

# 2017 Fall Bud Light Women's Soccer



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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:  
W1: **2017 Fall Bud Light Women's Soccer League**  
W2: **2017 Fall Bud Light W2-Women's Soccer League**
- d. The competition shall be organized by the GFA Women's Committee.
- e. The POC shall be GFA Women's Administrator Cheri Stewart, who can be reached at [cheri.stewart@theguamfa.com](mailto:cheri.stewart@theguamfa.com) (688-1279)
- f. All matches shall be played at the GFA National Training Center in Harmon, Guam.

## 2. Format

- a. Six teams, single round robin with single elimination playoffs.
- a. W1: (6 teams) Single Round Robin with playoffs (Quarterfinals, Semifinals, Consolation/Finals). Each match consists of 2-45 minute halves and 1 – 10-15 minute halftime (referee discretion on halftime minutes).
- b. W2: (5 teams) Single Round Robin with playoffs (Top 4 to playoffs). Each match consists of 2-40 min halves and 1- 10 to 15 minute half time. This is a 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:

Not applicable

## 4. Standings & Awards:

- a. A club's standing in 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 competition:
  - i. League Champions
  - ii. Golden Boot
  - iii. Golden Glove

The ranking for each leading goalkeeper is determined as follows:

  1. Goal Average
  2. Minutes played
  - iv. Runner Up

## 5. Schedule

- a. Matches will be played on Sundays.
- d. GFA reserves the right to make changes to the schedule based on availability of the facility.

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## 6. Rescheduled Matches

- a. Clubs are strongly urged to follow the given schedule so that the competition may run as smoothly as possible.
- b. If a club needs to reschedule a match, written notice must be given to the Women's Administrator no later than two weeks before the originally scheduled kickoff time.
- c. Once approved by GFA Women's Committee, opponents of the club requesting a reschedule 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 found by then, the original kickoff time will be kept.
- g. The GFA Women's Committee will work with clubs for any rescheduled matches due to inclement weather, acts of God, or any other unforeseen circumstances.

## 7. Entry & Obligations

- a. Clubs must notify GFA Women's 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: **\$925 per team** (6 teams)
  - W2: **\$530 per team** (5 teams)
- c. Deadline to pay the fee in full is:
  - W1: **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2017**
  - W2: **5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2017**
- d. Failure to pay the fee in full by the deadline will result in a late fee of \$100 and team may be placed on immediate suspension from matches until payment is made. The suspension from matches will result in automatic forfeit and reschedule of matches will not be granted.
- e. Clubs that have any outstanding financial and/or disciplinary obligations will not be allowed entry into the competition. It is the clubs' responsibility to ensure that all outstanding financials with sponsors or third party are resolved in a timely basis. No exceptions will be granted.
- 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.

## 8. Rosters

- a. Roster limit of **25** players per club, but only a limit of 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.



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- c. Per Article 68 of GFA Disciplinary Code Edition 2014, managers bear the responsibility to ensure that all players and officials registered and/or fielded during the competition are eligible to play.
  - d. Upon completion of each match, managers must verify and sign official match report upon completion to ensure accurate data and return of team's player cards. Once signed, GFA officials will no longer be responsible for any negligence for lost card(s), return of incorrect card(s) or error on results.
  - d. Only 20 registered players and two non-playing officials (e.g. manager and doctor) 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 including children may not be present in the technical area or pitch.
9. 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 players **MUST** be at least 14 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.
  - 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 season matches W2: ONE regular season match in order to be eligible to participate in the Playoffs.
  - e. In a calendar year, a player in the competitive division cannot play in the recreational division and vice versa.
  - f. Any player who does not meet the above requirements will be considered ineligible.
  - g. A player must play in at least one match to be eligible for playoffs.
10. 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. \$25 payment plus old player card to the GFA Main Office. This payment also entitles the issuance of a new Player ID card.
  - 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.

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11. Player Ineligibility (Per Article 55 of the GFA Disciplinary Code)
  - a. If a player takes part 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.
12. Failure to Play & Abandonment (Per Article 56 of the GFA Disciplinary Code 2014)
  - 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.
13. Failure to Appear
  - a. If a club fails to give proper notice and fails to produce the minimum of seven registered players by the 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 forfeit.
  - e. Any team that incurs two (2) forfeits in a single season may be suspended for the season and immediately be removed from the schedule thus forfeiting their team fee.
14. Team Misconduct (Per Article 52 of the GFA Disciplinary Code 2014)
  - 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.
    - iii. Consumption of alcohol by Players and Staff is strictly prohibited immediately before the match and during the match. Furthermore, alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the technical area.
  - 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** (online);
    - iii. behave accordingly; and
    - iv. refrain from doping.
  - 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.

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## 15. 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 based color shorts and socks. No pockets in shorts allowed.
  - 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).
  - 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 15b** will be considered an ineligible player.
- c. Law 12 Fouls & Misconduct
  - i. 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.
  - ii. Clubs are responsible for keeping a count of their own cautions.
  - 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.

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- 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.

## 16. 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 will be considered final.
  - iii. If a match is terminated before the halftime whistle, the GFA Women's Committee will 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

## 18. Protest

- a. All protests must be submitted within 24 hours of the match in question in writing to the GFA Main Office or email to [cheri.stewart@theguamfa.com](mailto:cheri.stewart@theguamfa.com)
- b. Per Article 123 of the GFA Disciplinary Code 2014, 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 concerned refereeing decisions (e.g. foul, offside, etc) will not be honored.

## 19. Sponsorship

- a. As part of the agreement with league sponsor Budweiser, all players 21 and older must wear the BLWSL patch on the left sleeve of their jersey. Those under 21 are not required to wear the patches.
- b. Two cases of drink products distributed by our sponsor shall be given to each team per match. Drinks not picked up during the week will be counted as part of next week's order (i.e. pick up or lose it). Available drinks are: Aloha Maid (various flavors), Budweiser, Bud Light, and Stella. Drinks **MUST** be picked up during from Ambros on Wednesday from 9am-11am or 1pm-4pm (no exceptions).

## 20. GFA Main Office Information

- a. Office Hours: Monday to Friday from 10:30am-6:00pm. Saturdays: 8:00am – 4:30pm (only during Triple J Robbie Webber Youth League seasons).
- b. Phone: 637-4321
- c. Email: [info@guamfa.com](mailto:info@guamfa.com)
- d. Website: [www.guamfa.com](http://www.guamfa.com)

## 21. Matter Not Provided For

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

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF GFA TRAINING CENTER

- SMOKING, INCLUDING E-CIGARETTES, **NOT** ALLOWED.
- GLASS CONTAINERS/BOTTLES **NOT** ALLOWED.
- PETS **NOT** ALLOWED BEYOND THIS POINT.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN SANCTIONS, NOT LIMITED TO FEES, SUSPENSION, OR COMPLETE BAN FROM GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER.



## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF GFA PLAYING PITCH

- CLEATS ONLY ON TURF. OTHER TYPES OF FOOTWEAR, INCLUDING BARE FEET, ARE **NOT** ALLOWED AT ANY TIME ON TURF. PLEASE USE SIDEWALKS IF PROPER FOOTWEAR IS NOT WORN.
- COOLERS ON TURF ARE **NOT** ALLOWED AT ANY TIME. PLEASE USE SIDEWALKS WHEN BRINGING COOLERS WITH WHEELS TO RESPECTIVE BENCHES.
- SPECTATORS **NOT** ALLOWED INSIDE FENCE AT ANY TIME.
- EXCEPTION: EMERGENCY/FIRST AID RESPONDERS DURING TREATMENTS

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN SANCTIONS, NOT LIMITED TO FEES, SUSPENSION, OR COMPLETE BAN FROM GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER.