

MARDI GRAS BALL 2019
GENERAL INFORMATION

HOST: Tournament is sponsored by the Greater New Orleans Women's Soccer League

WHEN: February 23rd and 24th 2019, with team check-in and registration on Friday, February 22nd 2019 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Wyndham Garden Hotel lobby (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: 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. Maximum roster size is 22.

Players must have a valid (USFF) player card and must be at least 16 years of age to participate. Teams will be allowed an unlimited number of guest players. If players need passes we can create temporary cards for you. For the players who need passes, you will need to send a check for \$10 a player and email the following info to Rachel Riser at rmriser13@gmail.com:

Name
Team Player is on
Team Captain's name
Date of Birth
Address
Phone
Email

Checks need to be made out to GNOWSL (with the player's name who is getting a pass in the memo line, or if more than one player a list attached to the check) and mailed to Rachel at 6568 General Haig, New Orleans LA 70124. Rachel needs to have the check and info **no later than February 12th** to be able to produce the player passes by the start of the tournament. For your


info, the \$10 per player is not part of a fundraiser for us, those funds just cover the cost of creating the passes. **DO NOT send money for passes until registration has been confirmed with Tournament Director.**

TOURNAMENT FEE: The tournament fee will be \$425 per team entry fee plus \$100 performance bond required for all teams (the performance bond will be refunded by mail following the tournament). A single check for \$525 should be submitted when registering. Do not send two separate checks. **Make checks payable to GNOWSL.** [****All fees are non-refundable if your team cancels or forfeits****] After **January 11th 2019** the tournament entry fee increases to \$450 (plus \$100 refundable performance bond = \$550).

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: Entry form and registration fees must be postmarked **Friday January 25th 2019** 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 in Metairie, Louisiana, across the street from Lafreniere Park where the tournament will be held. This block is available anytime between Thursday Feb. 21st and Sunday February 24th. Please be sure to book your rooms quickly!

Wyndham Garden New Orleans Airport at 6401 Veterans Blvd, Metairie, LA 70003

Reservations can be made by going to this [link](#). You can also call Hotel Reservations at [\(504\) 885-5700](tel:5048855700) and ask for the Women's Soccer Tournament block of rooms.  Rate is \$119 + tax per night.

Room rates are only guaranteed until **3:00PM on January 22nd 2019** 

Mail Entry Form, Roster, and Check made out to GNOWSL for Registration Fees to the following contact:

Jessie Baldwin 5929 General Haig St., New Orleans, LA 70124

For any questions/comments, please email the tournament director Jessie Baldwin at baldwin.jessie@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.*