

The logo of the Guam Football Association is a circular emblem. It features a soccer ball at the top, a shield with a palm tree in the center, and the year '1975' below the shield. The text 'GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION' is written around the top inner edge, and 'FOUNDED 1975' is written around the bottom inner edge. The entire logo is rendered in a light blue color.

Competition

Regulations

Guam Football Association

Interscholastic League

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1. GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

- 1.1. The GFA stages the Guam Football Association Interscholastic League comprising of a **Single Round Robin and a Single Knock Out Round**
- 1.2. These Regulations set out the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the GFA and the Associations (Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam / Interscholastic Sports Association) herein after “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 Association belong to the GFA.

2. The Guam Football Association Responsibilities

- 2.1. The GFA Competition Committee (GFA CC) 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 COMPETITION COMMITTEE.
- 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 - Replacing Participating Teams that have withdrawn from the Competition;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 COMPETITION COMMITTEE, 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. Associations Responsibilities

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

- Each 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 Association.

3.2. Each 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 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 and Code of Conduct
- ensure the good conduct of its Team Official Delegation
- 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;
- 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 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 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 Associations, their Team Official Delegations, their affiliates and any third-parties contracted to the Associations.

3.6. 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 Association for, but not limited to, travel, uniforms, room accommodation, ground transportation and meals.

3.7. Associations are not authorized to represent the GFA or the Competition without the prior written approval of the GFA.

3.8. Each 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 Guam Football Association Interscholastic League.



5. Participants

5.1. The following 2020-2021 Associations shall be eligible to participate in each divisions:

- **IIAAG Division:** Father Duenas Memorial School, Harvest Christian Academy, St. Paul Christian School, Notre Dame High School, Guam High School, St. John's High School, Academy of Our Lady of Guam
- **ISA Division:** John F. Kennedy High School, Simon Sanchez High School, Tiyan High School, George Washington High School, Southern High School, Okkodo High School

6. Entry Forms and Association Commitment

Single Round Robin

6.1. Associations must satisfy all of the following criteria to be eligible to participate in the Qualifiers for the Competition:

- The Head Coach of the representative team of the Association must hold a minimum **GFA "D" Coaching License** at the time of entry **(SY 2021/22)**; and

6.2. Eligible Associations must submit a commitment notification and submit it to the GFA not later than the set entry deadline as communicated to GFA.

6.3. Each 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 CC regarding entry to the Competition are final and binding and not binding and not appealable.

Knock Out Stage

6.5. Associations shall participate in the Single Round of the GFA Interscholastic League. ONLY Top Eight (8) shall advance to the quarter finals.

6.6. 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 Single Round Robin will be played in the League system;
- Knock Off Stage

7.2. The GFA CC shall decide upon the format of the competition system. Such decisions are final and binding and not appealable.

8. Eligibility of Players

8.1. Association shall ensure that all players:

- Are duly registered with the Association pursuant to these Regulations;
- Are duly registered with the GFA pursuant to these Regulations;

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 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;
- 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 players and four (4) officials to GFA by the deadline communicated to the clubs.

- Each player must register annually (calendar year basis) with the prior to registering with GFA;
- A fully complete registration form with all applicable information containing full name, gender, team name, division, emergency contact;



9.2. Team delegations up to four (4) shall be duly registered.

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.

11. Number of players and officials in each team

- Each team shall consist of the following:
- Minimum of Eleven (11)
- Minimum of two (2) to maximum four (4) officials.
- At minimum a Head Coach and Representative shall be registered.



- In event of same challenging each other, the head coach cannot coach both teams.

12. Mode of competition and rules for determining the winner

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

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;

Group Results criteria: 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. Single Knock Off Round

13.1. Single Round Robin and ONLY top eight (8) ranking teams shall advance to Knockout Stage.

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 the knock off round

- The Final Two shall qualify for the Championship Match

13.5. At the conclusion of the Championship Match;

- 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 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.

14.2. Halftime Duration

- There shall be an interval of fifteen (15) minutes between the periods, commencing from the whistle ending the first period and ending upon the whistle starting the second period.

14.3. Cooling Break Duration



- A three (3) minute cooling break will be issued at approximately 20th minute and 80th minute. The three (3) minute break will be inclusive of the match duration and not to be added as additional time. The cooling break is managed by the referee in the match and at the referee's discretion. The team delegations cannot dictate issuance of cooling break or to void the cooling break.

14.4. If no Winner is determined at the end of normal playing time during the Knockout Stage (**Quarter Finals**) 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 no Winner is determined at the end of normal playing time during the Knockout Stage (**Semi-Finals, Consolation, Championship**), there would be two ten minute halves (2x10) overtime. If there is still a draw; 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.

14.6. 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.

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

15.1. All Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game laid down by the IFAB and published by FIFA.

15.2. The version of the IFAB is 2019/2020.

15.3. In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall prevail and is authoritative.

16. Substitutions

16.1. Teams have an unlimited substitution opportunities during a match and may substitute an unlimited number of players per opportunity. Players may re-enter the match after being substituted.



- 16.2. At any stage of a Match, if a Participating Team is only able to field fewer than;
Seven (7) players, the Match shall be abandoned.

17. Abandonment of Matches

- 17.1. If a Match is stopped by the Referee for any reason except for that set out in Article 17.2, 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.

- 17.2. 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.

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

- 17.4. 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:

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

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

17.4.3. Any Participating Player sent off during the abandoned Match cannot be replaced;

17.4.4. Any sanction imposed before the Match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the rescheduled Match;

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

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



17.5. 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:

17.5.1. 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.

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

18. Field of Play

18.1 The Guam Football Association shall ensure that the Field of Play is in playable condition.

18.2 The GFA General Coordinator and/or Director of Referees 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 General Coordinator and/or Director of Referees shall issue instructions for the Organizing Association to ensure rectification.

18.3 All Matches shall be played on a Field of Play in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

18.4 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.

19. Team Bench and Technical Area

19.1 A maximum of four (4) Participating Officials

19.2 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.

19.4 Suspended players and suspended officials are not allowed at the Team Bench and Field of Play (even during warm-up or pre-game).

19.5 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.



19.6 'Team A' shall occupy the team bench on the left when facing the Field of Play from the Fourth Official bench.

20. Warming up

20.1 Each Participating Team shall be entitled to warm-up on the Field of Play before a Match if time is available.

20.2 During a Match, Participating Players from each 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 General Coordinator / Referee Director.

20.3 If there is no space to warm-up behind the goal, Participating Players from each 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.

21. Disciplinary Measures

21.1 All disciplinary measures in relation to the Competition shall be undertaken in accordance with the GFA Disciplinary Code.

21.2 The GFA may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the Competition. Such rules shall be communicated to the Associations.

21.3 All Participating Players agree to:

21.3.1 Respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;

21.3.2 Have read, understood and signed Zero Tolerance Policy and Code of Conduct

21.3.3 Behave accordingly



21.4 Anti-Doping:

21.4.1 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.

21.4.2 The GFA shall inform each member association by means of a circular of the doping control procedure for the Competition.

21.4.3 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.

22. Cautions and Expulsions.

22.1 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.

22.2 Player Shall Leave the Pitch After Yellow Caution and may return.

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

23. Indiscipline and violent conduct by players and/or officials.

23.1 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.

23.2 Zero Tolerance Policy and Code of Conduct 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.

24. Protest

24.1 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.

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



24.2.1 Submitted to competition@theguamfa.com within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the Match in question;

24.3 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.

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

24.5 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.

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

25. Withdrawal Prior to Commencement of the Competition

25.1 All 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.

25.2 In the case of an Association withdrawing or being excluded from the Competition, the GFA CC shall be responsible for making any decisions, including without limitation whether to:

25.2.1 Replace the Association;

25.2.2 Change the competition system; and/or

25.3.3 Change the technical rules.

25.3.4 All decisions of the GFA CC in this regard are final and binding and not appealable.



26. Forfeit (withdrawal) After Commencement of the Competition

- 26.5. Association that withdraws or fails to report for a match or refuses to continue a match from the Competition after it has commenced shall:
- 26.5.1. 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;
 - 26.5.2. 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 Associations. The amount of compensation shall be determined by the GFA General Secretary;
 - 26.5.3. Be disqualified from participating in the Finals, if qualification is attained;
 - 26.5.4. 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.
- 26.6. The above Article 27.5 are not applicable in cases of Force Majeure recognized by the GFA
- 26.7. 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 Semi-Finals, Consolation & Championship Game.
- 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.

30. Administration

- 30.1. GFA CC Administrator will prepare, coordinate and maintain all match reports.
- 30.2. GFA CC 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 Associations / 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. Championship Trophy / twenty-five (25) medals will be awarded to the winner of the Championship Game.



31.1.2. Runner-Up Trophy / twenty-five (25) medals will be awarded to the Loser of the Championship Game.

31.1.3. Third Place Trophy / twenty-five (25) medals will be awarded to the winner of the Consolation Game.

31.1.4. Most Valuable Player is awarded to the Participating Player who has a major influence in the Championship Game.

31.1.5. Plaques for the Elite Team:

- a. One First Team Elite Goal Keeper
- b. Four First Team Defensive Unit
- c. Four First Team Mid-Field Unit
- d. Two First Team Forward Unit
- e. Utility Player
- f. Most Valuable Player of the League

32. Financials

32.1. Each Participating Association shall be invoiced an entry fee.

33. Protocol

33.1. The GFA Protocol Guidelines / COVID 19 Guidelines shall apply for all Matches.

34. Special Instructions

34.1. The GFA Competition 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 Competition Committee on 10 July 2020 and came into force immediately.



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