



Under 12 RWYL

Rules and Regulations Spring 2024



Guam Football Association

2024 SPRING TRIPLE J RWYL - U12

Under-12 (2012, 2013)

Field of Play	80 x 40; GFA-3 Mini Pitch	Suggested Roster Size	14-16
Ball	Size 5 Provided by Home team	Goalkeeper (Y/N)	Yes
Duration	U12: 2 x 25min; 5 min half time	Substitution	Unlimited; (at the halfway line)
Players on field	9v9: Maximum – 9 ; Minimum - 6	Referees	2 Man System

1. ORGANIZATION OF COMPETITION

- ✦ The name of the competition shall be the **GFA Triple J RWYL – U12**, hereafter, referred to as “the competition”.
- ✦ The competition shall be organized by the GFA Competition Committee and Football Events, hereafter referred to as “the Committee”.
- ✦ The GFA Football Event Department (hereafter called “the Department”) will bear the sole responsibility for league operations and can be reached at gfafed@theguamfa.com.
- ✦ All clubs, teams, and players must adhere to all necessary health protocols set forth by the Guam Football Association.

2. COMPETITION VENUE & MATCH DATES

- ✦ The competition venue shall be held at the **GFA National Training Center in Harmon**.
- ✦ The competition will be played on **Saturdays** unless otherwise stated on the official competition schedule.
- ✦ The official start date is **February 17, 2024**, and the official date of the final is **April 20, 2024**.
- ✦ GFA reserves the right to modify the competition schedule so long as teams are given ample notice.



✎ 2024 Triple J RWYL Facility Map:



3. COMPETITION ENTRY& REQUIREMENTS

- ✎ Club's Power Up Administrator must enter a team into the Power Up Convenor >> Manage>> Manage Teams>>Submit Governing Body;
- ✎ Team entry must be submitted on time for the department to schedule the league accordingly.
- ✎ Clubs that have any outstanding financial and/or disciplinary obligations will not be allowed entry into the competition. For the current league, the club will have thirty (30) days to pay the competition league fee and any additional fees. Failure to pay within the timeline will result the team and/or individual awards to be forfeited.

4. ROSTER LIMIT

- ✎ Teams have a roster limit of 14-16 players.
- ✎ Coaches must show a complete Power Up Sports Team roster with a player photo. A paper/picture copy of the team roster with a player photo is acceptable.
- ✎ Teams may also have one manager or coach in the technical area.



5. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- ✘ A player may participate in the competition if he/she has a current Power Up Sports account.
- ✘ Players must all be **born on or before December 31, 2013**, and must be registered in Power Up complete with a **Birth Certificate or GFA Verification of Birth Document, Photo, and no outstanding disciplinary sanctions and/or fines.**

GFA retains the right to its policy regarding player registration. Failure to provide the player's proof of Date of Birth (or providing erroneous information, or an unacceptable document) will cancel the player's application for registration. The Guam Football Association reserves the right to modify or supplement the provisions of player registration at any time.

- ✘ A player may only be registered to one team during the competition. Once he/she takes part in a match- in whole or in part- he may not transfer to another team until the next season. There is no transfer window until next season.
- ✘ A registered player is when payment in full to the member club (if applicable) AND to the GFA registration fee. Should any payment be found "pending" or not paid, the player will be considered ineligible. (Refer to Item 6).
- ✘ Anyone who does not meet the above requirements will be considered ineligible.

6. INELIGIBLE PLAYER (per Art. 58 of 2021 GFA Disciplinary and Ethics Code)

- ✘ If a player is fielded in an official match despite being ineligible, his/her club will be sanctioned by forfeiting the match and paying a minimum fine of \$25.

7. FORMAT of COMPETITION

- ✘ Each match will consist of two (2) equal twenty-five (25) minute halves with a halftime in between not exceeding five (5) minutes.
- ✘ A match is played by two (2) teams; each consisting of not more than nine (9) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may start if either team consists of no-fewer than six (6) players.
- ✘ The committee reserves the right to make changes to the format if the need arises.
- ✘ League rules are different from higher-level tournaments, such as State, Regional, and National Tournaments.



8. MATCH REGULATION

- ✘ Current IFAB 2023/2024 Laws of the Game shall apply except as amended herein.
- ✘ 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.
- ✘ **Respect the referees. These are youth referees under development and shall be respected and treated fairly. No verbal abuse or harassment will be tolerated. Refer to the zero-tolerance policy and fair play campaign. To report any abuse or harassment towards referees to the GFA JotForm:**

(<https://form.jotform.com/220669393805868>)

i. General Rules

- ✘ **Safety:** Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. To assist with the safety of all players, coaches, referees, and staff should check.
- ✘ **Ball:** The balls must provide by the home team (listed first). Should the ball provided by the home team not be adequate, the visiting team must provide a ball to use.

ii. Substitutions

- ✘ Unlimited substitution is allowed.
- ✘ The referee must be informed before any substitution is made.
- ✘ The substitute only enters during the stoppage of play at the halfway line after the player has left the field after receiving a signal from the referee to enter.

iii. Players' Equipment

- ✘ **Basic Equipment:** The basic compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following separate items:

1. A jersey or shirt with sleeves and a number on the back;
2. Shorts – No pockets allowed;
3. Stockings – Players must have socks with the same base color (black, black with white stripes, etc.)
4. Shin guards
 1. Are covered entirely by the socks;
 2. Are made of rubber, plastic, or similar suitable material;
 3. Provides a reasonable degree of protection (**Caution:** For the intent and purpose of player's safety, the shin guards must be age/size appropriate which covers the majority of



the player's shins. It shall be the coaches' responsibility to ensure that the players are wearing proper-sized shin guards).

5. All items of jewelry are forbidden.
6. Colors: The two teams must wear colors that distinguish them from each other. Should it conflict, the home team (listed first) on schedule must wear bibs. **GFA will not provide bibs.**

iv. **Determining the Outcome of a Match**

- ✘ A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts, and under the crossbar, provided that no infringement of the LOTG has been committed previously by the team scoring the goal.

v. **Restarts**

✘ Kickoffs:

1. Will be awarded to the home team in the first half. In the second half, the team changes sides, and the opposite team will take the next kick-off.
2. A goal may not be scored directly from kick-off. The player taking the kick-off cannot touch the ball again until it has touched another player. (If a player touches it twice during kick-off, the kick-off is retaken.)

✘ Throw-Ins:

1. A throw-in is awarded to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball when the whole of the ball crosses the touchline, either on the ground or in the air.
2. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in.
3. Players only get one (1) chances on throw-ins for U12.

✘ Goal Kick:

1. A goal kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, having last touched a player of the attacking team.
2. A goal may be scored directly from a goal kick, but only against the opposing team.



⚡ Corner Kicks:

1. A corner kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, having last touched a player of the defending team.
2. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick, but only against the opposing team.
3. Opposing player must be at least 5 yards from the ball.

⚡ Offside:

1. It is not an offense in itself to be in an offside position. A player is in an offside position if: he/she is nearer to his opponent's goal line than both the ball and the second-last opponent.
2. A player is not in an offside position if:
 - He/she is in his/her half of the field of play;
 - He/she is level with the second-last opponent; or
 - He/she is level with the last two opponents.

⚡ Free Kicks:

1. All free kicks are either direct or indirect.
 - Direct Free Kick:
 - i. If a direct free kick is kicked directly into the opponent's goal, a goal is awarded.
 - ii. If a direct free kick is kicked directly into the team's own goal, a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team.
 - Indirect free kick: the referee indicates an indirect free kick by raising his arm above his head. He maintains his arm in that position until the kick has been taken and the ball has touched another player or goes out of play.
 - A goal can be scored only if the ball subsequently touches another player before it enters the goal:
 - i. If an indirect free kick is kicked directly into the opponent's goal, a goal kick is awarded.
 - ii. Procedure of the free kicks is to be complied with according to the LOTG.



✘ Penalty Kicks:

1. A penalty kick is awarded against a team that commits one of the ten offenses for which a direct free kick is awarded, inside its penalty area and while the ball is in play.
2. A goal may be scored directly from a penalty kick.
3. Procedure of the penalty kick is to be complied with according to the LOTG.

vi. **Referees and Other Match Officials**

- ✘ Each match is controlled by two (2) assigned referee, who has full authority to enforce the LOTG in connection with the match to which he/she has been appointed.
- ✘ Coaches are encouraged to constructively provide insight to the referee department. GFA has mentors for the youth referee and coaches can provide feedback to the director of the referee department.

vii. **Fouls and Misconduct**

- ✘ A player who commits a caution or sending-off offense, either on or off the field of play, whether directed towards an opponent, a team-mate, the coaches, or any other person, is disciplined according to the nature of the offense committed.

1. Caution offenses: A player is cautioned and shown a yellow card if he/she commits any of the following seven offenses:

- Unsporting behavior;
- Dissent by word or action;
- Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game;
- Delaying the restart of play;
- Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick, or throw-in;
- Deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission.

2. Sending-off offenses: A player, substitute, or substituted player is sent off if he/she commits any of the following seven offenses:

- A serious foul play;
- Violent conduct;
- Spitting at an opponent or any other person;



- Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his/her penalty area);
- Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick;
- Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures;
- Receiving a second caution in the same match a player, substitute, or substituted player who has been sent off must leave the vicinity of the field of play and the technical area

viii. The Goalkeeper

- ✘ Goalkeepers will have use of their hands. The goalkeeper may punt or drop-kick the ball

ix. Slide Tackling

- ✘ Slide tackling will not be permitted. An automatic yellow card will be warranted. The play will restart with an indirect free kick.
- ✘ This can endanger the safety of the opponent and must be discouraged as much as possible by the responsibility of the coach.

9. OTHER MATTERS

- ✘ Clubs MUST distinguish whether to participate in the "Competitive" or "Development" division.
- ✘ There WILL be standings and awards in the "Competitive" division.
- ✘ There WILL NOT be standings or awards in the "Development" division.
- ✘ Schedule of games will be determined by the amount of participating teams in their perspective divisions.



- ✘ A club's standing in its division shall be determined in the following manner:
 1. Total points gained (Win = 3 points, Draw = 1 point, Loss = 0 points)
 2. Head-to-Head (if more than two teams, skip to 4.)
 3. Goal Differential
 4. Greater number of goals
 5. Fewest number of forfeits
 6. Fewest number of disciplinary

- ✘ Anti-Doping:
 1. Doping is prohibited. The FIFA ADR, AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, the GFA Disciplinary Code, and all relevant GFA directives about anti-doping apply to the Competition.
 2. The GFA shall inform each member association using a circular of the doping control procedure for the Competition.
 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.

"In doping-related matters, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations apply in full. In the event of any discrepancy between the national regulations and the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the provisions set out in the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations shall prevail."

- ✘ INCIDENT REPORT: Please report any/all incidents via an incident form provided online. <https://form.jotform.com/220669393805868>

- ✘ IMPORTANT DATES:

1. **Mid-Season Youth League Meeting:** March 22, 2024, Location: GFA Lecture Hall, Time: 1900hrs.
2. **Post-Season Youth League Meeting:** April 25, 2024, Location: GFA Lecture Hall, Time: 1900 hrs.

**ABSOLUTELY: NO SMOKING! NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES!
NO PETS ALLOWED! NO POP-UP TENT/CANOPY!**

GFA YOUTH SOCCER CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the coaches, team managers, and proud parents/relatives of a GFA Youth League soccer player, promise to be model coaches, managers, and/or spectators at games in which our son/daughter/relative is a participant, as well as at other games where youth are present with us.



We will:

- ✘ Encourage Fair Play.
- ✘ Cheer positively for all players, regardless of which team they represent.
- ✘ Not criticize the performance of my child or his / her teammates.
- ✘ Not criticize the opponents of our team.
- ✘ Not embarrass my player with my behavior.
- ✘ Allow the coaches to do the coaching, and coaches will conduct themselves in a model way.
- ✘ Show respect for the game officials by not criticizing them or undermining their authority in the eyes of our players.
- ✘ Display good sportsmanship as a positive example for my player.
- ✘ Represent not only my player, but also the team, our club, the league, and the game of soccer, and will conduct myself accordingly.
- ✘ Do the greater good.

Failure to abide by the “GFA YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT” prescribed above, the following steps will be taken by the GFA Football Events Director, Sam San Gil.

1. Verbal warning.
2. Written warning.
3. Game suspension with written documentation of the incident kept on file by organizations involved.
4. Game forfeit.
5. Parental season suspension.
6. Should the spectator be a youth member of GFA, an athlete will be suspended.



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