

MARDI GRAS BALL 2017-GENERAL INFORMATION

HOST: The tournament is sponsored by the Greater New Orleans Women's Soccer League **WHEN:** 18-19 February 2017 with team check-in and registration on Friday, 17 February 2017 from 6:00-7:00 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). U.S. players must have a valid (USSF) player card and must be at least 16 years of age to participate. Teams will be allowed an unlimited number of guest players. All teams are required to obtain a travel permit from their state or national association. Maximum roster size is 22.

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 **26 December 2016**, the tournament entry fee increases to \$450 (plus \$100 refundable performance bond = \$550).

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: Entry form and registration fees must be postmarked by **9 January 2017**. 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. Please be sure to book your rooms quickly!

Wyndham Garden New Orleans Airport

6401 Veterans Blvd, Metairie, LA 70003 Ph: 504.648.2922 Fax: 504.888.5815

This will also be the location of Friday night registration from 6pm to 8pm.
Look for sign in hotel lobby.

Please call Lisa Farrell at 504.648.2924 or Hotel Reservations at (504) 885-5700 and ask for the Women's Soccer Tournament block of rooms. Rate is \$119 + tax per night.

Room rates are only guaranteed until 5:00PM on 18 January 2017.

Mail Entry Form and Check for Registration Fees to the following contact:

Kari Ayala, 6721 Louisville St., New Orleans, LA 70124

For any questions/comments, please email Kari Ayala (karijean@hotmail.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.*