



## *2009 GFA Bud Light Women's Beach Soccer League Rules & Regulations*

### **GENERAL**

The Guam Football Association Administration and Board Members as well as the Women's Committee wish the league a wonderful and fun season.

All decisions of the referee are final and binding. The Deputy Chairperson reserves the right to decide on all matters relative to the league and all decisions are final.

NO PROTESTS ARE ALLOWED.

In the event of inclement weather, the women's committee may reschedule a match, change division structure, reduce match duration or cancel a match.

### **REGISTRATION**

All teams should be allowed a maximum of twenty (20) players on their roster.

### **ELGIBILITY**

All players must be 14 years of age by December 31, 2009 and registered with the Guam Football Association.

### **MODE OF COMPETITION AND SYSTEMS OF TIE BREAKER**

The system shall be a Single Round Robin with no playoffs. On a given day, a team may be

scheduled to play two matches; however, ample break/time is given between games for recovery. Point system comprised as follow:

- Three (3) points for a win
- One (1) point for a draw
- Zero (0) for a defeat

The ranking of each team in the pool will be determined as follows:

1. Greatest number of points obtained in all matches
2. Head to head of two teams tied (disregard if more than two teams tied)
3. Team with highest goal differential; positive only
4. Least number of goals allowed
5. Greatest number of goals scored in all matches
6. If still tied, both teams will proceed to determine winner by penalty kicks

### **LEAGUE OVERTIME**

There will be no overtime play during this season's league.

### **OBJECTIVE OF THE TOURNAMENT**

The game is provided for leisure, team play, friendship and healthy competition. It is to encourage the fun experience of sand soccer. Fair play is the essence of beach soccer.



## *2009 GFA Bud Light Women's Beach Soccer League Schedule*

3 - 12 MIN PERIODS
2 - (3) MIN BREAK
1 - 3 MIN CHANGEOVER
45 MINUTES TOTAL

TEAM NAME	TEAM NAME	TEAM NAME
Pretzel Makers Bombers	FCB Crusaders	Paintco Strykers
Guahan.com	Hyundai	dck Masters
Quality Distributors	Orange Crushers	Guam Shipyard

DATE	TIME	NO	HOME	SCORE	VS	SCORE	VISITOR
NOVEMBER 8	1:30 PM	1	Pretzel Makers Bombers		v		Guahan.com
NOVEMBER 8	2:15 PM	2	Paintco Strykers		v		dck Masters
NOVEMBER 8	3:00 PM	3	Quality Distributors		v		FCB Crusaders
NOVEMBER 8	3:45 PM	4	Guam Shipyard		v		Pretzel Makers Bombers
NOVEMBER 8	4:30 PM	5	Hyundai		v		Orange Crushers
NOVEMBER 8	5:15 PM	6	Guam Shipyard		v		Quality Distributors
NOVEMBER 15	1:00 PM	7	Orange Crushers		v		Guam Shipyard
NOVEMBER 15	1:45 PM	8	dck Masters		v		Hyundai
NOVEMBER 15	2:30 PM	9	Quality Distributors		v		Pretzel Makers Bombers
NOVEMBER 15	3:15 PM	10	dck Masters		v		FCB Crusaders
NOVEMBER 15	4:00 PM	11	Hyundai		v		Paintco Strykers
NOVEMBER 15	4:45 PM	12	Guahan.com		v		FCB Crusaders
NOVEMBER 22	1:00 PM	13	Pretzel Makers Bombers		v		FCB Crusaders
NOVEMBER 22	1:45 PM	14	Quality Distributors		v		Guahan.com
NOVEMBER 22	2:30 PM	15	Orange Crushers		v		Paintco Strykers
NOVEMBER 22	3:15 PM	16	Quality Distributors		v		Hyundai
NOVEMBER 22	4:00 PM	17	Orange Crushers		v		dck Masters
NOVEMBER 22	4:45 PM	18	Guam Shipyard		v		Hyundai
NOVEMBER 29	1:00 PM	19	dck Masters		v		Quality Distributors
NOVEMBER 29	1:45 PM	20	Guahan.com		v		Paintco Strykers
NOVEMBER 29	2:30 PM	21	Pretzel Makers Bombers		v		Hyundai
NOVEMBER 29	3:15 PM	22	FCB Crusaders		v		Paintco Strykers
NOVEMBER 29	4:00 PM	23	Orange Crushers		v		Guahan.com
NOVEMBER 29	4:45 PM	24	Guam Shipyard		v		FCB Crusaders

DECEMBER 6	1:00 PM	25	Guahan.com		v		Hyundai
DECEMBER 6	1:45 PM	26	Guam Shipyard		v		dck Masters
DECEMBER 6	2:30 PM	27	Orange Crushers		v		Quality Distributors
DECEMBER 6	3:15 PM	28	Pretzel Makers Bombers		v		dck Masters
DECEMBER 6	4:00 PM	29	Paintco Strykers		v		Guam Shipyard
DECEMBER 6	4:45 PM	30	Pretzel Makers Bombers		v		Orange Crushers
DECEMBER 13	1:00 PM	31	Paintco Strykers		v		Pretzel Makers Bombers
DECEMBER 13	1:45 PM	32	FCB Crusaders		v		Hyundai
DECEMBER 13	2:30 PM	33	Guahan.com		v		Guam Shipyard
DECEMBER 13	3:15 PM	34	Paintco Strykers		v		Quality Distributors
DECEMBER 13	4:00 PM	35	FCB Crusaders		v		Orange Crushers
DECEMBER 13	4:45 PM	36	dck Masters		v		Guahan.com
<b>WOMEN'S LEAGUE END OF THE YEAR FIESTA (SPECIAL CEREMONY)</b>							

## MAJOR POINTS TO EMPHASIZE

1. 5 seconds/ 5 meters
2. No INDIRECT KICKS => All are DIRECT KICKS ONLY
  - a. NO WALLS ALLOWED, either its
    - i. "NO MAN'S LAND", or
    - ii. Behind the ball and 5 yards away from ball
    - iii. Read direct kick section in the detailed Rules & Regulations
3. PENALTY AREA => It is touchline to touchline (8yards from goal line)
4. BALL INBOUND (aka Throw In, Kick In)
  - a. May be throw-in or kick-in
  - b. Once one or other is started, it must be finished
5. PASSBACK/DOUBLE PASSBACK TO KEEPER
  - a. Passback to goalkeeper is permitted. Goalkeeper can pick it up with her hand or use feet (CAUTION: Read next ... 5b)
  - b. The goalkeeper may not deliberately touch the ball with his hands or arms when the ball is returned to him/her by a teammate a second consecutive time, including from a header, without it having touched an opponent.
6. JUST LIKE BASKETBALL, THE PERSON FOULED TAKES THE KICK
7. NO SHIELDING THE BALL (this is a game of "no delays")
8. EXTENDED TIME FOR DIRECT KICK (If there's a foul but time ran out, the free kick still takes place)

**Should you need any assistance in learning the LOTG for Beach Soccer, please see George Stewart!**

MISSION: To enjoy six (6) weeks of fun in the sun with your family, teammates and friends. Open to any suggestions to make each week fun with all members involved! Bring your suggestions to Cheri and we'll implement it with support to the best of our ability.

# 2009 GFA Bud Light Women's Beach Soccer League – LAWS of the GAME

1. The Pitch
  - a. Pitch to be utilized during this league will be the GFA Harmon Pitch which is regulated size.
  - b. The substitution area is a 5 yard area at mid-field between the 2 technical areas.
    - i. All substitutions take place there unless an injury prevents it
  - c. The two technical areas are approximately 5 yards from the substitution area set back from the touchline approximately 2 yards (adjusted accordingly due to space availability)
  - d. The penalty area is an imaginary line from touch line to touch line, 8 yards from the goal line, designated by the two flags that are 1.5 yards outside the touchline
  - e. No lines or markings on pitch, aside from the touch and goal lines, all other lines and markings are imaginary
2. The Ball
  - a. Use authentic beach soccer balls
3. Number of Players
  - a. If the match is 5 vs. 5, must have NLT 4 to start and NLT 3 to continue
  - b. If the match is 4 vs. 4, must have NLT 3 to Start and continue
    - i. If the number of players is LT 3, abandon the match
  - c. No limits on substitutions. Substitution is on the fly just like Futsal. Refer to Section 1.c.i.
  - d. Goalkeeper may be substituted but must be on the fly unless injury occurs or during breaks between periods and after referee notification
4. Players Equipment
  - a. Uniforms are not restrictive; however, it is encouraged that the team come in same colored top or T-shirts that are different in color from opponent
  - b. Shorts should be in same colors for easement of referee separating the team/players
  - c. Playing vests will be supplied
  - d. Numbers not required
  - e. Basic equipment is Jersey and shorts
  - f. Should there be an issue in distinguishing player(s) of either or both teams, the referee has the right to direct different gear. No dispute is permitted. Again, playing vests will be provided.
  - g. No jewelry except wedding band
  - h. Socks, elastic ankle and/or foot-wraps are okay, not required
    - i. Sneakers, running shoes, soccer shoes of any type are not allowed
  - i. ADVISEMENT to Team Representative: Please be respectful to your team sponsors regarding team wear as media coverage may occur. GFA and GFA Women's Committee will assume no responsibility for any matters that arise from this concern.
  - j. Should there be any issues (problems during matches or referee's concerns) regarding players equipment during the season, the Deputy Chairperson has the right to made amendment to the rules on this subject.
5. Referee and 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee
  - a. Operate just like regular outdoor two man system
  - b. Positioning just like regular outdoor two man system

6. Timekeeper & 3<sup>rd</sup> Referee
  - a. Duties to be completed by Referee and 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee
    - i. Must ensure 2 minute for Red Card substitution is enforced
7. Duration of Match
  - a. 3 equal 12 minute periods
    - i. Flip coin twice at beginning of game to decide kick-off for beginning of game and 3<sup>rd</sup> period
      1. Second period kick-off is just opposite of beginning of game and teams switch sides
  - b. 2 equal 3 minutes intermissions
    - i. See (ci.) for further comment
  - c. 3 minutes of transition from one match to the next match
    - i. Should there be any delays in which matches are not on time, intermissions will be cut short.
    - ii. This will be at the discretion of the Deputy and/or Referee to ensure that all matches are moved accordingly on schedule
8. Start & Re-start of game
  - a. Goal **CANNOT** be scored directly from a kick-off
  - b. Drop ball is taken on the imaginary point in the middle of the halfway line
9. Ball in & out of play
  - a. Ball is out of play when the whole of the ball passes completely over the line or when referee blows whistle
10. Method of Scoring
  - a. Goal cannot score directly from ball has been thrown, carried or propelled by hand or arm by a player of the attacking side
  - b. Goalkeeper may not score a goal directly by throwing the ball with hand; if it happens, a goal clearance awarded to opponent
  - c. Goalkeeper may not score a goal directly after releasing the ball with hands and kicking it into the air before it touches the ground
  - d. May score a goal directly by placing the ball on the ground and then kicking it
11. Fouls & Misconduct
  - a. Direct Kick from spot of foul only if ball was in play when foul occurred (PK if in PA)
    - i. Kick, trip, grab, hold or push an opponent
    - ii. Holds ball back with legs to waste time in opponents half
    - iii. Deliberately obstructs opponent in opponents half
    - iv. Intentionally charges an opponent, even shoulder to shoulder to play ball (just like futsal)
    - v. Touch the ball intentionally with the hand or arm
  - b. Direct Kick from kick-off spot if ball was in play when foul occurred
    - i. Goalkeeper infraction
    - ii. Dangerous play in own half
    - iii. Holds ball back with legs to waste time in opponents half
    - iv. Deliberately obstructs opponent in opponents half
    - v. Team controls ball in own penalty area for more than 5 seconds
      1. Any normal, what would be, indirect kick infractions that occur in own half
  - c. Yellow Card Offences
    - i. Commits a serious foul in the interpretation of the referee

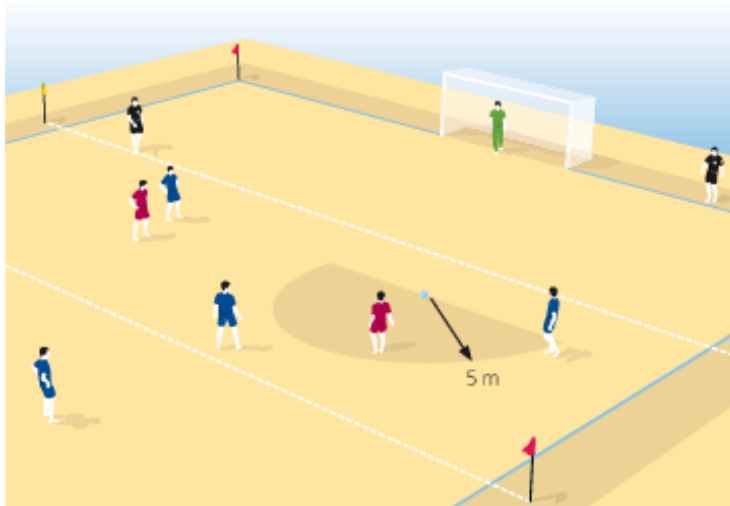
- ii. Shows by act or word, disagreement with referee's decision
- iii. Shows lack of sportsmanship
- iv. Commits an infraction during a free kick or during a kickoff
- v. Enters the court during a substitution before the player being replaced has entirely left the court or enters from an incorrect position

d. Red Card Offences

- i. Receives a second yellow card in one game
- ii. Intentionally denies with a foul an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent
- iii. Is guilty of serious foul play
- iv. Is guilty of violent conduct
- v. Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language
- vi. Throwing sand at anyone
- vii. Player ejected must leave game and technical area and not eligible for NLT next match
  - 1. Sub for ejected player must wait 2 minutes to enter game regardless if goal is scored

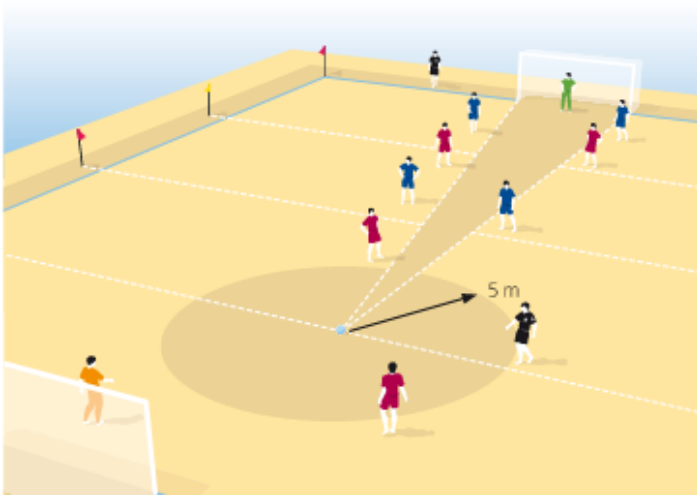
**Direct Free Kicks**

- e. Only Direct Free Kicks from spot of foul, kick-off spot or Penalty Kicks (No indirect kicks)
  - i. Direct kicks from spot of foul in opponent's half
    - 1. No Walls
    - 2. Player fouled takes the kick (unless seriously injured, sub takes kick)
    - 3. All players except kicker and opponent goal keeper are NLT 5 yards from ball and either beside or behind ball, outside penalty area
    - 4. Kicker may make small mound
    - 5. 5 seconds to kick ball after whistle (referee must whistle)
    - 6. Direct kick in own goal is not a goal
      - a. results in corner kick for opponent
    - 7. Time added for taking of direct free kick



- ii. Direct Kick from team's own half or from kick-off spot
  - 1. No wall

2. All players must provide clear path from ball to opponent's goal post (aka "no-man's land")
3. All players 5 yards from ball
4. Small mound okay
5. 5 seconds to kick ball after whistle (referee must whistle)
6. Deliberate shot on goal (**still in air**) may only be touch by opposing goal keeper **UNLESS**:
  - a. Ball hits ground, goal post or bar, reflects off goal keeper
    - i. Infraction by opponent results in direct kick from point of infraction or PK
    - ii. Infraction by team mate results in direct kick from kick-off spot
7. Ball may be passed to team mate
8. Ball in play once it is kicked and moved
9. Own goal **CANNOT** be scored directly
  - a. Results in corner kick for opponent
10. Time added for taking of kick



## 12. Penalty Kicks

- a. Player fouled takes kick (unless seriously injured, sub takes kick)
- b. Ball placed on imaginary PK spot
- c. Small mound okay
- d. All players except kicker & opponent goal keeper are
  - i. NLT 5 yards from ball
  - ii. Behind the ball
  - iii. Outside penalty area
- e. Opponent goalkeeper must
  - i. Be between goal post on line
  - ii. Be facing kicker
  - iii. May move side to side on goal line
- f. If any infractions against team

- i. Allow kick to be taken
- ii. Handled same as Football and Futsal
- g. If infraction against team taking kick is enforced
  - i. Restart with Direct Kick for opponent from Kick-off spot



### 13. Ball in Bound

- a. May be throw-in or kick-in
  - i. Once one or the other is started it must be finished
  - ii. Completed in 5 seconds (even if player switch)
    - 1. Infractions result in ball in bound for opponent
  - iii. Opponents must be 5 yards away
    - 1. Infractions result in direct kick from kick-off spot for thrower/kicker
  - iv. Goal cannot be scored directly from a ball inbound
    - 1. Infraction results in goal clearance to the opposing team if the ball enters the opposing team's goal directly or corner kick is awarded to the opposing team if the ball enters the player's own goal directly
- b. If kick-in
  - i. Ball must be on line or just outside line
  - ii. One foot must remain outside touch line until ball kicked
  - iii. Ball cannot be touched again by kicker until touched by another player
    - 1. Infractions result in ball in bound (for 13.b.i and ii) or direct kick from kick-off spot for opponent (13.b.iii)
- c. If throw-in
  - i. Part of both feet on or outside the touch line
  - ii. Uses both hands
  - iii. Throws the ball from behind and over his/her head
    - 1. Infractions result in ball in bound (for 13.b.i and ii) or direct kick from kick-off spot for opponent (13.b.iii)

### 14. Goal Clearance

- a. Keeper must throw, toss or roll ball with hands

- i. Keeper may handle pass back by teammate
  - b. Keeper **CANNOT** use hands or arms to control the ball on **second consecutive** pass back (Double Pass Back, see FIFA Law 16) by teammate, including a header, without it having touched an opponent
  - c. Keeper has 5 seconds to release ball
  - d. Keeper may not release ball to play with feet and replay with hands
    - i. Infractions result in direct kick from kick-off spot by opponent
  - e. Own goal **CANNOT** be scored directly from goal clearance
    - i. Results in corner kick for opponent
15. Double Pass Back to Keeper
- a. Keeper may not use hands or arms to control ball (even if the ball was headed back to GK) on the second consecutive pass back by teammate without it having touched an opponent
    - i. Referee holds one hand up (like indirect signal) to signify 1<sup>st</sup> pass back handled by keeper
    - ii. Infractions result in direct kick from kick-off spot by opponent
16. Corner Kick
- a. Small mound okay
  - b. Completed in 5 seconds
  - c. Goal may be scored directly from kick
    - i. If the kicker scores an own goal directly after taking a corner kick, a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team
    - ii. If after a corner kick, the ball enters the opposing goal directly, a goal is awarded
  - d. Opponents must be 5 yards from ball
    - i. Infractions result in retake corner kick or PK
  - e. Kick must be completed in 5 seconds
    - i. Infractions result in goal clearance for opponent

If not specifically mentioned in this document, all other Beach Soccer Laws are the same as FIFA Football LAWS of the GAME.