**MARDI GRAS BALL 2020**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**HOST:** This tournament is sponsored by the Greater New Orleans Women’s Soccer League.

**WHEN:** February 15th and 16th 2020, with team check-in and registration on Friday, February 14th from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Wyndham Garden Hotel (hotel information below).

**WHERE:** The tournament will be held in Lafreniere Park in the Greater New Orleans Area.

**FORMAT:** All teams will be scheduled to play at least 3 games, weather permitting. All games, including the Finals, will be 30-minute halves. Games will be refereed according to current FIFA rules.

**DIVISIONS:** There will be three divisions\*. Teams will be placed in divisions based on league standings.

**TEAMS:** Maximum roster size is 22. All teams must be USSF registered, or if from outside the United States, registered with your own national soccer league. All teams are required to obtain a **travel permit** from their state or national association. [Here is a link](https://usys-assets.ae-admin.com/assets/946/15/AdultTravelRequest.pdf) to a form you can use for the travel permit. You are not required to use this form; if your league has a different travel permit you may use it.

**GNOWSL is going paperless this year!**

**Registration Submission:** You can type on the registration form and roster, handwrite or type on your travel permit and submit these forms via email to the Tournament Director, Jessie Baldwin, at greaternowomenssoccer@gmail.com. You may use venmo to pay your registration funds. **GNOWSL’s venmo is @NOWomensSoccer.**

You can also mail entry form, roster, travel permit and a check made out to GNOWSL for registration fees to the following address:

Jessie Baldwin

5929 General Haig St.

New Orleans, LA 70124

**TOURNAMENT FEE:** The tournament fee will be $425 per team plus $100 performance bond required for all teams. The performance bond will be refunded by mail or venmo following your team’s participation in the tournament. A single check (or online payment) for $525 should be submitted when registering. Do not send two separate checks. **Make checks payable to GNOWSL or venmo @NOWomensSoccer.**

\*\*All fees are non-refundable if your team cancels or forfeits\*\*

After **Tuesday January 7th** the tournament entry fee increases to $450 (plus $100 refundable performance bond = $550).

**Players** **must have a valid (USSF) player card and be at least 16 years of age to participate**.Teams will be allowed an unlimited number of guest players. If players need passes **GNOWSL can create temporary cards for $10 each.** This money is not part of the GNOWSL fundraiser; these funds solely cover the cost of creating the passes.

For the players who need passes, you will need to venmo or send a check for $10 a player and email the following info to Jessie at greaternowomenssoccer@gmail.com:

Player’s Name

Team Name

Team Captain’s name

Date of Birth

Address

Phone

Email

If you are paying by check it needs to be made out to GNOWSL with the player’s name who is getting a pass in the memo line. For multiple player passes, a list should be attached to the check and mailed to Jessie at 5929 General Haig St., New Orleans LA 70124. If you pay via venmo please put the player name(s) in the comment section of the payment.

Jessie needs to have the check or venmo payment and info **no later than February 5th** to be able to produce the player passes by the start of the tournament.

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:** Entry form and registration fees must be postmarked **Tuesday January 21st** Please note that submitting the registration materials by this date does not guarantee a place in the tournament. This tournament often fills well before the deadline so register early and **DO NOT make travel plans until registration has been confirmed**.

**HOTELS:** We have reserved a block of rooms at **the Wyndham Garden New Orleans Airport** at 6401 Veterans Blvd, Metairie, LA 70003, across the street from Lafreniere Park where the tournament will be held. The rooms are $119 + tax per night and this block is available anytime between Thursday February 13th and Sunday February 16th. Please be sure to book your rooms quickly! Room rates are only guaranteed until **3:00PM on January 13th**.

**Reservations can be made using this** [**link**](https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/gn/gnowsl-mardi-gras-ball2) **or by calling****(504) 885-5700** and asking for the Greater New Orleans Women’s Soccer Tournament block of rooms.

For any questions/comments, please email Jessie at greaternowomenssoccer@gmail.com.

*\*Should we have enough teams register that are interested in an over 30 division, we will consider creating this as a division in the tournament. Please indicate your interest on your registration form.*

**Important Dates**

**Registration Fee Increases:** January 7

**Hotel Block Reservation Deadline:** January 13 at 3pm

**Tournament Registration Deadline:** January 21

**Deadline to Apply for Players Passes:** February 5

**Hotel Block Dates:** February 13-16

**Tournament Registration Night:** February 14 from 6pm-8pm at the Wyndham

**Tournament:** February 15 and 16