

GFA **Budlight** Women's Spring Soccer League 2007

League Rules

1. League Fee: \$700

2. Name of Competition

- a. The tournament shall be called the **GFA *Budlight* Women's Spring League 2007**.

3. Entries

- a. The following teams who have confirmed their participation are: **Quality Distributors, Pacificare Tigers, Guam Shipyard, Paintco Strykers, Orange Crushers, Hyundai, and Andersen Bombers, Guahan.com.**

4. Method of Payment

- a. All league fees must be paid by **Friday, March 2, 2007** to the **Guam Football Association's Harmon Office**
- b. Checks should be made payable to: **Guam Football Association**
Memo: **Women's Soccer League – Spring 2007**
- c. **Late Fee:** A late fee of **\$100** will be assessed to teams that **make payment after March 2, 2006.**

5. Schedule of Competition

- a. First week matches will be played starting Sunday, **February 11, 2007** at **GFA Harmon Field. Games are scheduled at 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00pm. This is to allow the last friendly match to be conducted against Saipan Women's Team.**
- b. Starting on the second week, matches will be played on Saturday and Sunday at **GFA Harmon Field. Games are scheduled at 6:30pm and 8:30pm on Saturday and 1:00pm and 3:00pm on Sunday.**

6. Eligibility of Players

- a. All players must be at least 14 years of age as of the first game they play and registered with the Guam Football (Soccer) Association.
- b. Players can play for the GFA Youth league on Saturdays while playing for the Women's league.
- c. Player passes must be presented to the referee prior to the start of each match; players without passes will not be permitted to

participate in the match. The player pass must reflect the team for which the player competes.

- d. Players cannot represent more than one club team in a given calendar year without prior written approval from the club representatives of both teams in question. Such approvals also must be submitted to the league chairperson, who will submit a copy to GFA. Transfers can only take place between seasons. A \$25 fee will be imposed should a transfer be granted.

- e. All new players to GFA who have played for another federation at any time, must obtain an international transfer certificate. These players will not be allowed to play until the transfer certificate has been obtained. Please contact the women's committee for more information.

7. The Players' Equipment

- a. All teams must declare their team colors before the start of the league.

- b. **Home team** is responsible for changing jerseys should a conflict of colors arise. Using pennies, or "bibs," to differentiate between teams is acceptable.

- c. All team members shall be in identical color and design jerseys. Each team member shall have her own jersey number; no switching of jerseys or numbers will be permitted during a match. Numbers cannot be taped on the jerseys. Jerseys must be tucked in at all times during play.

- d. All team members must wear identical color shorts but does not have to be same material.

- e. All team members must wear identical color socks but does not have to be the same material. Shin guards are mandatory gear for play. Socks must completely cover the shin guards at all times of play.

- f. Goalkeepers must be in jerseys, which clearly distinguish them from other players, and from the referees. Their number can be any number except "0". Bibs are acceptable. If a goalkeeper switches and plays on the field, she must be in the same numbered field jersey as her goal keeper number or in a number different to the rest of her team. This jersey must be identical in color and design to the rest of the players on the field.

- g. Concerns about uniforms can be brought to the attention of the head referee by a captain or coach prior to the match. The referee will use his or her discretion requiring a change or allowing play.

8. Mode of Competition

- a. In Regular Season Play, a match win which includes a win by forfeit earns three (3) points, a draw (tie) earns one (1) point and a loss earns no (0) points.
- b. The league championship will be determined by a point system following a single round robin season and single elimination playoffs. The team with the most points at the end of regular season play is the top-ranked team; the team with the fewest points is the lowest ranked, and so on. All teams at the end of regular season play will then advance to playoff berths; single elimination format will determine the league champion.
- c. In the event two teams have an equal number of points at the end of regular season play, the higher ranked team will be determined in this order:
 - 1. Head-to-head between the two teams
 - 2. Fewest forfeits
 - 3. Least goals allowed
 - 4. Most goals scored
 - 5. At last resort, a coin toss

9. Play-off Mode of Competition

- a. This will be a single elimination.
- b. At the event of a tie (draw) after the 2-45 minute match, extra time consisting of two (2) periods of five (5) minutes using "GOLDEN GOAL rules" will be applied. Should a goal be scored in extra time, the game will be terminated and the team who scored the Golden Goal is declared the winner.
- c. An interval of five (5) minutes will be given at the end of the normal play before the start of extra time play.
- d. If no goals are scored during the two periods of extra time, the match is decided by kicks (both teams take five kicks) from the penalty mark to determine the winner of the match.

10. Duration of the Match and Extension of Time

- a. Each match shall consist of two (2), forty-five (45) minute halves. Half time will be between 10 and 15 minutes, at the referee's discretion.

11. Kick-off Time

- a. Kick-off time is game time.
- b. A ten (10) minute grace period will be allowed if any one of the two teams does not have a **minimum of 8 players**. The time is strictly enforced by the head referee's timepiece.

"A match may commence even though a team cannot produce (8) valid player cards by the scheduled kickoff time. The team lacking valid player cards will have until the end of the first half to produce them to the Fourth Official. The coach/team manager must assure the game officials that all team players are properly registered. The opposing coach must be notified of this situation before kick-off. If the player cards do not arrive by the end of the first half, the game will be ruled a forfeit against the offending team and the score will be recorded as a 0-3 loss. A team using ineligible players during a game will receive a forfeit for that game and it will be recorded as a 0-3 loss."

- c. Any team which fails to have **8** players on the field in required gear after the grace period time forfeits by a 0-3 score. If both teams fail to have 8 properly attired players on the field, both teams record a loss by a 0-3 score.

12. Substitution

- a. Unlimited substitutions are permitted.

13. Team Roster

- a. Teams are allowed a maximum of 20 players on the roster.

13. Protests

- a. Valid protests and appeals should be submitted in writing within 24-hours after the protested game. Letter should be delivered to Guam Football Association with Attention To: Women's Committee Deputy Chairperson, Cheri Stewart. Ensure that the letter is time stamped upon delivery.
- b. A **\$50.00** fee will be assessed to each protest and must be submitted with the protest. The fee will be refunded if the protest is approved.

- c. Any judgment call or discretionary decision made by the referee, as permitted by the Laws of the Game and these league rules, is not subject to protest. FIFA (Law 5, p 15) states, "The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play are final."

14. The Field (Pitch) and Equipment

- a. If a game isn't played due to unforeseen circumstances, the committee chairperson will reschedule the game and notify team captains or coaches involved. The decision of the league chairperson is final. (Note: a team's inability to attend a game isn't considered an "unforeseen circumstance," the league chairperson will not entertain requests to make-up forfeits.) The referee will determine if the field (pitch) is playable and not the teams.
- d. Each team is responsible for providing one (1) regulation ball of play. The head referee will choose the game ball.

15. FIFA rules apply to all matches, except as described in these League Rules.

16. Matters Not Provided For:

- a. The Women's Committee shall deal with all matters not provided for in these rules.