



2026 Budweiser G League Rules and Regulations



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1. General Information

- a. 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.
- b. The official name of the competition shall be: **“2026 Budweiser Men’s G-League”**
- c. The **2026 Budweiser Men’s G League** is sponsored by **Budweiser**
- d. The competition shall be sanctioned by the GFA Competition Committee (hereafter called “the Committee”).
- e. The GFA Football Event (hereafter called “the Department”) will bear sole responsibility of league operations, who can be reached at gfafed@theguamfa.com.
- f. The GFA Match Coordinator is responsible for executing and overseeing the match’s operation, however the referee is in charge of the match. Any harassment, disrespect, or disregard for the decision and direction provided will be either recorded or handled by the GFA Football Events. Should the situation reoccur or escalates, it will be reported to the GFA Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for disciplinary measures.
- g. GFA Referees are responsible for enforcing the laws of the game and are the official time/scorekeepers.
- h. All matches shall be played at the GFA National Training Center in Harmon, Guam.

2. Format of Competition

- a. All Team Managers, Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Team Captains are to review the current IFAB Laws of The Game 2025/2026. <https://www.theifab.com/documents>.
 - i. All IFAB Laws of the Game will be followed with the exception of the changes listed in these rules.
- b. The competition format:



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- i. One League, two groups (Haya and Lagu)
 - ii. Sing Round Robin
 - iii. Champions will be determined based on standing.
- c. Each match will consist of two (2) equal forty-five (45) minute halves with a halftime interval not exceeding fifteen (15) minutes.
- d. The department reserves the right to make changes to the format if the need arises.

3. Standings & Awards:

- a. A club's standing in its division shall be determined in the following manner:
 - i. Total points gained (Win = 3 points, Draw = 1 point, Loss = 0 points)
 - ii. Goal differential
 - iii. Fewest goals allowed
 - iv. Fewest disciplinary points (Yellow = 1 point, Red = 2 points)
 - v. Playoff (only to determine first place)
- b. The following awards will be given at the end of the competitions for the Budweiser Men's G-League:
 - i. League Champion
 - ii. Golden Boot
 - iii. Golden Glove

4. Participating Team Entry & Obligations

- a. Only GFA Member Clubs are eligible to participate in the GFA sanctioned adult league.
- b. Member Clubs shall submit the Participating Team Agreement (PTA) by **February 7th, 2025, by 5:00 pm.** Player registration will be live on **March 10, 2026.**
- c. Member Club's PowerUP Administrator must enter a team into the PowerUP Convenor >> Manage>> Manage Teams>>Submit Governing Body;
- d. Member Club shall submit the team in Power Up by **March 6th, 2025, by 5:00 pm.**
- e. Should a Member Club decides to withdraw between **March 6th, 2025, through March 28th, 2025,** there is no fine to the Member Club. Should a Member Club decide to withdraw from the competition between **March 29th, 2025, and April 4th, 2025,** the Member Club will be fined \$100.
- f. Should the Member Club withdraw from the league anytime during the season, the withdrawal request will be deferred to a committee review. (ref. Article 17. Abandonment)
- g. Each team entered must have a registered "C" Licensed Coach. (ref. Article 7. Coaches Eligibility)
- h. Member Clubs with outstanding financial or disciplinary obligations will not be permitted entry into the competition.
- i. League Fee Payment Schedule: First payment must be paid due 60 days after the PTA, and the remaining balance is due 45 days before the season ends. Failure to pay by the due date, the Member



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Club will be imposed a \$100.00 late fee for each occurrence. In addition, the Member Club will be suspended from participating in any GFA Competitions until all past-due debts are cleared.

5. Player Eligibility

- a. A player may participate in the competition if he has a current PowerUP Sports account, and any outstanding balances or fines are “processed.”
- b. All players must be registered in PowerUP complete with proof of birthdate via Driver’s License, Passport, Government ID, Birth Certificate or GFA Verification of Birth Document, Player Photo, and no outstanding disciplinary sanctions and/or fines.
- c. GFA retains the right to its policy in regard to player registration. Failure to provide the player’s **proof of Date of Birth** (or providing erroneous information, or 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.
- d. Any suspension and fines imposed will need to be served and paid before being eligible to participate in a match. *This is the responsibility of the player and the Member Club.*
- e. All players must upload a **Yearly Physical by, March 22nd, 2026** into PowerUP personal profile and remain current for the league that the said player is participating in. Failure to maintain a current and valid Yearly Physical will place the player on suspension from participating in the league. *Note: If the player still has a valid physical on PowerUP, it is the player’s and the Member Club’s responsibility to monitor and maintain current records. Failure to maintain valid records will subject the player to be placed on suspension.*
- f. All players must load a complete and signed **Amateur Player Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** to their PowerUp profile (**see Item 6**).
- g. GFA will conduct a random inspection to determine the validity of each player’s profile. In the event a player is not currently able to provide valid documentation as per regulations, the said player will be placed on suspension until records are current.
- h. **All players MUST be at least 16 years old during the season in which they intend to participate.**
- i. If you are registered into the **2026 Budweiser Men’s G-League**, you cannot play in the RWYL.
- j. A player in the **Robbie Webber Youth League** cannot participate in the **2026 Budweiser Men’s G-League**.
- k. Playoffs:
 - i. There are no playoffs for this season. Champions will be determined based on standing.
- l. Any player who does not meet the above requirements under Item 5 will be considered ineligible.

6. Amateur Player (Memorandum of Understanding)

- a. All players must sign an Amateur Player Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the player to be eligible to play for the club before the start of the season.



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- b. The Amateur Player MOU becomes binding as soon as the player plays in a match for the club.
- c. Amateur Player MOU is NOT a contract, it is an acknowledgment between the Member Club, the Player, and GFA that a player is part of said Member Club for the duration of her contract/tenure. Contracts DO NOT have to be uploaded.
- d. All players must upload an **MOU by March 22, 2026**, into Power UP personal profile and remain current for the league that the said player is participating in. Failure to maintain a current and valid MOU will place the player on suspension from participating in the league.
- e. The Amateur Player MOU for the respective Member Club (Jotform) can be accessed via the **Club's Power G-League Registration Product**.

7. Coaching Eligibility

- a. Implementation of Minimum Coaching Requirements. "C" License.
- b. It is preferred that the head coach is to be present and remain through the match for the appointed team.
- c. Should the Head Coach not be present, any other appointed and licensed coach (ie. AC, GKC) can assume this role in the head coach's absence.
- d. The Club President or the Club Technical Director may submit a letter of exemption for the 2025 G-league to fulfill the coach licensing requirement. In order for this to be permitted, the club must submit its three (3) year development plan that shows the club's strategic plan on the player development, coaching development, and the club development at a minimum. This must be submitted and approved before the start of the league.
- e. Should the coach not be properly licensed but registered for the upcoming course, he/she can remain as the assigned coach for the said team. He/she must participate and pass the course. Should he/she decide to withdraw or fail the course, the team (club) will be fined in the amount of \$350.
- f. Player/coach is permitted for the 2026 edition.

8. Rosters

- a. Clubs/teams are limited to twenty-five (25) players per match; albeit there is no limit to the number of registered players per club/team.
- b. PowerUP Admin must submit an updated roster at least (48) hours before the scheduled match to ensure correct player information and jersey numbers.
- c. Managers must verify and sign the official match report upon completion of each match.
- d. Only twenty-five (25) registered players and four (4) coaches and non-playing officials (e.g. Team Manager and player coach) may be present in the technical area in any one match. These officials must be listed on the PowerUP official team roster. **Any extra players, non-playing officials, or other people, including children, may not be physically present in the technical area or pitch during the match.**



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- e. Suspended players and officials are not allowed in the technical area. No exceptions.

9. Rescheduled Matches

- a. Clubs are to follow the PowerUP Official schedule to ensure the competition may run as efficiently as possible.
- b. The Department will work with clubs for any rescheduled matches due to inclement weather, force majeure, public health restrictions, field closure, hosting of international competitions, limited availability of referees, or any other unforeseen circumstances.
- c. There will be no requests for rescheduling of games by the member club (team) for the 2025 season.

10. Player Transfers (Transfer Request Form)

- i. Due to league being a single round robin there is no transfer window.

11. Match Regulations

- a. Law 3 The Number of Players (Substitutions)
 - i. 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.
- b. Law 4 The Players Equipment
 - i. With the exception of the goalkeeper, all players on a team must wear identical jerseys, same base color shorts, and same base color socks. A variation in color shades for shorts and socks is acceptable. 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.
 - iii. League patches are for those who are over the age of 21. They are to be worn on the left-handed sleeve.
 - iv. All players must wear a unique jersey number listed on the official roster and cannot be duplicated. Numbers may not be taped or written onto the jersey.
 - v. A field player substituting a goalkeeper must wear a number different than the goalkeeper he is replacing. It may be a different number than his field player jersey as long as no other player on the roster has the same number.
 - vi. A goalkeeper substituting a field player must wear a number different than the field player he is replacing. It may be a different number than his goalkeeper jersey as long as no other player on the roster has the same number.
 - vii. 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.



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- viii. With the exception of a Medical Alert necklace/bracelet which must tape to the body and not covering medical information, players may not wear jewelry of any kind. This includes any earrings/piercings, flat band, watches, fashion bracelets, rubber bands, necklaces, etc.
 - ix. Players may not participate in a match if they are wearing a hard, unyielding cast or splint – even if padded.
 - x. Players may wear undergarments (e.g. compression shorts) of a different color than the sleeve or shorts as long as it is a solid color, and the referee deems it not to be a conflict. It is recommended that all teammates wear the same color.
 - xi. Players may wear leggings as long as they wear shorts over, including goalkeepers. However, goalkeepers can wear tracksuit bottoms without wearing shorts.
 - xii. The Referee will be the authority to determine whether players comply with the above rules. All decisions are final.
 - xiii. Any player found in violation of Section 11.b will be considered an ineligible player.
- c. Law 12 Fouls & Misconduct
- i. Caution Accumulation: A player or team official who receives a caution in three separate matches will be suspended for the match that immediately follows the third caution. A player or team official 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. Caution Accumulations will be displayed with the weekly stats on the GFA website ([Guam Football Association | Schedules and Results](#)).
 - iii. A player or team official 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. Players and team officials sent-off must leave immediately from the playing area and technical area. The suspended player or team official may be allowed to sit in the stands, but outside the surrounding fence of the field of play, provided his security and integrity are safeguarded and shall not disrupt the on-going match (verbally or physically). The Match Coordinator reserves the right to direct the suspended player or team official outside of the GFA complex should he continue to disrespect the ongoing match from the stands.
 - v. Any player or team official that is sent off will be referred to the GFA Disciplinary and Ethics Committee and may receive additional sanctions. Article 50.2 of the GFA Disciplinary and Ethics Code shall be imposed. The player and the club are responsible for compliance before the player or team official is able to return to and participate in the match.

12. Match Suspension & Termination by the Referee



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- 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. The terminated match will be reported to both the Head of Referee and Football Events Manager. The complete report will be submitted to the Competition Committee with recommendations for the match's status/solution.
 - iii. No appeals may be made against decisions stated in this section.

13. Disciplinary Matters

- a. All Team Managers, Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Team Captains are to be familiar with the GFA Disciplinary and Ethics Code – Edition 2021.
- b. Any suspension and fines will need to be served and paid before being eligible to participate in a match.
- c. Disciplinary Matters (decisions) may be posted on the GFA Website.
- d. Should there be any conflict between the language in the Rules and Regulations for the said league, the GFA Disciplinary and Ethics Code shall prevail.
- e. All matters related to the GFA Disciplinary and Ethics – Edition 2021 shall be communicated to the GFA Disciplinary Committee.

14. Player Ineligibility (per Art. 58 of 2021 GFA Disciplinary and Ethics Code)

- a. If a player is fielded in an official match despite being ineligible, his club will be sanctioned by forfeiting the match and paying a minimum fine of \$50.

15. Forfeit (per Art. 59 of 2021 Disciplinary and Ethics Code)

- a. If a club cannot produce a minimum of seven (7) registered players that are properly geared, as defined by Section 11.b, by 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. As per Article 59:

The fine for a forfeit is dependent on when the forfeit was officially communicated to the league administrator (Football Events Department). Times are related to the kick-off time of the match in question.

Penalty: More than 48 hours: Fine of at least USD50;
Within 48-24 hours: Fine of at least USD100;



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Less than 24 hours: Fine of at least USD150.

The offence is aggravated in repeat offences.

Penalty: Initial fine as defined above, but an additional USD50 for each repeated offence.

Second offence: Initial fine, plus an additional USD50;

Third offence: Initial fine, plus additional USD100;

Each subsequent offence: The additional fine shall increase by USD50 from the previous; possible disqualification from a competition in progress and/or exclusion from a future competition.

16. Abandonment (per Art. 60 of 2021 Disciplinary and Ethics Code)

- a. If a team refuses to play a match or to continue playing one which it has begun, the club will be sanctioned with a minimum fine of \$200 and will, in principle, forfeit the match. (i.e., a team played only first half and declared to no longer play the second half, regardless if the opposing team give consent or not. Or the Member Club (team) decides to withdraw from the remaining competition.
- b. The club will be notified of any sanctions and fines as per Article 60 of 2021 Disciplinary and Ethics Code. The offence is aggravated in repeat offences.
- c. Any match which is not played, or which is abandoned may lead to the imposition of disciplinary measures against the relevant Member Club by the GFA Disciplinary and Ethics Committee in accordance with the GFA Disciplinary and Ethics Code. Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, the GFA Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose additional disciplinary measures, including the expulsion of the Member Club concerned from subsequent GFA Competitions.
- d. In the event a Member Club (team) withdraws from the Competition, the GFA Football Events reserves the right to cancel, reschedule, or relocate one or more matches for any reason at its sole discretion, including the format and standings of the current league with the best intention to maintain integrity of the current league.

17. Team Conduct

- a. As this is a competition, teams must follow and set by example the level of good sportsmanship and fair-plays.
- b. GFA recognizes that participation in competitive activities is a source of strong emotional feelings, which with the desire to win will often during sporting matches lead to misunderstanding, disagreements, and other conflicts. However, GFA also believes that every participant has a duty to respect the right of competitors to hold conflicting views and accept the limits of amateur sports officiating.
- c. GFA expects its coaches, players, referees, and spectators, as well as their friends and families to deal with conflicts in a spirit of good sportsmanship and to cooperate in promoting the enjoyment of football to the greatest extent possible.



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- d. Illegal, unfair, rowdy, violent, dangerous, and unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated, whether on the field of play or on the GFA Facility.
- e. GFA expects all participants and spectators to show respect for opponents, officials, and participants of GFA competitions, activities, and promotions, regardless of their skill.
- f. All participants agree to abide by the Release of Liability, Zero Tolerance Policy, Code of Conduct, IFAB 2025/2026, and the GFA Disciplinary and Ethics Code. Available via PowerUP or the GFA website.
- g. Unacceptable conduct shall include, but not be limited to:
 - i. All coaches and players are not allowed to use the locker rooms or gym during league games.
 - ii. Consumption of alcohol by players and coaches is strictly prohibited immediately before the match and during the match. Furthermore, alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the technical area.
 - iii. Vulgarity by coaches, players, or spectators directed toward anyone;
 - iv. Harassment of referees, coaches, or players by anyone;
 - v. Debasement or degradation of referees, coaches, or players by anyone;
 - vi. Physical violence or threat of violence directed toward anyone or encouraged by anyone;
 - vii. Verbal or physical assault on a referee. Physical assault is defined as any physical contact initiated by a player, coach, team official, spectator, elected officer, or appointed official.
 - viii. Use of illegal drugs/doping and smoking (all forms).

18. Protests

- a. All protests must be submitted within 24 hours of the match in question in writing. Click this [League Protest Form](#) to submit.
- b. A \$100 deposit shall accompany all protests. The protest fee must be transmitted to GFA account before the expiry of the time limit for submitting the protest (or the next business day after the protest is filed if the protest is submitted after hours/weekend); otherwise, the protest will be considered invalid. Any payment made at the GFA Main Office must be during normal business hours (See Article 21. No exceptions.)
- c. If the GFA Disciplinary and Ethics Committee rules against a protest, the team that filed the protest will forfeit the \$100 deposit.
- d. Protests concerning refereeing decisions (e.g. foul, offside, etc.) will not be honored.

19. Anti-Doping

- a. Doping is prohibited. The FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations (ADR), AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, the GFA Disciplinary Code, and all relevant GFA directives in relations to anti-doping are applicable to the Competition.
- b. The GFA shall inform each member association by means of a circular of the doping control procedure for the Competition.



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- c. The GFA Medical Committee shall be responsible for the approval of the WAD 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.”

20. GFA Office Information

- a. Office Hours: Monday to Friday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- b. Football Events Department Phone: (671) 637-4321 ext. 202
- c. E-Mail: gfafed@theguamfa.com

21. Matters Not Provided For

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