



REGULATIONS

ALOHA MAID YOUTH MINETGOT LEAGUE
2017



ELITE YOUTH LEAGUE

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1 ALOHA MAID YOUTH MINETGOT LEAGUE

- 1.1. The GFA stages the Aloha Maid Youth Minetgot League (AMYML) comprising of a Home and Away matches (“Qualifiers”) and Single Elimination Playoffs (“Finals”).
- 1.2. These Regulations set out the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the GFA and the Club Associations taking part in the Competition.
- 1.3. These Regulations and all directives, decisions, guidelines, and circulars issued by the GFA shall be binding upon all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organization, and hosting of the Competition.
- 1.4. Any rights and Proprietary Interests associated with the Competition that are not granted by these Regulations and/or specific agreements to any Club Association belong to the GFA.
- 1.5. Any reference to the GFA Statutes and to GFA, EAFF, AFC and FIFA regulations refer to those valid at the time of application.

2. The Guam Football Association Responsibilities

- 2.1. The GFA Youth Football Committee (GFA YFC) shall be responsible for organizing the Competition in accordance with the GFA Statutes. The GFA Administration shall carry out the necessary administrative work in support of the GFA YFC.
- 2.2. The responsibilities of the GFA shall include, but are not limited to:
 - supervising general preparations and deciding on the Competition format, the draws, and the entries to the Competition;
 - determining the Match Schedule;
 - selecting Stadia for the Competition;
 - appointing Match Officials for each Match;
 - choosing the official football and stipulated technical material;
 - reporting cases where appropriate to the GFA Disciplinary Committee;
 - replacing Participating Teams that have withdrawn from the Competition;
 - dealing with cases of abandoned Matches or cancelled Matches;
 - dealing with cases of force majeure;

- dealing with any other aspect of the Competition that is not the responsibility of any other body of the GFA pursuant to these Regulations or the GFA Statutes.
- 2.3. All decisions made by the GFA YFC, GFA General Secretariat and/or GFA Executive Director are final and binding and not appealable.
- 2.4. All decisions made by the GFA Disciplinary Committee in relation to the Competition are subject to the operation of the GFA Disciplinary Code.

3. Club Associations Responsibilities

3.1. The principal obligations and responsibilities of each Club Association are stipulated in the invitation and pre-season meeting (from herein named Participating Team Agreement (“PTA”)), these Regulations, the GFA Statutes, and all other GFA regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars.

- Each Club Association that has entered the Competition must submit a PTA.
- The PTA shall be completed and submitted to the GFA not later than the deadline provided by the GFA.
- Failure to submit the PTA to the GFA by the deadline shall result in the non-participation of the relevant Club Association.

3.2. Each Club Association shall ensure as a condition of its participation in the Competition that every member of its Team Official Delegation for each Match is aware of and agrees to comply with the PTA.

3.3. Each Club Association shall undertake to:

- observe all obligations set out in the PTA, these Regulations, the GFA Statutes, and all other GFA regulations, Match Coordination Meeting, directives, guidelines and circulars;
- comply with the Laws of the Game laid down by the IFAB and published by FIFA;
- accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the Competition shall be settled by the GFA in compliance with these Regulations;
- field their strongest team throughout the Competition;
- observe the principles of Fair Play;
- observe and comply with the Zero Tolerance Policy;
- ensure the good conduct of its Team Official Delegation who have

been provided with a GFA Official Accreditation Card and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Competition;

- accept all the arrangements made by GFA;
 - attend and participate in all official activities and events, including without limitation any meeting, match coordination meeting, press conferences, and other media and marketing activities in accordance with the instructions issued by the GFA;
 - failure to attend any official activity or event may affect current or future edition of the Aloha Maid YML. The GFA Disciplinary Committee may issue further sanctions in its own discretion;
 - provide to the GFA, if summoned, statistics and photographs of its Participating Players and Participating Officials, historical information related to its Participating Team (including photographs), and any further data as requested and in accordance with instructions issued by the GFA; and
- 3.4. Each Club Association, at their own expense, is solely responsible throughout the Competition for:
- payment of participation entry fee, any incidental expenses and for any costs incurred by its Team Official Delegation;
- 3.5. Each Club Association shall indemnify, defend, and hold the GFA and all of its officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and all other auxiliary persons free and harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines, and expenses (including reasonable legal expenses) of whatsoever kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to, any non-compliance with these Regulations by other Club Associations, their Team Official Delegations, their affiliates and any third-parties contracted to the Club Associations.
- 3.6. Club Associations may qualify directly and shall undertake, if required, to take part in the following competitions:
- any intercontinental competition(s) arranged by the GFA with other member association. Expenses shall be borne by the Club Association for, but not limited to, travel, uniforms, room accommodation, ground transportation and meals.
- 3.7. Club Associations are not authorized to represent the GFA or the Competition without the prior written approval of the GFA.
- 3.8. Each Club Association shall ensure that any decision made by the GFA relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.

4. Name of the Competition

- 4.1. The official name of the competition is Aloha Maid Youth Minetgot League which is supported by FIFA and partnered with Aloha Maid.

5. Participants

- 5.1. The following 2017 Club Associations shall be eligible to participate in each divisions:
- U13 Division: Dededo, Islanders, Strykers, Wings Black, Wings Red, Wolverines
 - U15 Division: Dededo, Islanders, Strykers, Tigers, Wings Red
 - U18 Division: Quality, Strykers, Wings Black, Wings Red

6. Entry Forms and Club Association Commitment

Qualifiers

- 6.1. Club Associations must satisfy all of the following criteria to be eligible to participate in the Qualifiers for the Competition:
- the Club Association must have had participated in the Triple J RWYL in the appropriate age division;
 - the club association must have received invitation to participate in each edition of the Aloha Maid YML based on current editions standings or promotions from RWYL.
 - the Head Coach of the representative team of the Club Association must hold a minimum GFA "D" Coaching License at the time of entry; and
- 6.2. Eligible Club Associations must submitted a commitment notification and submit it to the GFA not later than the set entry deadline as communicated to GFA.
- 6.3. Each Club Association taking part in the competition shall ensure as a condition of its participation that every member of its delegations (all players and officials) comply with the regulations.
- 6.4. All decisions by the GFA YFC regarding entry to the Competition are final and binding and not appealable.

Finals

- 6.5. Four (4) Club Associations shall participate in the Single Elimination Finals of the Competition by qualifying through the Qualifiers.
- 6.6. Club Associations must satisfy all criteria set out in Article 6.1 to participate in the Finals.

7. Competition Schedule

- 7.1. The Competition shall consist of two (2) stages:
- the Home and Away (Qualifiers) will be played in the League system;
 - the Single Elimination Knockout Stage (Finals) consisting of the Semi-finals and Finals.
- 7.2. The GFA YFC shall decide upon the format of the competition system. Such decisions are final and binding and not appealable.

8. Eligibility of Players

- 8.1. Club Association shall ensure that all players:
- are duly registered with the Club Association pursuant to these Regulations;
 - are duly registered with the GFA pursuant to these Regulations;
 - do not have any outstanding disciplinary matter(s).
- 8.2. The approval of the registration of a Participating Player by the GFA Administration does not automatically provide for the eligibility of the Participating Player. Each Club Association is responsible for fielding only eligible Participating Players. Failure to do so shall lead to the consequences stipulated in the GFA Disciplinary Code.
- 8.3. A Participating Player shall be deemed ineligible, without limitation, if:
- there is a violation of Article 8.1; or
 - Playing despite being served and under suspension;
 - Playing in RWYL concurrently;
 - Submitted false or untrue official registration document(s).

9. Confirmation of Team Participant and Registration of Players

- 9.1. Each team shall send a confirmation form of a team participation and a provisional list of maximum number of twenty-five (25) players and four (4) officials to GFA by the deadline communicated to the clubs.
- Each player must register annually (calendar year basis) with the club prior to registering with GFA;
 - A fully complete registration form with all applicable information containing full name, gender, team name, division, emergency contact;
 - For first time registrant(s), passport or birth certificate for verification of birth year;
 - One (1) color photo (taken within one calendar year); and

- Payment of registration fee for the said calendar year.
- 9.2. Team delegations up to four (4) shall be duly registered.
- 9.3. All players will be issued with GFA ID Player or Official Card authorized by GFA. Should a card be misplaced, the relevant team shall be required to pay USD10 as a replacement production fee;

10. Team colors, numbers and team outfits

- 10.1. Each team must declare their team's color. Each team is obliged to use these colors for all matches. Should there be a conflict in color, Team B shall wear secondary color or bibs.
- 10.2. Throughout the competition and for each match to which he/she is registered, each player shall wear the same number allocated to him/her in the final registration submitted.
- 10.3. No duplication of jersey numbers allowed on a team.
- 10.4. Team must be in same jersey design, similar color shorts (with no pockets) and similar color socks.
- 10.5. The officials, especially Team B, should be encouraged to wear different color from the players and match officials to avoid confusion.
- 10.6. If there is a clash of colors in any match, the match commissioner and the referee have the right to make a decision regarding the team uniform colors to be used (wear another color or wear bibs).
- 10.7. Goalkeepers must be provided with jerseys of different colors bearing their registered numbers. Under no circumstances will goalkeepers be allowed to play in jerseys bearing numbers different from that they were originally registered.
- 10.8. Any team found guilty of allowing players to play in jerseys with numbers other than those registered shall be subject to disciplinary action, including fines.

26. GFA Badges

- 26.1. Each Participating Team shall allow space on its playing jersey to affix the following sleeve badges as required by the Competition;
- 26.2. Each team is responsible to ensure that the patches are properly affixed to the jersey as follow:
- 26.2.1. FIFA Fair Play patch shall be on the left sleeve;
 - 26.2.2. Aloha Maid Minetgot patch shall be on the right sleeve;
- 26.3. Each team is responsible to ensure that the patches remain on the sleeves for duration of the competition.

11. Number of players and officials in each team

- 11.1. Each team shall consist of not more than twenty-nine (29) persons; made up of
- Minimum of thirteen (13) to maximum twenty-five (25) players;
 - Minimum of two (2) to maximum four (4) officials.
 - At minimum a Head Coach and Club Representative shall be registered.
 - In event of same club challenging each other, the head coach cannot coach both teams.

12. Mode of competition and rules for determining the winner

12.1. Each Club Association shall play against the other Club Associations within its group in accordance with the Match Schedule and competition system set by the GFA YFC.

12.2. The duration of Matches shall be played in accordance with Article 14.

12.3. Should the competition system for the Qualifiers involve a group stage, at the conclusion of each Match:

- three (3) points shall be awarded to the Winner;
- one (1) point shall be awarded to each Participating Team for a draw;
- zero (0) points shall be awarded to the Loser.

12.4. The ranking in the (League System) shall be determined in descending order as follows:

- higher number of points obtained in all group Matches;
- if two (2) or more Participating Teams are equal on points, the following criteria are applied to determine the ranking (in descending order):

Head-to-Head criteria

- higher number of points obtained in the group Matches played among the Participating Teams in concerned;
- superior goal difference from the group Matches played among the Participating Teams concerned;
- higher number of goals scored in the group Matches played among the Participating Teams concerned;

Tiebreaker

- if, after having applied the Head-to-Head criteria, two (2) or more Participating Teams still have an equal ranking, the Head-to-Head criteria shall be reapplied exclusively to the Matches between those Participating Teams to determine their final rankings. If this is unsuccessful, the

Group Results criteria shall apply;

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- superior goal difference from all group Matches played;
- higher number of goals scored from all group Matches played;
- Kicks from the Penalty Mark if only the two (2) Participating Teams are both on the Field of Play;
- the lower score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in group Matches; or
- the drawing of lots.

13. Finals (Knockout Stage – *Single Elimination*)

- 13.1. The Knockout Stage shall consist of the Semi Finals and Finals.
- 13.2. Each round of the Knockout Stage shall be conducted in accordance with the Match Schedule.
- 13.3. The duration of Matches, including Kicks from the Penalty Mark (if required), shall be played in accordance with Article 14.
- 13.4. At the conclusion of each Match in the Semi Finals:
- the Winner shall qualify for the Final; and
 - the Loser is eliminated from Knockout Stage.
- 13.5. At the conclusion of the match in the Finals;
- the Winner shall be declared Champion; and
 - the Loser shall be declared Runner-up.

14. Duration of Matches

- 14.1. Duration of Matcher per division(s):
- Each U 18 Match shall last ninety (90) minutes, comprising of two (2) periods of forty-five (45) minutes (normal playing time). Matches shall start at the time set out in the Match Schedule.
 - Each U15 Match shall last eighty (80) minutes, comprising of two (2) periods of forty (40) minutes (normal playing time). Matches shall start

at the time set out in the Match Schedule.

- Each U13 Match shall last sixty (60) minutes, comprising of two (2) periods of thirty (30) minutes (normal playing time). Matches shall start at the time set out in the Match Schedule.

14.2. Halftime Duration

- There shall be an interval of fifteen (15) minutes between the periods in the U15 and U18 matches, commencing from the whistle ending the first period and ending upon the whistle starting the second period.
- There shall be an interval of ten (10) minutes between the periods in the U13 matches, commencing from the whistle ending the first period and ending upon the whistle starting the second period.

14.3. Water Break Duration

- A three (3) minute water break will be issued in U15 and U18 at approximately 30th minute and 75th minute. The three (3) minute break will be inclusive of the match duration and not to be added as additional time. The water break is managed by the referee in the match and at the referee's discretion. The team delegations cannot dictate issuance of water break or to void the water break.

14.4. If no Winner is determined at the end of normal playing time during the Knockout Stage (Finals), the winner shall be determined by taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark in accordance with the procedures described in the Laws of the Game.

14.5. If Kicks from the Penalty Mark cannot be completed because of weather conditions or for any Force Majeure reason, the result shall be decided by the drawing of lots by the Referee in the presence of the GFA Match Commissioner and the two (2) captains of the Participating Teams.

14.6. If through the fault of a Participating Team the Kicks from the Penalty Mark cannot be completed, Article 7 of these Regulations shall apply.

15. Player Selection List

15.1. Each Participating Team must hand their Player Selection List to the GFA AMYML Administrator thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement their match. If the Player Selection List is not completed and returned on time, the matter will be reported to the GFA YFC.

- Each Participating Player who is marked on the Player Selection List must be available at the Player and Equipment Check undertaken by the GFA Match Commissioner and GFA Match Officials on Match Day.

16. Matches Played in Accordance with the Laws of the Game

- 16.1. All Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game laid down by the IFAB and published by FIFA.
- 16.2. The version of the IFAB is 2016/2017.
- 16.3. In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall prevail and is authoritative.

17. Substitutions

- 17.1. U15 & U18 Division: Teams have five (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 shall not count.
- 17.2. U13 Division: Teams have three (3) 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 shall not count.
- 17.3. At any stage of a Match, if a Participating Team is only able to field fewer than;
 - 17.4. Seven (7) players in the U15 and U18 Division, the Match shall be abandoned and Article 18.6 will be applied.
 - 17.5. Five (5) players in the U13 Division, the Match shall be abandoned and Article 18.6 will be applied.

18. Abandonment of Matches

- 18.1. If a Match is stopped by the Referee for any reason except for that set out in Article 17.3, the following procedure shall be followed:
 - the Match is stopped for minimum of fifteen (15) minutes. During this stoppage, the Referee may decide that the Match can commence prior to the completion of the delay;
 - subsequent to the first stoppage, either:
 - an additional delay of fifteen (15) minutes shall occur if in the discretion of the Referee this second stoppage may allow the Match to be commence; or
 - the Match is declared abandoned by the Referee;
 - following two (2) delays of fifteen (15) minutes, the Referee must declare the Match cancelled.

18.2. For any Match which is cancelled as a result of Force Majeure, GFA shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.

18.2.1 Decisions made pursuant to Article 18.2 are final and binding and not appealable.

18.3. Any Match which is cancelled, except in case of Force Majeure recognized by the GFA, may lead to the imposition of sanctions by the GFA Disciplinary Committee against the relevant party that has caused the abandonment in accordance with the GFA Disciplinary Code.

18.4. Should the GFA, pursuant to Article 18.2 or Article 18.3, determine that an abandoned Match should be rescheduled and completed, the following principles shall apply:

18.4.1 the Match shall recommence with the same score at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full;

18.4.2 the Participating Teams may only make the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the Match was abandoned;

18.4.3 any Participating Player sent off during the abandoned Match cannot be replaced;

18.4.4 any sanction imposed before the Match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the rescheduled Match;

18.4.5 the kick-off time, date and Stadium of the re-scheduled Match shall be decided by the GFA; and

18.4.6 any other matters not set out above shall be decided by the GFA in its sole discretion.

18.5. If a Match is stopped by the Referee before the end of normal playing time or during any Extra Time as a result of a Participating Team being able to only field fewer than:

18.5.1 U15 and U18 Division: Seven (7) Participating Players, the Match shall be declared abandoned and the Participating Team who is able to field more than seven (7) Participating Players shall be declared the Winner by the score 3-0, or the score at the time of abandonment, whichever is higher.

18.5.2 U13 Division: Five (5) Participating Players, the Match shall be declared abandoned and the Participating Players shall be declared the Winner by the score 3-0, or the score at the time of abandonment, whichever is higher.

18.6 Decisions made pursuant to Article 18.4.6 are final and binding and not appealable.

19 Field of Play

- 19.5 The Guam Football Association shall ensure that the Field of Play is in playable condition.
- 19.6 The GFA General Coordinator and/or GFA Match Commissioner will inspect each Stadium prior to the Match and ensure that all arrangements are in accordance with the Laws of the Game. If the conditions of the Field of Play including the dimension of the goal and field are not in accordance with the Laws of the Game, the GFA Match Commissioner shall issue instructions for the Organizing Association to ensure rectification.
- 19.7 All Matches shall be played on a Field of Play in accordance with the Laws of the Game
- 19.8 If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the Field of Play prior to the Match, the Referee shall decide whether the Field of Play is playable. If the Referee declares that the Match cannot commence on time, Article 18 shall apply.

20 Team Bench and Technical Area

- 20.5 A maximum of four (4) Participating Officials and a maximum of nine (9) Participating Players are permitted to sit on the team bench during a Match for the U15 and U18 divisions; and a maximum of four (4) Participating Officials and a maximum of eleven (11) Participating Players are permitted to sit on the team bench during a Match for the U13 division, provided they are in possession of the appropriate Accreditation Card.
- 20.6 Participating Officials and Participating Players on the team bench must have their Accreditation Card present on the field of play.
- 20.7 All individuals on the team bench must wear kit that contrasts with the kit of the Participating Players and Referees present on the Field of Play. This kit must comply with the GFA Regulations (Article 47).
- 20.8 Suspended players and suspended officials are not allowed at the Team Bench and Field of Play (even during warm-up or pre-game).
- 20.9 All players and officials must remain seated at the bench at all times and only one official at a time is authorized to stand to convey tactical instructions.
- 20.10 'Team A' shall occupy the team bench on the left when facing the Field of Play from the Fourth Official bench.

21 Warming up

- 21.5 Each Participating Team shall be entitled to warm-up on the Field of Play

before a Match if time is available

- 21.6 During a Match, a maximum of three (3) Participating Players from each Participating Team may warm-up simultaneously without a ball (except for the goalkeeper), behind the goal closest to their team bench or alternatively in a space determined by the GFA Match Commissioner. These Participating Players may be assisted by one (1) Participating Official from the team bench.
- 21.7 If there is no space to warm-up behind the goal, a maximum of three (3) Participating Players from each Participating Team may warm up simultaneously without a ball (except goalkeepers) behind Assistant Referee 1, to the right of the 'Team B' team bench. These Participating Players may be assisted by one (1) Participating Official.

22 Disciplinary Measures

- 22.5 All disciplinary measures in relation to the Competition shall be undertaken in accordance with the GFA Disciplinary Code.
- 22.6 The GFA may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the Competition. Such rules shall be communicated to the Club Associations.
- 22.7 All Participating Players agree to:
- 22.7.1 respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
 - 22.7.2 have read, understood and signed Zero Tolerance Policy;
 - 22.7.3 behave accordingly; and
 - 22.7.4 refrain from doping.
- 22.8 Anti-Doping:
- 22.8.1 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.
 - 22.8.2 The GFA shall inform each member association by means of a circular of the doping control procedure for the Competition.
 - 22.8.3 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.

23 Cautions and Expulsions

- 23.5 All matters relating to cautions and/or expulsions, including the carrying forward of cautions between stages of the Competition, shall be undertaken in accordance with the GFA Disciplinary Code except where expressly set out below.

23.6 There shall be no carry-over of cautions between stages of the Competition.

24 Indiscipline and violent conduct by players and/or officials

24.5 Any player or official reported for discipline or violent conduct anywhere in the stadium including but not limited to the field of play, the changing rooms, at the training area shall be dealt with by the relevant GFA directives in accordance with these regulations, GFA Statutes, GFA Disciplinary Code.

24.6 Zero Tolerance Policy must be shared with each team to ensure that it has been communicated, read and understood. This includes but not limited to, players, coaches, spectators and parents. Signed Zero Tolerance Policy must be on file by each team.

25 Protest

25.5 A protest is an objection of any kind to any matter that has a direct effect on Matches and any matters related to breach of these Regulations.

25.6 Unless otherwise stipulated, to be considered valid, protests shall be:

25.6.1 submitted in writing to the GFA Match Commissioner with copy to GFA YFC within two (2) hours of the end of the Match in question;

25.6.2 followed up with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, sent to the GFA General Secretariat and Executive Director by email within twenty four (24) hours of the end of the Match;

25.6.3 accompanied by a non-refundable fee of USD50 submitted within twenty four (24) hours at the end of the Match.

25.7 No protest shall be lodged relating to the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions are final and not subject to appeal, unless expressly otherwise stipulated in the GFA Disciplinary Code.

25.8 Should the GFA Disciplinary Committee determine that a protest is unfounded or irresponsible, it may impose a fine.

25.9 If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations are not met, such protest shall be disregarded. Following the completion of the final Match of the Competition, all protests shall be disregarded.

25.10 The GFA Disciplinary Committee shall make decisions on protests. The GFA Disciplinary Committee may transfer a protest to the GFA YFC for its decision if it is deemed to be purely operational in nature.

26 Withdrawal Prior to Commencement of the Competition

26.5 All Club Associations undertake that their Participating Teams shall play all of their Matches in the Competition and, if relevant, all of their Matches in the

Finals until elimination.

26.6 In the case of a Club Association withdrawing or being excluded from the Competition, the GFA YFC shall be responsible for making any decisions, including without limitation whether to:

26.6.1 replace the Club Association;

26.6.2 change the competition system; and/or

26.6.3 change the technical rules.

26.7 All decisions of the GFA YFC in this regard are final and binding and not appealable.

Qualifiers

26.8 Any Club Association that withdraws up to ten (10) days before its scheduled Match of the Qualifiers shall be fined USD100.

26.9 Any Club Association that withdraws less than ten (10) days before its scheduled Match of the Qualifiers shall be fined USD150.

26.10 The GFA Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions in its discretion.

Finals

26.11 Any Club Association that withdraws before its first Match of the Finals shall be fined USD100.

26.12 The GFA Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions in its discretion.

27 Forfeit (withdrawal) After Commencement of the Competition

27.5 A Club Association that withdraws or fails to report for a match or refuses to continue a match from the Competition after it has commenced shall:

27.5.1 have all its Matches cancelled and considered null and void. For the avoidance of doubt, all points and goals in those Matches shall not be taken into consideration when determining the final rankings in the Group Stage pursuant to Article 12.4;

27.5.2 be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable, the other Participating Teams, the GFA, the GFA sponsors, Broadcasters, and the Club Associations. The amount of compensation shall be determined by the GFA General Secretary;

27.5.3 be disqualified from participating in the Finals, if qualification is

attained;

27.5.4 be disqualified from participating in any tournaments listed in Article 3.6, if qualification has been attained;

27.5.5 be fined:

27.5.5.1 USD150 if it withdraws after the commencement of the Qualifiers; or

27.5.5.2 USD175 if it withdraws after the commencement of the Finals;

27.5.6 be referred to the GFA Disciplinary Committee which may impose further sanctions in its discretion; and

27.5.7 return to the GFA any subsidy that had been paid in support of their participation in the Competition or if not yet paid, forfeit their right to that subsidy.

27.6 The above Article 27.5 are not applicable in cases of Force Majeure recognized by the GFA.

27.7 The GFA shall take whatever action it deems necessary in cases of Force Majeure.

27. Recording of Matches

27.1. GFA will record only the Finals match for each division.

27.2. Match recording may be live streamed or broadcast. GFA is the sole owner of all the rights emanating from the league and any other related events coming under its jurisdiction without any restrictions as to content, time and place. These rights include, among others, all kinds of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights (such as those pertaining to emblems) as well as rights arising under copyright law whether currently existing or created in the future subject to any provision as set forth in specific regulations.

28. Media Access

28.1. Representatives of the written press and radio journalists are not permitted on the Field of Play or the area between the boundaries of the Field of Play and the spectators, with the exception of accredited Media who shall carry out their duties in the specific locations assigned to them.

- 28.2. Only photographers, cameramen of the Host Broadcaster and the main visiting Broadcaster and the personnel required to operate the electronic television cameras of the Host Broadcaster are allowed in the area between the boundaries of the Field of Play and the spectators, where they will carry out their work in the specific locations assigned to them.

29. Press Conferences & Interviews

- 29.1. The Head Coach of each Participating Team may be summoned to attend either pre-Match press conference for each Match in which they participate.
- 29.2. The Head Coach of each Participating Team may be summoned to attend a post-Match press conference for each Match in which they participate, commencing no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the Match.
- 29.3. If requested by the GFA, GFA may summon the Head Coach and up to three (3) Participating Players available on the day of the Match for an interview of up to ten (10) minutes, to be recorded by the Host Broadcaster or other Broadcaster, or by the GFA official website. All interview locations shall be designated by the GFA Media Officer or GFA General Coordinator.
- 29.4. Any individual who fails to cooperate for an interview when requested may be subjected to sanctions and/or fines.

30. Administration

- 30.1. GFA AMYML Administrator will prepare, coordinate and maintain all match reports.
- 30.2. GFA AMYML Administrator will provide weekly Statistics which shall be identified via GFA website (www.guamfa.com).
- 30.3. Any disciplinary matter will be addressed and communicated via GFA Disciplinary Administrator. Notifications shall be transmitted to the Club Representative who will have responsibility to communicate to the players.

31. Awards

- 31.1. The following awards shall be presented after the Finals:
- 31.1.1. **Most Valuable Player** is awarded to the Participating Player who has a major influence in the Final match (Championship).
- 31.1.2. **Top Goalscorer** is awarded to the Participating Player who has scored the highest number of goals during the Qualifiers. In the event of a tie, the total minutes played will be taken into account with the player with less minutes played ranked first.
- 31.1.3. **The Fair Play Award** is awarded to the Participating Team who has collected the most Fair Play points at the end of the Qualifiers.

31.1.3.1. The Participating Team may be disqualified if it or any of its Team Official Delegation is involved in any severe misconduct related to the Competition.

31.1.4. **Golden Glove** is awarded to the Participating Player based on goals against average.

31.1.5. **Commemorative to Referees**

31.1.6. **Runner-Up Medals**

31.1.7. **Champions Medals**

31.1.8. **Champion Trophy**

31.2. GFA AMYML Administrator will provide weekly Statistics which shall be identified via GFA website (www.guamfa.com).

32 Financials

32.1 FIFA will provide a financial subsidy to GFA for the organization of the Youth Minetgot League. The amount shall be finalized and approved by FIFA to GFA.

32.2 Partnership with Aloha Maid in support of the Youth Minetgot League for trophies and other amenities as agreed upon by Aloha Maid and GFA.

32.3 Each Participating Team shall be invoiced an entry fee.

33 Protocol

33.1 The GFA Protocol Guidelines shall apply for all Matches.

34 Special Instructions

34.1 The GFA Youth Football Committee shall, in conjunction with the various Organizing Associations, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances which might arise in the organization of Matches.

34.2 These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

35 Force Majeure

35.1 The GFA is the only body capable of declaring a Force Majeure event.

36 Enforcement

36.1 These Regulations were ratified by the GFA Youth Football Committee on 11 February 2017 and came into force immediately.

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