



PALAU FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION 2012 FALL SOCCER LEAGUE

Ground Rules

The Palau Football Association (PFA) 2012 Fall League will be conducted according to published FIFA statutes and regulations with modified rulings. Aside from these modified rules, The FIFA Laws of the League will be enforced if needed.

Rule A: The Field of Play, Ball Size, & Number of Players

1. The field size will be 60yrds X 40yrds
2. The ball shall be FIFA Approved or FIFA Inspected and size 5
3. A total of 9 players per team on field with a maximum of 15 on roster (Unlimited Substitutions)
4. All substitutes must remain on the bench during the games. All players must wear their team uniform during the game and shall not remove it till the game is over. Anyone on the bench who does not wear a uniform other than the coach and team manager shall be asked to leave by any official.
5. If a player departs island for remainder of set season, then another player can be recruited to play on designated team.
6. If a player does not play in regular season, then he/she would not be able to play in "play off" portion of the competition, even if they were on the teams' final roster.
7. Trading of players from one team to another is not allowed.

Rule B: The Players' Equipment

1. **A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another player (including any kind of jewellery).**
2. **The basic compulsory equipment of a player comprises of, team jersey, shinguards, footwear, & socks.**
3. **The goalkeeper jersey must be a different color from actual team jersey.**
4. **All jerseys must be numbered.**
5. **The PFA will not provide any shinguards this season.**



Rule C: Duration of Play

1. Each game will consist of two 30 minute halves with a 5 minute half time.
2. Time will only be stopped for injuries.
3. Any delay of time can result in a yellow card.

Rule D: Offside Position

1. Offside rule in effect.
2. There is no offside offence on a thrown in, corner kick, or goal kick.
3. A player in an offside position is penalized only when they interfere with play, interfere with an opponent, or gain an advantage by being in that position.

Rule E: Fouls & Misconduct

1. Direct free kicks are awarded to opposing team if a player commits acts of excessive force and recklessness.
2. Indirect free kicks are awarded to opposing team if a goalkeeper, inside his/her own area, commits any of the following:
 - A. Controls the ball with his/her hands for more than six second before releasing it from his possession
 - B. Touches the ball again with hands after he/she has been released it from his/her possession and before it has touched another player
 - C. Touches the ball with his/her hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him/her by a teammate.
 - D. Touches the ball with his/her hands after he/she has received it directly from a thrown in taken by a teammate.

Rule F: Organization of the League

1. Males & Females of ages 15 – up are eligible to play on competing teams. All participants under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian consent.
2. **Each competing team must send a representative to the Pre-League Logistics Meeting held at the Track & Field at 5:00pm, Sunday September 9, 2012. This is the time for all teams to submit their master list, signed waivers, & fees (\$200 per team).**
3. **There will be a \$50 late fee for any team submitting listed items after this date. (F-2)**
4. An award ceremony will be held after the final match. First and second place teams will be awarded.



Rule G: Match Setup

During the round robin stage; 3 points will be awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw, & 0 points for a loss. In the event of a tie of points after round robin play is completed, the team determined to go on to elimination play will be decided in the order as followed:

1. “Most goals for” – meaning the team who has scored the most goals throughout round robin play advances to elimination round. If there happens to be a tie after this ruling then we go to next on the list.
2. “Least goals against” – meaning the team with the least total goals scored on throughout the round robin play will go on to elimination round.
3. If the teams are still tied after these rulings, then they will meet for a penalty shootout to decide who advances.

There are no draws in the elimination round. In the event of a draw in a quarter final, semi-final or final game, the game will go on to sudden death overtime. In sudden death overtime the first team to score wins the match. Sudden death overtime will consist of two 10 minute halves and a 1 minute halftime. In the event the game is tied after sudden death overtime, then the game will go to a penalty shootout.

Penalty shootout rulings:

1. There will be 5 shooters per team.
2. Goalies are allowed to take penalty shots.
3. The coach will determine the order of shooters.
4. One shot per player, unless shootout goes to sudden death.
5. After all shots taken, team with most made shots win.
6. If penalty shootout is at a draw after all ten shots, five per team, then it will go to sudden death penalties. Meaning first to score wins the match. A coin toss will decide who goes first and the shooter cannot be one of the first five shooters, unless all players from roster have shot once.
7. The eligible shooters are players that were in play when game concluded.

All matches will be played “rain or shine”. Matches will only be postponed or delayed during a lightning storm, unplayable field condition, or global catastrophe.



Rule H: Other Matters

1. All other matters not covered by FIFA Rules & these rules shall be dealt on a case by case basis
2. Appeals regarding match outcomes or disputes may be submitted to Mr. Charles Reklai Mitchell, President of the Palau Football Association. All protest must be submitted no later than 1 hour after the match with a \$25 fee. If the protest is won, then the \$25 fee will be refunded. If the protest is lost, then \$25 fee will be surrendered to the PFA.
3. In accordance to RPPL 8-27, all sports facilities are now smoke-free. This event is tobacco free.



Approved by:

Charles Reklai Mitchell

President, PFA



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TEAM ENTRY FORM / MASTER FORM

Team Name: _____

Sponsor: _____

Coach: _____

Team Manager: _____

Jersey #	Name	Position	Date of Birth	Citizenship	Contact #
1		GK			
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