



# Under 8 RWYL

Rules and Regulations Spring 2024



# Guam Football Association

## 2024 SPRING TRIPLE J RWYL – U8

Under-8 (2016, 2017)

Field of Play	30 x 20; GFA Grass Fields	Suggested Roster Size	8 - 10
Ball	Size 3 Provided by Home team	Goalkeeper (Y/N)	No
Duration	U8: 2 x 20min; 5 min half time	Substitution	Unlimited; Rolling Substitution
Players on field	4v4: Maximum – 4 ; Minimum - 3 (Must play 3v3)	Referees	1 Man System

### 1. ORGANIZATION OF COMPETITION

- ✘ The name of the competition shall be the **GFA Triple J RWYL – U8**, 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](mailto: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.



✦ 2023 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 8 - 10 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 on the pitch.



## 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, 2017**, 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.
- ✘ 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 (20) 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 four (4) players. A match must be played in the 3v3 style if either team starts with only three (3) 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.



### 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.
- ✘ Build-up line. Please refer to **v. Restarts under Build-Up Lines.**

### ii. Substitutions

- ✘ All substitutions are on the fly with the assistance of the coach or an official.

### 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; there shall not be duplicate numbers.
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 two (2) chances on throw-ins for U8.

▣ 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.
3. The effect of the Build-up Line comes to play.

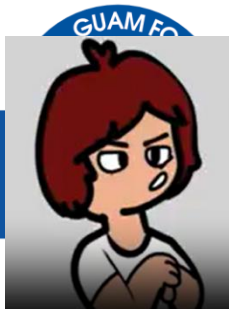
▣ Build-up Line: Allow the team that is taking the goal kick to play out from the back without immediate pressure from the opposition (defending team). **See Appendix A.**

4. Defending Team

1. Stay behind the build-up line.
2. The team pressuring will drop off behind the first build-up line.
3. If the opposition touches the ball before passing the first-build-up line the play becomes an indirect free kick at the spot where the ball was challenged.



5. Attacking Team
    4. The offensive team looks to play to a teammate to play out from the back.
    5. The player receiving the ball from the teammate taking the goal kick can dribble, run with the ball, or pass to play beyond the build-up 1st build-up line.
- ✘ **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. There is no offside in the U8 division.
  - ✘ **Free Kicks:**
    1. All fouls (in or outside of the penalty area) will result in an indirect free kick. Opposing players to be at least 5 yards from the ball
  - ✘ **Penalty Kicks:**
    1. There are NO penalty kicks.
    2. All fouls made by a defending player in their penalty area will result in an indirect free kick from the nearest point on the penalty area arc.
- vi. Referees and Other Match Officials**
- ✘ Each match is controlled by one (1) 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**

- There are no goalkeepers in the Under 8 division.

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

- ✘ Standings: Under 8 is a non-competitive division. There will be no standing keeping for this division.
- ✘ 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.

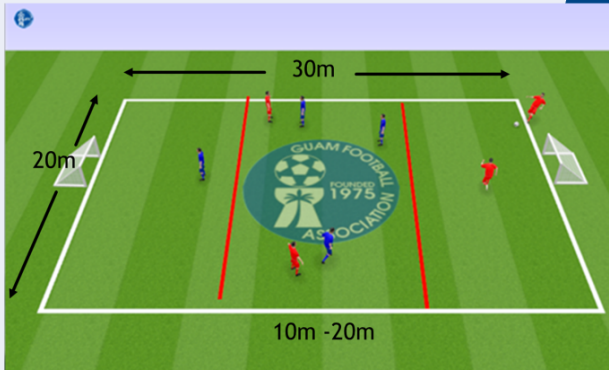
*“In doping-related matters, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations apply in full. In the event of any discrepancy between the national regulations and the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the provisions set out in the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations shall prevail.”*

- ✘ 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!**



## BUILD-UP LINES U8



### APPENDIX A.

#### Practice and Objective

- Allows the team taking the goal kick to play out from the back without immediate pressure from the opposition;
- As the team in possession makes it out from the 1st build-up line with the ball, the opposition can apply pressure.

#### Guidelines

##### Defending

- When the ball goes out from the goal line. The team pressuring will drop off behind the first build-up line.

##### Attacking

- Offensive team looks to play to a teammate to play out from the back.
- The player receiving the ball from the teammate taking the goal kick can dribble, run with the ball, or pass to play beyond the 1st build-up line.
- Retake goal kick if ball does not cross the 1st build-up line on a pass attempt.
- **Players who encroach inside build up line before the ball exiting out the 1st build up line will result with free-kick.**

### 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.

**IMPORTANT CONTACTS:**

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