

Budweiser Guam Men's Soccer League

2007/02008 Player Draft Rules

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I STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Budweiser Guam Men's Soccer League (BGMSL) will conduct an annual player draft before the start of each Division One seasonal year. The purpose of the draft will be to equitably distribute the developing soccer talent amongst the BGMSL Division One teams, striving to insure a Division One league which is comprised of member teams of equal, competitive strength.

The Draft Rules are an addendum to the BGMSL League Rules. Any issues not addressed in the following rules shall be covered in the BGMSL League Rules.

II PRE-DRAFT

A. Date, Time, and Location

The BGMSL commissioner will announce the date, time, and location of the Player Draft, no less than two weeks before the actual Draft Day, and no less than three (3) weeks prior to the start of the pending Division One season.

B. Player eligibility

A list of eligible player draftees will be compiled by the GFA national coach. All draftees must meet the minimum age requirement for Division One participation. A final list of eligible draftees, with birth dates and primary field positions, must be published by the league's commissioner no later than one week before BGMSL Draft Day. Players, whose names appear on the list of eligible draftees have the option not to participate in the draft, provided they give notice, in writing, to the GFA national coach at least two (2) weeks prior to the draft.

C. Team eligibility:

All BGMSL Division One teams are eligible to participate in the Player Draft. An eligible team has the option not to participate in the draft, provided they give notice in writing to the BGMSL Commissioner at least two (2) weeks prior to the draft.

D. Order of Picks:

Six team draft positions will be organized for the player draft. Participating Division One teams will receive their team draft position according to a lottery prior to the draft. The team draft position lottery will take place one at least week before Draft Day.

E. Trading of Draft Pick Positions:

Teams are allowed to trade their draft positions up until two (2) days before Draft Day. A team's draft pick position can also be traded for currently registered BGMSL players not listed in the draft. Written notification of this agreement between negotiating clubs must be submitted to the league commissioner by the two (2) days draft deadline.

III. DRAFT

A. Attendance:

Players eligible for the BGMSL draft may have one (1) guest, such as a family member, present at the draft selection. Participating teams may have two (2) representatives present at the draft selection. Potential draftees need not be present during the draft, but they will be obligated to the results of the draft selection process.

B. Draft Process

The draft process shall include four selection rounds, or until all listed players have been selected by the clubs. A round is defined as an individual draft selection made by all participating Division One teams. The names of eligible draftees will be posted and displayed in view of the audience on the day of the draft. Clubs will announce their draft pick, according to the order of the selection lottery. The names of the draft selection will be recorded by a member of the BGMSL Committee

C. Protection of Amateur Status

The amateur status of the draftees will be protected. Teams, and/or their sponsors, and all team representatives, cannot approach potential draftees and offer monetary incentives, of any kind. Teams/ Clubs found guilty of this offense, will be fined \$500.00, and stripped of their first round draft pick on the next draft the following season. Additionally, the offending team will automatically be docked nine (9) league points prior to the start of the new season. All sanctions mentioned here will be applied separately, and to each individual offense.

IV. POST-DRAFT

A. Arbitration Committee

There will be a five member, Arbitration Committee. Its' purpose will be to review draft grievances filed by the drafted players or participating clubs. The arbitration committee will be comprised of the current BGMSL commissioner and four associate members selected by the BGMSL league commissioner. The associate members will have no conflict-of-interest with the BGMSL First Division. The associate members will serve on the arbitration committee for a term of at least one season, but may serve multiple terms, at the discretion of the league's commissioner. Any decision of the Arbitration Committee must be made from a minimum quorum of three (3) members. The Commissioner may only vote as a tie breaker, should the committee's decision result in a draw.

B. Trades After Selection

Selected draftees can be traded between teams after the conclusion of the draft with the approval of the league commissioner. A team intending to trade a drafted player to another Division One team must submit a completed *Request to Trade* form to the BGMSL Commissioner for review before approval is granted. All draftee trades must occur before the end of the calendar year (12/31). All additional player transfer issues will be addressed in the BGMSL League Rules.

C. Players Dropped From A Roster

A player's name may be dropped from a Division One team and registered to another Division One team before the end of the calendar year (12/31). After that date, dropped players may not register with another team, in either division, until the following season.

D. Moving Club Players Up To Division One

A. Clubs with teams in both divisions of the BGMSL may move a player from the lower division up to Division One under any one, or more, the following conditions: 1) a Division One registered player's death, 2) a Division One registered player's permanent relocation off island, or 3) a Division One registered player's season-ending medical condition, which has been certified by a physician.

B. Additionally, if a club has less than the roster limit of 20 during the current season, the club may move a club player up from their Division Two club to fill this, missing roster position at any time. Once the player has moved up to Division One, he must remain in that division for the remainder of the seasonal year, regardless of club affiliation.

E Trade Deadlines

All player trades affecting different clubs must occur before the end of the calendar year (12/31).

V. ANNUAL REVIEW OF PLAYER DRAFT RULES

The BGMSL Committee shall review the draft rules annually, ensuring that rules are pertinent and aligned with the Statement of Purpose, which appears at the top of this document. Changes in the draft rules will be published prior to the draft date announcement.

The above rules were approved by the Budweiser Guam Men's Soccer League Committee on August 25, 2007

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