Time

11.4.1 Only during the playoffs: Extra time shall be played as the result of a draw at the end of normal playing time, it shall always consist of two (2) periods of Ten (10) minutes each, with an interval of five (5) minutes at the end of normal playing time, an interval of one (1) minute between the two (2) periods of extra time.

11.5. Determining the Winner by Penalty Kicks



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11.5.1 Only during playoffs: if the result is still a draw after the two (2) periods of extra time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game in force.

- a.) The Referee decides which goal will be used for the kick from the penalty mark and controls the taking of the kicks.
- b.) To ensure that the procedure is strictly followed, the Referee is assisted by the two (2) Assistant Referees, one of whom controls players in the center circle while the other focuses the goalkeeper involved in the kicks.

11.6 Abandonment of Matches

11.6.1 If the match is stopped by the Referee before the end of normal time or during any extra time because of any force majeure or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the pitch is not fit for play, weather conditions, floodlight failure, etc. the following procedures must be followed:

- a.) The match is automatically suspended for the duration of fifteen (15) minutes to allow conditions to improve sufficiently to restart the match, unless the referee decides that the match can be resumed earlier. Otherwise, at the end of this fifteen (15) minute period, the Referee must declare the match to have been abandoned.
- b.) In the case of an abandoned match, a match is considered official upon completion of one half of play regardless of the circumstances of termination during the second half with the final results based on the score at termination. If the match is abandoned during the first half of play, the GFA Men's & Women's Sub-Committee will determine the best solution dependent on the reason for the abandoned match.
- c.) No appeals may be lodged against decisions stated in this section.

11.7 Venue/Pitch

11.7.1 The venue for the matches in the Competition shall be decided by GFA.

- a.) The Match Commissioner will inspect the stadium prior to the beginning of the match to ensure that all arrangements are in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
 - 1) If the condition of the pitch requires additional attention, the said Match Commissioner will notify either/or the League Administrator to rectify the situation.

11.8 Team Benches and Technical Areas

11.8.1 Up to a maximum of two (2) team officials and a maximum of fourteen (14) substitutes are allowed to sit on the team bench during play.

- a.) Any officials or players on suspensions shall not be permitted on the Team bench.

11.9 Warming Up

11.9.1 Due to limited time in between matches, the teams will be permitted to warm up on the pitch but for a very limited time, when the referee blows the whistle to start the match.

11.9.2 Substitute warm up may be conducted along the touch line from the team's technical area to the corner flag. No balls used during this warm up.



- a.) The Referees and Match Commissioner reserve the right to prohibit warm-up to avoid interference with the match.

11.10 Competition System

11.10.1 The Competition shall consist of Two Rounds of play whereby each team plays each other team twice, once per round. There will be no playoffs.

11.11 Technical Rules for the Competition: League System (Double Round Robin)

11.11.1 In regular season play, a match win which includes a win by forfeit earns three (3) points, one (1) point for a draw and zero (0) points for a loss;

11.11.2 In the league system the ranking for each team is determined as follows:

- a.) Greater number of points obtained in all matches;
- ii. If two or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criterion, their place shall be determined as follows:
 - 1.) Head to Head points obtained between the two teams
 - 2.) Overall goal difference
 - 3.) Least goals allowed
 - 4.) Fewest Forfeits
 - 5.) To determine league champions, one-match playoff.

Section 12: Match Pitch and Match Balls

12.1 GFA Men's & Women's Sub-Committee will provide three (3) regulation footballs for play. The Referee will allow teams to provide match balls should both teams agree and the match balls pass referee inspection.

- a.) The referee has final say as to which balls will be used.

12.2 Artificial Turf Policy

- a.) The artificial turf policy will be strictly enforced. Please review and inform your players. It is the coaches and managers responsibility that the player abides by the rules.

Section 13: Disciplinary Matters, Appeals, and Protests

13.1 Disciplinary Measures and Appeals

Disciplinary measures and appeals are dealt with in compliance with the current GFA Statutes and GFA Disciplinary Code.

13.2 Players and Officials Cautioned or Dismissed from the Pitch and/or Technical Area

13.2.1 A player who receives three (3) cautions in separate matches of the competition shall automatically be suspended from the match following the match in which they received the third caution.

13.2.2 A player and/or official who received a red card during the Competition shall automatically be suspended from the match following the match in which they received the red card. If the player and/or



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official received the red card in their team's last match in the Competition, the suspension for the red card the suspension will be carried forward as indicated in the GFA Disciplinary Code.

13.2.3 Any player and/or official who received a red card during the Competition shall remain suspended from further play until his/her case has been decided by the GFA Disciplinary Committee.

13.2.4 A suspended player and/or official shall not be allowed on the substitution bench and technical area.

13.2.5 Each team shall bear the responsibility of monitoring the cautions and/or suspensions received by its players and officials and to ensure that all players and officials registered and/or fielded during the Competition are eligible to play.

13.3 Indiscipline and Violence by players and/or officials

13.3.1 Any player or official reported for indiscipline or violent conduct anywhere in the venue including but not limited to the pitch, the technical area and the changing rooms by the GFA Officials (Referees, Match Commissioner, Venue Manager, GFA Executive Member) shall be dealt with by the relevant GFA Committees in accordance with these Regulations and the GFA Disciplinary Code.

13.4 Protest

a) Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall first be submitted in writing (hardcopy or email) to the GFA Men's & Women's Sub-Committee within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of match, by the team.

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b) Protests will not be considered valid for review until it is accompanied by a fee of \$50.00. Payment must be made to the GFA Main Office by the next business day once the protest has been filed.

c) No protests may be made against the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.

e) If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the GFA Men's & Women's Sub-Committee may impose a fine and the protest fee of \$50.00 will be forfeited.

Section 14: Administration

14.1 Main Office Hours: Monday – Friday/10:30AM – 6:30PM

14.2 Matters not provided for

a) Matters not provided for in these Regulations and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the GFA Men's & Women's Sub-Committee, whose decisions are final.

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