



# 2017 Bud Light Women's Soccer League

Spring Season

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1. General Information
  - a. Current FIFA Laws of the Game shall apply except as amended herein.
  - b. By participating in this competition, all players, coaches, team officials, parents, and spectators agree to abide by these rules and any sanctions for violating these rules.
  - c. The official name of the competition shall be **2017 Bud Light Women's Soccer League**.
  - d. The competition shall be organized by the GFA Women's Committee (hereafter called "the Committee").
  - e. The POC shall be Grace Martinez, GFA Women's Administrator (hereafter called "the Administrator"), who can be reached at [grace.martinez@theguamfa.com](mailto:grace.martinez@theguamfa.com) or (671) 989-4179
  - f. All matches shall be played at the GFA National Training Center in Harmon, Guam.
2. Format of Competition.
  - a. W1: 6 teams: Each club will play every other club two times for a total of 10 matches 2 round = 10 week regular season plus 2 weeks single elimination playoffs (top 4 to playoffs). Each match consists of 2-45 minute halves and 1 – 10-15 minute halftime
  - b. W2: 5 teams: Each club will play every other club one time for a total of 4 matches 1 round = 5 week regular season plus 2 weeks single elimination playoffs (top 4 to playoffs). Each match consists of 2-40 min halves and 1- 10 to 15 minute half time, 9 v 9 on a field that measures approximately Length: 71.78m (235.5 feet) x width: 48.00m (157.5 feet)
  - c. The committee reserves the right to make changes to the format if the need arises.
3. Promotion & Relegation  
N/A



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## 4. Standings & Awards:

- a. A club's standing in its division shall be determined in the following manner:
  - i. Total points gained (Win = 3 points, Draw = 1 point, Loss = 0 points)
  - ii. Total points gained in head-to-head competition
    1. If more than two teams, skip to next tiebreaker
  - iii. Goal differential
  - iv. Fewest goals allowed
  - v. Fewest number of forfeits
  - vi. Playoff (only to determine first place, otherwise finish tied)
- b. The following awards will be given at the end of the competitions for each division:
  - i. League Champions
  - ii. Runner Up
  - iii. Golden Boot
  - iv. Golden Glove

## 5. Rescheduled Matches

- a. Clubs are encouraged to follow the official schedule so that the competition may run as smoothly as possible.
- b. If a club requests to reschedule a match, written notice must be given to the Administrator no later than **TWO weeks** before the originally scheduled kickoff time.
- c. Once approved by the Committee, opponents of the club making the reschedule request must also agree to reschedule.
- d. Once opposing club agrees, the Administrator and clubs involved then work together to find earliest available date to reschedule the match in question.
- e. A new date must be found by the latest working day before the original kickoff time (e.g. Thursday for a Friday kickoff or Friday for a Sunday kickoff).
- f. If a new date is not agreed by then, the original kickoff time will be kept.
- g. The Committee will work with clubs for any rescheduled matches due to inclement weather, acts of God, or any other unforeseen circumstances.

## 6. Entry & Obligations

- a. Clubs must notify the Administrator of intent to play in upcoming competition by providing information to include but not limited to: official club name, team colors, names and contact info for at least two POCs.
- b. Entry into the current competition will cost the following:
  - W1: \$1300 (6 team- double round, TOP 4 to single elimination playoffs)
  - W2: \$540 (5 team- single round, TOP 4 to single elimination playoffs)
- c. Deadline to pay is:



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W2: April 10, 2017

- d. Failure to pay the fee in full by the deadline will result in a late fee of \$100
  - e. Clubs that have any outstanding financial and/or disciplinary obligations will not be allowed entry into the competition.
  - f. If a club fails to pay the competition fee and subsequent late fee before kickoff of the last match of the season, any team and/or individual awards will be forfeited.
7. Rosters
- a. All divisions have a roster limit of **25** players per club, but 20 players may participate in any one match.
  - b. Managers must work with match commissioner to ensure roster is accurate with regard to player information and jersey numbers.
  - c. Managers must verify and sign official match report upon completion of each match.
  - d. Only 20 registered players and two non-playing officials may be present in the technical area in any one match. These officials must be listed on the official team roster. Any extra players, non-playing officials, or other people may not be present in the technical area or pitch.
8. Player Eligibility
- a. A player may participate in the competition if she has a current adult GFA Player ID Card and does not have any outstanding disciplinary suspensions and/or fines.
  - b. All **W1 players MUST be at least 14 years old**  
**W2 players must be at least 18 years old** during the calendar year of the match in which they intend to play.
  - c. A player may only be registered to one team during the competition at any given time.
  - d. A player must be listed on the official team roster before playing in a match.  
A player must have played in W1: TWO regular W2: ONE regular season game(s) in order to be eligible to participate in the Knock-Out Stage (Single Elimination Playoffs)
  - e. Any player who does not meet the above requirements will be considered ineligible.
9. Player Transfers
- a. Once a player registers for a club, gets her player ID card and plays one game for that club, she must play for that club and may not transfer to another club until the **FOLLOWING** BLWL season.
  - b. All transfers between clubs and/or leagues require the Transfer Request Form (TRF).
  - c. The TRF shall have the following completed:
    - i. Approval of the Women's Transfer Committee.
    - ii. Signatures of the player, current club and new club.
    - iii. \$15 payment plus old player card to the GFA Main Office.



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- e. It is recommended that current club does not sign the TRF until all requirements are met by the transferring player (i.e. uniform returned or if club paid, agreed reasonable value of player card is compensated to current club).
  - f. Note: Be advised that players (or parents for minors) have the right to select team/league to compete in. Transfer form is a courtesy acknowledgement that they are requesting to be de-register with the club/team. The club/team can only solicit any return of uniforms, fees (if ID card was club pay) to name a few. Should a conflict arise, the committee has the right to review the matter and determine final decision.
10. Player Ineligibility (per Art. 55 of 2014 GFA Disciplinary Code)
- a. If a player is fielded in an official match despite being ineligible, her club will be sanctioned by forfeiting the match and paying a minimum fine of \$50.
  - b. The ineligible player shall be suspended a minimum of three matches and fined a minimum of \$50.
11. Failure to Play & Abandonment (per Art. 56 of 2014 GFA Disciplinary Code)
- a. If a team refuses to play a match or to continue playing one which it has begun, it will be sanctioned with a minimum fine of \$100 and will, in principle, forfeit the match.
12. Failure to Appear
- a. If a club cannot produce a minimum of 7 registered players that are properly geared, as defined by section 14 below, by scheduled kickoff time (no grace period), they will receive a 0-3 forfeit.
  - b. If both teams fail to meet the above requirement, both teams will receive a 0-3 forfeit.
  - c. Any subsequent offences by the same team will incur a \$100 fine and the possibility of additional sanctions.
  - d. Any fines must be paid prior to the forfeiting team's next scheduled match. Failure to pay will result in an additional sanction.
  - e. Any team that incurs 2 forfeits in a single season may be suspended for the season and immediately be removed from the schedule thus forfeiting their team fee.
13. Team Misconduct (per Art. 52 of 2014 GFA Disciplinary Code)
- a. Disciplinary measures may be imposed on clubs where a team fails to conduct itself properly. In particular:
    - i. A fine may be imposed where the referee sanctions at least five members of the same team during a match (caution or expulsion);
    - ii. A fine of at least \$300 may be imposed where several players or officials from the same team threaten or harass match officials or other persons. Further sanctions may be imposed in the case of serious offences.
  - b. All Participating Players agree to:
    - i. respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
    - ii. have read, understood and signed Zero Tolerance Policy;
    - iii. behave accordingly; and
    - iv. refrain from doping.



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## c. Anti-Doping:

- i. Doping is prohibited. The AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, the GFA Disciplinary Code, and all relevant GFA directives in relations to anti-doping are applicable to the Competition.
- ii. The GFA shall inform each member association by means of a circular of the doping control procedure for the Competition.
- iii. The GFA Medical Committee shall be responsible for the approval of the WADA-accredited laboratory which shall carry out the analysis of all doping samples.

## 14. Match Regulations

### a. Law 3 The Number of Players (Substitutions)

- i. An unlimited number of substitutions may be made and players may re-enter the match after being substituted.

### b. Law 4 The Players Equipment

- i. 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.
- ii. Identical is defined as referring to design and color. All sponsor logos and patches must be properly applied per manufacturers' recommendations. Long sleeve jerseys can be considered identical to short sleeve jerseys. Old league patches will be considered identical to the new patches. It is recommended that new jersey use the new sponsor's patch.
- iii. All players must wear a unique jersey number listed on the official roster. Numbers may not be taped to or written on the jersey.
- iv. 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.
- v. 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.
- vi. If – in the opinion of the referee – there is a uniform conflict, the home team must use a different-colored jersey. A uniform set of bibs may be used as an alternative.
- vii. 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.
- viii. Players may not participate in a match if they are wearing a hard, unyielding cast or splint – even if padded.
- ix. Players may wear undergarments (e.g. compression shirt/shorts) of a different color than the sleeve or shorts as long as it is a solid color and center referee or head referee deems it not to be a conflict. All teammates, if wearing compression shorts/shirts must wear the similar color (i.e. Navy blue (not royal blue) or black).



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- x. The match commissioner will be the authority to determine whether players are in compliance with the above rules. If no match commissioner is present, the referee will make the determination.
- xi. Any player found in violation of **Section 14b** will be considered an ineligible player.
- c. Law 12 Fouls & Misconduct
  - i. Clubs are responsible for keeping track of their own disciplinary sanctions.
  - ii. Caution Accumulation: A player who receives a caution in three separate matches will be suspended for the match that immediately follows the third caution. A 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 have the caution counted in the accumulated caution tally.
  - iii. A player who is sent off – after receiving two cautions in the same match or shown a straight red card – shall not play in the next match of the competition.
  - iv. Ejection – Team officials 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.
  - v. Players sent-off and team officials ejected must leave immediately and may come no closer than 30 yards from the perimeter of the field of play.
  - vi. Any player or team official that is sent off or ejected will be referred to the GFA Disciplinary Committee and may receive additional sanctions.



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## 15. Match Suspension & Termination

- a. If a referee stops a match for reasons of- but not limited to- safety (e.g. bad weather), serious infringement of the Laws of the Game (e.g. broken leg), and interference by spectators, the following procedures must be followed:
  - i. The match is stopped and suspended for up to 15 minutes to allow conditions to improve. If conditions do not improve sufficiently to restart the match after the 15 minutes, the referee shall terminate the match.
  - ii. If a match is terminated after the halftime whistle, the result shall be considered final.
  - iii. If a match is terminated before the halftime whistle, the Committee shall determine if the result is final, if the match should be replayed, or if an alternate solution is needed.
  - iv. No appeals may be made against decisions stated in this section.

## 16. Protests

- a. All protests must be submitted within 24 hours of the match in question in writing to the GFA Main Office or email to [grace.martinez@theguamfa.com](mailto:grace.martinez@theguamfa.com)
- b. All protests must be accompanied with a \$50 deposit. Deposits must be made at the time of protest submission (or by the next business day after protest is filed if protest submitted after hours) otherwise the protest will be considered invalid.
- c. If the Committee rules against a protest, the team that filed the protest will forfeit the \$50 deposit.
- d. Protests concerning refereeing decisions (e.g. foul, offside, etc) will not be honored.

## 17. Sponsorship

- a. As part of the agreement with league sponsor Budweiser, all players 21 and older must wear the official BLWSL patch on the left sleeve of their jersey. Those under 21 are not required to wear the patches.

## 18. GFA Main Office Info

- a. Regular Office hours: Monday to Friday from 9:00am-6:00pm; Saturday (only during RWYL) 9 – 4pm
- b. Phone: 637-4321
- c. Email: [info@theguamfa.com](mailto:info@theguamfa.com)
- d. Website: [www.guamfa.com](http://www.guamfa.com)

## 19. Matter Not Provided For

- a. The GFA Women's Committee shall rule on any matters not provided for in this document.