



GFA ACTIVITY REPORT SUPPLEMENT

JANUARY - OCTOBER 2022

TECHNICAL: MEN'S

Guam Football Association Activity Report
January - October 2022

In February 2022, Sang Hoon Kim, Head Coach of the Matao, Guam National Team and Technical Director of the Men's Program, organized tryout sessions for the Guam U14 Boys National Team, eventually selecting a total of 20 players and three goalkeepers, plus six reserve players.



The U14 team began training three times per week following tryout sessions under coaches Ralph Awa and Noah Bamba.

In the same month, the Northern Mariana Islands Men's National Team, as well as its U20 National Team, organized a training camp in Guam, with two matches against the Matao, and one match each against the U20 and U17

National Team training squads. The Matao won both its matches - 2-0 and 3-2. The U20 National Team won 2-0 and the U17 National Team lost to NMI's U20 National Team 4-1.

Both the U20 and U17 National Teams continued to train four times per week, with the Matao training sessions combined with the U20 group.



Guam U14 National Team 2022

GK
Mason KANJI BECKER
Jaydence CALARA
Liam RALPH

FIELD PLAYERS
Rico BADEN
Peter Roy-Jose BARCHINAS
Gavin BENAVENTE
Nikko BYERLY
Gage CRUZ
Landon CRUZ
Zico DENIGHT
Juan Carlos GARCIA
Trey JACOT
Leonard KAAE
Gavin Chase MANIBUSAN
Chima MBAKWEM, Jr.
Landon OGO
Malcom OGO
Stephen RIOJA
Cale SABLAN
Trystan SANTOS
Jorju SATO
Henry TAITANO
Enzio WALKER

Reserves:
Eli Brown, Marciano Denight, Cooper Flood,
Haruki Okamoto, Henry Rudolph, Elijah Semboe



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All four of Guam's national team men's sides took part in off-island training camps between June and August 2022.

The Guam U20 National Team was the first of all groups to depart Guam in the summer, taking part in a camp in Manila, Philippines under Head Coach Dominic Gadia. While in Manila, the team played training matches against the Philippines U19 National Team, in top form for its AFF tournament later in the month. Guam's group used the camp for final player selection, as well as team training, for the AFC U20 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2023™ Qualifiers scheduled for September 2022 in Vientiane, Laos.

In July, the U14 National Team played in friendly matches against their counterparts in Saipan, while the U17 National Team Training Squad competed in the Davis Legacy College Showcase and the 2022 Surf Cup, both in California. The U17 National Team, under Head Coach Samuel San Gil, used the matches in California as a tune up for the AFC U17 Asian Cup Bahrain 2023™ Qualifiers scheduled for October in Indonesia.

In late July into August, Guam National Team Head Coach Sang Hoon Kim called up 30 players to take part in a training camp in Paju, Korea Republic. Also included in the 30 player roster for the training camp were players from both the U20 and U17 National Teams from previous training camps.

In Paju, the team played against two Korean university teams, the Korea U20 National Team, and one professional club team from K-League 1. The team also made time to watch a K-League 1 match.



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Guam's youth national teams returned to AFC competition in 2022.

In September, the first team - the Guam U20 National Team - traveled to Vientiane, Laos to compete in the AFC U20 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2023™ Qualifiers under Head Coach Dominic Gadia.

RESULTS

- Guam 0, Laos 3
- Guam 0, Palestine 5
- Guam 0, Japan 9
- Guam 1, Yemen 10 (Guam's goal by Kekoa Kukahiko)

The second team - the Guam U17 National Team - traveled to Indonesia to compete in the AFC U17 Asian Cup Bahrain 2023™ Qualifiers under Head Coach Samuel San Gil.

RESULTS (As of Oct. 5)

- Guam 0, United Arab Emirates 9
- Guam 0, Indonesia 14
- Guam 1, Malaysia 1 (Guam's goal by Riku Meyar)
- Guam, Palestine



TECHNICAL: WOMEN'S

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In January 2022, Sakiko Ogura, newly appointed Head Coach of the Masakåda, Guam Women's National Team, worked with the GFA Women's Program team to conduct open training sessions for talent identification. She also used the event to assess coaches in the program.

As part of the open training sessions, she held an Open House for prospective players and their parents to discuss her proposed five-year plan for the Women's Program, with the goal to qualify for an expanded FIFA Women's World Cup field in 2027.

In February 2022, Coach Ogura continued assessing players in the program in training matches against the visiting Women's National Team from the Northern Mariana Islands, as well as their U18 counterparts.

After assessing players in the program following the training matches, Coach Ogura and the Women's Program team opened a new set of trials for the U14, U17, U20, and Masakåda in April. Instead of repeating the event at GFA, Coach Ogura opted to hold open tryouts in Talofofo. The Women's Program staff worked with the Talofofo Mayor's Office and the Guam Shipyard Wolverines to hold training sessions at the Richard DeGracia Naputi baseball field twice a week in April.

For the Masakåda/U20 group, Coach Ogura received 13 players joining the southern edition of open training. For the U17 and U14 group, Coach Ogura and Women's Program coaches received over 30 players.

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Let's aspire to go to the World Cup!

The overall success of women's football in Guam and the Guam Women's National Team, the Guam Masakåda, largely depends on the development of U14 to U20 teams. The GFA Women's Football Department will be holding a meeting for Masakåda players on Saturday, Jan. 15 and an open house meeting for parents of U14-U20 players on Monday, Jan. 17. Open training begins Monday, Jan. 17.

Masakåda Players Meeting

11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 15
GFA 2nd Floor Lanel

Open House Meeting for Parents

Monday, Jan. 17
GFA 2nd Floor Lanel
U14-U17: 5:45 p.m.
U20: 7:15 p.m.

Eligible player birth years:

- U14 (2010-2012)
- U17 (2007-2009)
- U20 (2004-2006)
- WNT (2003 and older)

OPEN TRAINING

January 17-19 & January 21 (Mon-Wed & Fri)
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. (U14 & U17;
showtime no later than 5 p.m.)

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (U20 & WNT;
showtime no later than 6:30 p.m.)

January 22 (Sat)
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. (U14, U17, U20, WNT)

If you are interested, please complete this form:
<https://forms.gle/G9rZF3PhLcortBFJ9>

For any inquiries, please contact:
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Sakiko Ogura

Head of Women's
Program

Guam Women's
National Team
Head Coach



WOMEN'S NATIONAL PROGRAM OPEN TRIALS - SOUTHERN EDITION 2022, TALOFOFO



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A mix of selected players from the Masakåda and the Guam U20 Women's National Team took part in a training camp in Shizuoka, Japan the second week of July 2022. The camp was the first of two for the year with Japan. The second, for the Guam U17 Women's National Team, will be held in December 2022.

The Hon. Lou Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam, attended the early morning sendoff of the players at the A.B. Won Pat International Airport and gave a motivational speech to the players and staff. The team also was greeted by representatives from United Airlines and each received a luggage tag as a gift ahead of their departure.

During the camp, the players took part in training sessions alongside JFA Academy coaches and played against JFA Academy teams.

In late July, Assistant Technical Director Ross Awa, officially assumed the Head Coach role of the Masakåda, Guam Women's National Team, and began training sessions with the team after Sakiko Ogura resigned in May 2022.

The Women's National Program was restructured to include Academy programs, specifically for the U14 Girls and the younger players from the U17 Women's National Training squad. National training also continued for players from the upper age bracket of the U17 division, as well as players in the U20 age bracket and for the senior national team players.



TECHNICAL: OTHER

In March, the Asian Football Confederation sent a congratulatory letter to Guam Football Association for its ascension to the Silver level status of the AFC Grassroots Charter.

Also in March, the GFA Technical Department started Beach Soccer Saturdays at Jimmy Dee's. GFA Assistant Technical Director Ross Awa transports equipment to Jimmy Dee's beach for pick up games between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Open to all, the event had seen as many as 20 individuals join to try the sport.

In the Goalkeeping realm, GFA GK Development Lead Officer Keleko Fejeran began club site visits to support GFA member clubs in building their own goalkeeping programs. At the site visits, Coach Keleko provided sample training sessions working with young goalkeepers, as well as support for appointed GK coaches.

On March 22, GFA officially launched its AHEAD Program, a new program to assist Youth National Teams ascend the Elite Player Pathway with resources for intercollegiate leagues. AHEAD stands for Assistance for Higher Education Admissions and Development.

The program kicked off with an information session about college admissions by St. John's School's Bob Kelley and Jane Shiu via Zoom. Over 80 parents and players registered to take part in the Zoom session.

Additionally, GFA partnered with NCSA to offer opportunities for Guam's youth athletes for potential recruitment to intercollegiate soccer programs.



#BetterGoalkeepersBetterTeams

In an effort to help raise the competitive level of youth club teams, GFA's Goalkeeping Program Lead Officer Keleko Fejeran and GFA's team of Goalkeeper Coaches will be providing on-site assistance in training young goalkeepers starting from the U10 level to the U18 level, as well as developing Goalkeeper Coaches!

- Expand your knowledge of the specialized position and develop specific training sessions for young goalkeepers
- Learn how to better integrate goalkeepers into team sessions
- Increase the quality of your youth team's overall performance by raising the standard and confidence level of young goalkeepers

To schedule a club visit or consultation meeting, register online at <https://forms.gle/DREHfYtD873P25aA>

For inquiries, contact Coach Keleko: keleko.fejeran@theguamfa.com

The Club Head Goalkeeper Coach will receive the following to support their development in the role as a Goalkeeper Coach:

- Mentorship Program for the Goalkeeper Coach to obtain a Goalkeeping Coaching License
- Goalkeeping Curriculum
- Training Balls
- Goalkeeper Gloves
- Markers and Agility Ladder

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Sang Hoon Kim and Ross Awa attended the FIFA Technical Director Workshop in Kuwait from May 23-25, 2022.

Available opportunities for coach education increased during the summer months ahead of the Fall Season of the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League.

The Guam FA Technical Department put on the GFA Goalkeeping Coaching Certificate Course from June 17-19 with Coach Educator Ross Awa and Assistant Coach Educator Keleko Fejeran. Following the course, Hannah Cruz and Noah Bamba earned their GFA GK Course Certificate. Other coaches in the course will be submitting additional documents and training sessions to officially earn their certificates as well.

The Guam FA Technical Department also introduced the first-ever GFA "C" Coaching Diploma Course, which now serves as Guam's prerequisite for international coaching licenses. The 2022 course is divided into four parts, with the first part completed Aug. 19-21. The second part of the course took place Aug. 26-28. The third part of the course spans from September to mid November for coaches to log in active hours of work experience, either with school or club teams in any coaching capacity. The fourth and final part of the course is scheduled to take place from Nov. 18-20.



LEAGUES

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The Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League kicked off March 12 after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID19 pandemic. Teams in the U6, U8, U10, and U12 divisions started play, while their counterparts in the U14, U15 Girls, and U17 Boys began play March 26.

The season concluded April 23 with the Jamboree scheduled for April 30.

Continuing through the first quarter of the year is the Budweiser Soccer League Masters Division. The league kicked off on October 29, 2021 and concluded May 7. FC Pride earned the league's Champions trophy, finishing with the best record.

Budweiser Soccer League Masters Division

Champions: FC Pride

Golden Boot: Yu Tanabe (Eurocar FC)

Golden Glove: Keith Yu (FC Pride)

Fair Play: Premier Dentistry Boonie Dawgs



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The Bud Light Women's Soccer League Premier and Amateur Divisions returned for the first time since the pandemic halted Guam's top flight leagues for women in 2020. The leagues opened the July 15 weekend.

The Budweiser Futsal League also featured during the summer months, with matches beginning July 18 at the Astumbo gym.

The DOCOMO Pacific Soccer Moms League and the GFA Women's Recreational League opened July 31 and played through to Sept. 25

Budweiser Men's Futsal League

Champions - Quality Distributors FC

Golden Boot (tie): Yaw Boateng & Shaun-Paul Martinez (NAPA Rovers FC)

Golden Glove: James Bush (Quality Distributors FC)

Fair Play: Guam Shipyard

Bud Light Women's Soccer League Premier Division

Champions: Bank of Guam Strykers FC

Golden Boot: Colleen Naden (Guam Shipyard), Franshay Pangelinan (Quality)

Golden Glove: Gabrielle Moser (Bank of Guam Strykers FC)

Bud Light Women's Soccer League Amateur Division

Champions: GPSI Southern Cobras

Golden Boot: Cindy Maestrecampo (GPSI Southern Cobras)

Golden Glove: Cloe Aguon (Heavy Hitters/Nutrition Mission Southern Heat)



Following the conclusion of the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League Spring 2022 season, the Guam FA Football Events department launched a series of inaugural summer youth events: the GFA Youth Futsal League for U15 Boys and U15 Girls divisions held at the Yigo gym and the GFA 5v5 Youth Tournament held at the GFA National Training Center Futsal Courts.

RESULTS:

GFA Youth Futsal League U15 Boys Division

Champions - Tumon Typhoons FC

Second Place - Guam Shipyard Wolverines Blue

Third Place - Guam Shipyard Wolverines White

GFA Youth Futsal League U15 Girls Division

Champions - Tumon Typhoons FC

Second Place - Sidekick SC

Third Place - Guam Shipyard Wolverines

GFA 5v5 Youth Tournament

U12 Champions - 76/Circle K Dededo Soccer Club

U12 Second Place - Tumon Typhoons FC

U10 Champions - 76/Circle K Dededo Soccer Club

U10 Second Place - Guam Shipyard Wolverines

U8 Champions - ASC Trust Islanders FC

U8 Second Place - 76/Circle K Dededo Soccer Club



Congratulations to the 76/Circle K Dededo Soccer Club!

First Place Champions of the Guahan 5v5 Youth Tournament - U12 Division



GFA 5v5 Youth Tournament U10 Champions

76/Circle K Dededo SC



GFA 5v5 Youth Tournament U8 Champions

ASC Trust Islanders FC



LEAGUES

Taking center stage in September and October at the GFA National Training Center is the Fall 2022 season of the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League.

The season kicked off Sept. 17 and will run through Nov. 19 before the Fall season Jamboree.

Tables below compare numbers from Spring and Fall seasons categorized by gender.

SPRING 2022 NUMBERS (BOYS)

Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U6	2017 - 2016	99
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U8	2015 - 2014	144
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U10	2013 - 2012	141
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U12	2011 - 2010	133
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U15	2009 - 2007	129
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U17	2006 - 2005	38
TOTAL		684

SPRING 2022 NUMBERS (GIRLS)

Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U6	2017 - 2016	77
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U8	2015 - 2014	72
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U10	2013 - 2012	80
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U12	2011 - 2010	67
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U15	2009 - 2007	80
TOTAL		376

FALL 2022 NUMBERS (BOYS)

Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U6	2017 - 2016	180
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U8	2015 - 2014	229
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U10	2013 - 2012	213
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U12	2011 - 2010	140
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U15	2009 - 2007	134
TOTAL		896

FALL 2022 NUMBERS (GIRLS)

Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U6	2017 - 2016	110
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U8	2015 - 2014	136
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U10	2013 - 2012	117
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U12	2011 - 2010	66
Division	Birth Year	Amount of players
U15	2009 - 2007	97
TOTAL		526



AFC Women's Football Day Celebration

During the month of March, GFA celebrated AFC Women's Football Day. More details are featured in a separate activity report.

IIAAG and ISA Interscholastic Leagues

GFA was the venue for the 2022 ISA Boys High Interscholastic League Championship match March 13, 2022 between the John F. Kennedy High School Islanders and the Simon Sanchez High School Sharks. JFK won 7-0 for the 2022 title.

Additionally, the GFA National Training Center was utilized by various schools during interscholastic leagues in the 2022-2023 school year, which kicked off in the first quarter of the new school year.

Kanoa Football Club Training Camp

Teams from Saipan's Kanoa FC held a training camp in Guam from March 18 to 20, competing against teams over the weekend. The Kanoa FC girls team played against the Academy of Our Lady of Guam Cougars, and the ASC Trust Islanders FC girls team. The Kanoa FC boys team played against the Guam U17 Boys National Team, the ASC Trust Islanders FC, and Wings FC.

FIFA Football for Schools (Coaching Training & Equipment Donation)

The GFA Football Events Department began visiting elementary schools in Guam to introduce the concept of the FIFA Football for Schools program.

Details on the program are in a separate Activity Report.





Women's Football Month Activity Report 2022

Women's Football Day Celebration "Return to Play"

Exhibition Match: Guam U14/U17 Girls vs St. John's School



Venue: Guam Football Association National Training Center

Date: March 9, 2022

Participants: 57 players and coaches from two teams

A mix of Guam's U14 and U17 Girls National Team training squads played an exhibition match against one of Guam's top middle school girls' soccer teams from the IIAAG Middle School Girls Soccer League, St. John's School, to kick off a month-long celebration of AFC Women's Football Day. Each player and coach was given an AFC Women's Football Day T-shirt to use in the exhibition match.

The match's format featured three 20-minute periods with a five-minute break between periods. At the conclusion of the match, the Guam U14/U17 Girls group won 3-0 against their interscholastic league counterparts.

With the pandemic halting Guam's leagues in March 2020, some players particularly from the U14 group, now mostly 11 and 12 years old, had never played in an 11-a-side format before the exhibition match, as their youth league age divisions in 2020 were small-sided.

Photos were posted on Guam FA's social media accounts, followed by advertising for upcoming events in celebration of AFC Women's Football Day.



Women's Football Day Celebration "Return to Play"

Girls Football Festival



Venue: Guam Football Association National Training Center

Date: March 20, 2022

Participants: 204 players and coaches from five age divisions

In continuing the theme of "Return to Play", the Guam Football Association Women's Football Department organized a day-long football festival with players starting from the U6 age division to the U15 age division. In each age division, players took part in fun small-sided matches against their peers and also had some time to play against coaches and volunteers. Particularly at the U6 age division, players also took part in activities with their mothers. Players from the Masakāda, Guam Women's National Team, also made appearances during the event.



Each participant and volunteer received an AFC Women's Football Day T-shirt while supplies lasted. The schedule featured U6 players and volunteers to start the festival at about 12:30 p.m., with the next age groups coming in at later times. The event concluded at about 5:30 p.m. and featured a Coaches & Volunteers appreciation match.



Women's Football Day Celebration "Return to Play"

KIA U15 Girls Soccer Event



Venue: Guam Football Association National Training Center

Date: March 26, 2022 (kick off) - April 30, 2022

Participants: 108 players and coaches

For the first time, the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth League featured an all-girls U15 division - the KIA U15 Girls Soccer Event. The kick off of the event in the youth league was the final on-pitch activity in celebration of AFC Women's Football Day.

Seven clubs entered teams to play over six weeks: Bank of Guam Strykers, Circle K/76 Dededo Soccer Club, Guam Shipyard Wolverines, NAPA Rovers, Tumon FC, NBG/MWR North, and Sidekick Soccer Club. The KIA U15 Girls Event features more teams than the Honda U17 Boys Event.

The competition format is 8-a-side played on half the size of a regulation size pitch. Matches are played from mid-morning to the early afternoon.



AFC Women's Football Day 2022

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Target Group</u>	<u>Target No.</u>	<u>Actual No.</u>
GFA National Training Facility	9-Mar-2022	Exhibition Match St. Johns' School U14/U17 WNT Mix	U12-U15 Girls (2007-2012) Middle School Girls Team GFA Women's Program	50	57
	20-Mar-2022	Girls Football Festival U6 Girls (2016-2017) U8 Girls (2014-2015) U10 Girls (2012-2013) U12 Girls (2010-2011) U15 Girls (2007-2009) Coaches & Volunteers	U6-U15 Girls (2007-2017) Coaches of any girls teams Volunteers	100	204
	26-Mar-2022	Girls U15 League 8v8 Bank of Guam Strykers Circle K/76 Dededo Soccer Club Guam Shipyard Wolverines NAPA Rovers Tumon FC NBG/MWR North Sidekicks Soccer Club	U15 Girls (2007-2009) Club Teams Club Coaches & Staff	52	108
				202	369
				TOTAL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS	369

Women's Football Day Celebration "Return to Play" Digital Celebration

Venue: Online

Date: Various Dates through the month of March

Guam Football Association featured seven posts related to AFC Women's Football Day and events in Guam on its social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, with videos also uploaded to Guam FA's YouTube account and cross-promoted. Additionally, the AFC Women's Football Day Facebook cover graphic was used on Guam FA's Facebook throughout the month of March. AFC's video message also was shared across Guam FA's social media platform.

Social media numbers:

Facebook: Organic reach of 7,692 with 118 engagements

Twitter: 66,110 impressions with 521 engagements

Instagram: 3,047 interactions

Guam's FA's Twitter numbers for AFC Women's Football Day received a boost mainly from a FIFA.com retweet of the Guam Girls Football Festival post. The announcement post for the Guam Girls Football Festival also received a boost from both FIFA.com and AFC liking the post.



Women's Football Day Celebration "Return to Play"

Local Media Coverage

Guam's local media featured stories and photos of Guam's celebration of AFC Women's Football Day.

<https://www.kuam.com/story/46192902/under15-girls-soccer-event-kickoff>



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Under-15 girls soccer event kicks-off

Thursday, March 31st 2022, 3:57 PM ChST

By Dave Delgado



After a successful Girls Football Festival Event earlier this month, Guam Football Association officially kicked off the KIA U15 Girls Event of the Triple J Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League at the GFA National Training Center.

The kickoff of the event is part of Guam's continued celebration of AFC Women's Football Day during the month of March, as well as the final component of the Fana'ayuda I Famalao'an, a girls and women's empowerment program started by GFA last year.

Clubs currently registered to play in the KIA U15 Girls Event are Bank of Guam Strykers, Circle K/76 Dededo Soccer Club, Guam Shipyard Wolverines, NAPA Rovers FC, NBG/MWR North, Sidekick SC, and Tumon Typhoons Football Club.



TONS OF PARTICIPANTS: Groups of players, volunteers and coaches pose a group photo following the conclusion of the 2022 Girls Football Festival, the main event of Guam's celebration of AFC Women's Football Day Sunday afternoon at the Guam Football Association National Training Center. Photos courtesy of Samantha Bautista/GFA

GUAM SOCCER HOSTS WOMEN'S DAY FESTIVITIES

In celebration of the Asian Football Confederation Women's Football Day, more than 200 players, volunteers and staff participated in Guam Football Association 2022 Girls Football Festival on Sunday at GFA's headquarters in Harmon.

"It was very exciting to see all the young players and their families have so much fun taking part in the GFA Girls Football Festival," said Kimberly Sherman, GFA women's football officer and overall organizer of the event. "For this year's celebration of AFC Women's Football Day during the month of March, we decided to feature the theme, 'Return to Play' as many of our young athletes hadn't played football in over two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The festival featured activities with volunteers from various youth clubs and players from the Women's National Program,

as well as small-sided games. At the end of the day, we staged a coaches/volunteer appreciation match to play also.

"It was a great day overall and a good experience for all participants. I want to extend my appreciation to all who helped put this event together, including GFA Executives, members of the GFA Women's Football Committee, GFA staff, coaches and players from the Guam Women's National Program, and event volunteers," Sherman added.

The Girls Football Festival was the main event for Guam's celebration of AFC Women's Football Day, which also included an exhibition match between the Guam U14 Girls National Team training squad against the St. John's School middle school girls Soccer team on Mar. 9. The celebration continues Saturday

with the opening day of the KIA U15 Girls Event in the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League with eight teams competing.

In addition to events for players and coaches, GFA also featured female referees in two episodes released this month from its "Respect Referees, Respect the Game" video series produced by Guam Community College intern Curtis Mostales.

Guam is one of 39 Member Associations of the Asian Football Confederation celebrating AFC Women's Football Day this month, and one of eight that have consistently joined festivities for an eighth-straight year, the AFC website states.

"There is no denying that the Asian women's game has been on the rise and the AFC is steadfast in our ambitions towards maintaining our position as leaders in world football,"

said AFC President Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa in an official communications letter.

"We will leave no stone unturned in our efforts towards assisting our MAS unlock their potential. For the second consecutive year, we will gather in challenging and extraordinary times so I must also emphasize to everyone the need to ensure we observe the highest safety and health standards and protocols across all activities and events.

"I wish all our MAS and all women and girls in Asia a joyous and safe International Women's Day and a meaningful and enjoyable AFC Women's Football Day 2022," he added.

As part of the celebration, participants in both the exhibition match and the 2022 Girls Football Festival received AFC Women's Football Day t-shirts. (Daily Post Staff)

COMPETING KIDS:

Players in the U8 division play in a small-sided game during the 2022 Girls Football Festival, the main event of Guam's celebration of AFC Women's Football Day Sunday afternoon at the Guam Football Association National Training Center.



MOTHER/DAUGHTER:

Melannie San Agustin, in purple, attempts to stay on track with her daughter, Leah San Agustin, during a match of the 2022 Girls Football Festival, the main event of Guam's celebration of AFC Women's Football Day on Sunday afternoon at the Guam Football Association National Training Center.

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SAMANTHA BAUTISTA / GFA



GFA celebrates

Women's Football Day

Pacific Daily News

In celebration of AFC Women's Football Day, over 200 people participated in the Guam Football Association 2022 Girls Football Festival on Sunday at the GFA's National Training Center, according to a GFA release.

"It was very exciting to see all the young players and their families have so much fun taking part in the GFA Girls Football Festival," said Kimberly Sherman, event organizer and GFA Women's Football officer.

The event was themed "Return to Play," that highlights the return of young athletes who haven't been able to play due to the COVID-19 pan-

demic. Various youth clubs, coaches and volunteers from the Women's National Program also participated in the event.

Kick off

An exhibition match between the Guam U14 Girls National Team and the St. John's Middle School Girls Soccer Team on March 9 kicked off the celebration. It continued over the weekend with the opening day of the Kia U15 Girls Event in the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League, which was previously held before the Girls Football Festival. The U15 Girls Event consisted of eight teams competing, according

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KFC Bombers blasts UOG Tritons 115-82

Pacific Daily News

The bombs dropped on the University of Guam Tritons during the Triton Men's Basketball League on Monday.

The KFC Bombers beat the UOG Tritons 115-82, according to a UOG news release. Bombers came out blasting in the first quarter with 37 points, with the team's Jaden Finley leading the way with nine points. Though the Tritons gained 20 points in the first quarter, the Bombers kept the momentum going as it outscored the Tritons 23-16 in the second quarter.

The Tritons made a come back during the second half of the game, scoring 33 points in the 10-minute period led by the team's Matt Santos. Santos scored 13 points.

The Bombers ended up taking the victory that night, according to the release. The defeat had the Bombers' record at 3-0 in the Triton League. The Tritons, on the other hand, dropped to 0-3.

The Bombers were led Jaden Finley with 23 points and Russel Wienn with 18 points, according to the release. Tritons' Matt Santos had 20 points, Diane' Blackmon with 11 points and Ike Solomon with 10 points.

Other wins

Team Wu Tang took the win against Team OG 95-90 with Wu Tang moving to 3-1 in the league. Team OG took the reverse route with 1-3. Wu Tang was led by Dana Holmes with 26 points while Stefon McCray added 22 points. Team OG was led by Chris Conner with a game leading 39 points.

Next

The Bombers will face the MVP Stars at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday for the lead in the league. Tritons and the M.B.I. Four Stars will also play the same night.

High school students prep for bowling

Pacific Daily News

Bowling is set to return with the Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association high school bowling season next month. The league is also collaborating with Guam Bowling Congress to register a new batch of contenders. Several high schools are preparing for the upcoming meet that'll take place at Central Lanes in Tamuning.

A couple of students spoke about what they anticipate for the bowling league.

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School senior Ethan Robinson said that he's excited for the league to start to bowl with his classmates for his final year.

St. Paul's Christian School sophomore Najanae Sablan said she's expecting to have fun bowling while gaining more experience in the sport.

The bowling league is open to all high school students and those interested can sign up with school representatives.

The IIAAG high school bowling is setting its pins at 2 p.m. on April 2.



JAY LEON GUERRERO/GUAM BOWLING CONGRESS

Group of students watch a bowling demonstration at Central Lanes Bowling Center. The inaugural Independent Interscholastic Association high school bowling is set to begin on April 2, 2022.

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to the release.

Respect

GFA continued its appreciation by featuring female referees in the video series "Respect Referees, Respect the Game." The two episodes of each female referee released this month and was produced by Guam Community College intern Curtis Mostales.

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Guam is one of 39 Member Associations of the Asian Football Confederation that celebrates AFC Women's Football Day.

"There is no denying that the Asian women's game has been on

the rise and the AFC is steadfast in our ambitions towards maintaining our position as leaders in world football," said AFC President Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa in an official communications letter from AFC.



SAMANTHA BAUTISTA / GFA

Volunteers and players from the U6 division warm up before taking part in activities and small-sided games during the 2022 Girls Football Festival, the main event of Guam's celebration of AFC Women's Football Day at the Guam Football Association National Training Center March 20, 2022.



GFA kicks off KIA U15 of the Triple J Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League

Pacific Daily News Mar 29, 2022 0



Tumon Typhoons FC's Gwenizah Barcinas chases down the ball as NAPA Rovers FC's Mystique Wade turns to track her on defense in a KIA U15 Girls Division match during the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League March 26, 2022, at the Guam Football Association National Training Center. The first-ever KIA U15 Girls Division in the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League is the final event of Guam's 2022 celebration of AFC Women's Football Day, as well as the final component of the first cycle of GFA's Fana'ayuda I Famalao'an program.

Samantha Bautista/GFA

The Guam Football Association continued the celebration of AFC Women's Football Day as it kicked off the KIA U15 Girls Event of the Triple J Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League Saturday at the GFA National Training Center.

Current clubs registered to play in the KIA U15 Girls Event are Bank of Guam Strykers, Circle K-76 Dededo Soccer Club, Guam Shipyard Wolverines, NAPA Rovers FC, NBG-MWR North, Sidekick SC and Tumon Typhoons Football Club.

The event was also the start of the final component of the Fana'ayuda I Famalao'an, a girls and women's empowerment program started by GFA last year, according to the GFA release.



"We started with four clubs expressing interest in putting in teams for the KIA U15 Girls Event, and by the deadline for registration, the number increased to seven clubs," said Kimberly Sherman, officer of GFA Women's Football.

"What we want next after increasing interest and participation is to eventually raise the level of competitiveness in our girls and women's program," she said. "The increasing number of participants at these recreational events will be the foundation and the motivation for us to work toward and achieve our next goal."

Fana'ayuda I Famalao'an had participants learn several coaching methods from course instructor Ross Awa, also GFA Assistant Technical Director, according to the release. Participants learned basic concepts from the Laws of the Game and engaged in outdoor activities to learn more about positioning on the pitch, basic referee signals, fair play and to recognize Laws of the Game infractions.

Though most celebrations honored the women, other events that kicked off were the Ford U14 Boys and the Honda U17 Boys events kicked off also on Saturday. Future matches will occur every Saturday until April 30.

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KIA U15 Girls Event caps female empowerment program

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KIA U15 GIRLS EVENT CLUBS

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- Circle K/76 Dededo Soccer Club
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- NBG/MWR North
- Sidekick SC
- Tumon Typhoons Football Club.



The KIA U15 Girls Event of the Triple J Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League officially kicked off Saturday at the Guam Football Association National Training Center in Harmon.

After the success of AFC Women's Football Day in March, GFA is pushing forward with the event as part of the continued month-long celebration. It is also part of the final component of the Fana'ayuda I Famalao'an, a girls and women's empowerment program started by GFA last year.

The event grew from four clubs to seven, said Kimberly Sherman, GFA Women's Football Officer.

"It was exciting to see many of the players commit to a club to play in the league for the next few weeks. What we want next after increasing interest and participation is to eventually raise the level of competitiveness in our girls and women's program," said Sherman. "The increasing number of participants at these recreational events will be the foundation and the motivation for us to work toward and achieve our next goal."

The pilot event, part of the Fana'ayuda I Famalao'an program, is supported by the Guam Economic Development Authority Qualifying Certificate Community Contribution Grant Program. The funds covered team fees to play in the league as well as player registration fees for up to 12 players per club roster. Contributors for this cycle of GEDA QCCC grant funding are Guam Regional Medial City and TNN, Guam, which does business as Tsubaki Hotel.

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There are two components to the empowerment program. Earlier this year, GFA hosted a series of coaching and referee workshops for young women. The mission of GFA's Fana'ayuda I Famalao'an program is to introduce football in the community as a positive outlet for girls ages 10-18 and to build the self-confidence and hope of participants, while creating a positive impact in their lives and those around them.

"Our vision with the Fana'ayuda I Famalao'an program is to build up and empower girls to become strong women to lead the next generation," Sherman said. "Through the sport, we will emphasize the importance of positive relationships and role models, education, and living a healthy, active lifestyle."

Sherman said the program aims to build confidence for athletes looking to step on the pitch.

"We want the participants to find something that is meaningful to them and to be confident to step on the pitch or any pitch to take on challenges, as well as to try to be the best at anything they put their mind to," she said.

Last year, participants in the program took part in a weekend combine aimed at coaching methods under course instructor Ross Awa, who is also the GFA assistant technical director. Besides classroom instruction, the course aimed to ensure coaches got the most out of their training sessions with a larger focus on building and executing training sessions.

Then participants joined an officiating workshop hosted by Erlissa Delfin and Kristina Delos Reyes.. Participants learned basic concepts from the Laws of the Game and engaged in outdoor activities to learn more about positioning on the pitch, basic referee signals, fair play, and to recognize Laws of the Game infractions.

Cayla-Jayden Constantino, a 2021 Southern High School graduate, took part in the first coaching and officiating workshops of the Fana'ayuda I Famalao'an program in the summer last year.

"I definitely enjoyed the outside activities the most, I enjoyed coaching out there and also the refing, it really opened my eyes to how hard it actually is (to be a referee) because I wasn't initially prepared for it," said Constantino after last year's workshops. "The coaching workshop was actually very fun for me. I liked interacting with the player participants and how they were listening to me; it was also challenging though because I was having trouble catering to the younger division. We were making training sessions for U6 and what seemed simple was quite difficult (out on the pitch)."

Constantino said she hoped for more events, especially those that target younger female athletes.

"I think they'd really like these kinds of workshops. The workshops would make them open their eyes more about the opportunities in football and also make them more social, seeing how we had to work with so many other girls here," said Constantino, who most recently played for the Southern Cobras in the Bud Light Women's Futsal League.

The KIA U15 Girls Event is the third and final component of the Fana'ayuda I Famalao'an program for its first cycle.

In addition to the KIA U15 Girls Event, the Ford U14 Boys and the Honda U17 Boys events kicked off Mar. 26, with matches on Saturdays through to Apr. 30. The most updated schedules for all Triple J Robbie Webber Youth League events is online at <https://guamfa.powerupsports.com>

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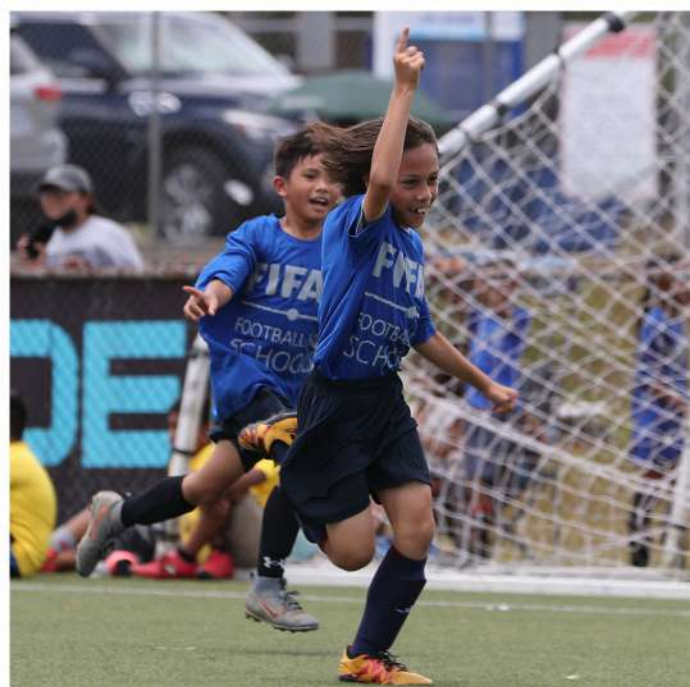
The month of May featured two of the year's largest Grassroots events: the launch of the first-ever FIFA Football for Schools Jamboree on May 7, the AFC Grassroots Football Day celebration on May 21, and the Haggan Games Kickball Tournament with Special Olympics athletes on May 22, held in conjunction with Guam Law Week.

The FIFA Football for Schools event featured both boys and girls teams from 16 of Guam's public and private elementary schools. The Lieutenant Governor headlined a group of government officials who attended the opening ceremony of the FIFA Football for Schools event at the GFA National Training Center.

Prior to the May 7 event, GFA coaches visited all 16 participating schools to donate football equipment and also provide training sessions for players. The second third component of the program includes a partnership with the Guam Airport Police to deliver social development messages to participating elementary schools, such as anti-bullying and rejecting drugs and negative peer pressure.

Guam FA also celebrated AFC Grassroots Football Day in May with a skills festival on May 21, followed by a kickball event the next day with Special Olympics athletes.

More information about all three events are documented in attached Activity Reports.





FIFA Football for Schools

Activity Report 2022





Guam Football Association officially opened the FIFA Football for Schools Program in Guam with a Festival on May 7, 2022 at the GFA National Training Center.

Over 1,000 participants and supporters attended the event. Featured dignitaries during the festival's opening ceremony were Hon. Joshua Tenorio, Lieutenant Governor of Guam, Speaker Therese Terlaje (36th Guam Legislature), Sen. Amanda Shelton (36th Guam Legislature), Guam Department of Education Superintendent Jon Fernandez, GFA Vice President George Lai, and GFA Executive Committee members Fred Alig II, Tina Esteves, Duane Pahl, and Gian Tenorio.



The opening ceremony started with a Parade of Colors, with all participants marching onto the pitch with their respective school banners and later, positioning themselves in the shape of letters FIFA on the pitch.



The parade was followed by opening speeches by Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio, Guam DOE Superintendent Jon Fernandez, and GFA Vice President George Lai. Following opening speeches, Tenorio, Fernandez, and Lai each took opening kicks to signal the official start of the festival matches.



The 16 participating schools were Adacao Elementary School, Bishop Baumgartner Memorial Catholic School, C.L. Taitano Elementary School, D.L. Perez Elementary School, Guahan Academy Charter School, Harvest Christian Academy, Inarajan Elementary School, Marcial Sablan Elementary School, Maria Ulloa Elementary School, Merizo Martyrs Memorial School, M.U. Lujan Elementary School, P.C. Lujan Elementary School, Capt. H.B. Price Elementary School, Talofofo Elementary School, Upi Elementary School, and Wettengel Elementary School.



"We got to have a lot of fun today and this festival was good because a lot of schools - 16 schools - got to participate. I hope GFA can have more events like this for us, so even more schools can participate and more people can enjoy soccer."

Koah Reyes, 11

Harvest Christian Academy





"I'm so excited that we're taking part in this - our students and our parents as well. I really hope this continues as an annual festival because it is such a wonderful event for all our students around the island."

**Julie Salas, Principal
Upi Elementary School**



"I've already been receiving calls from other schools about how to be part of the FIFA Football for Schools program.

We definitely want to include more schools into the program and to get more young athletes on the pitch to enjoy the sport. After today's event, I'm sure the kids are excited to continue playing.

Sam San Gil, Football Events Director
Guam Football Association



"I am very pleased to have this program implemented in Guam's schools and hope that more schools will take part in future editions. This program is a very powerful initiative by FIFA that aims to develop not only young athletes, but young citizens in the community, as well as to strongly support life skills learned in schools through football. I would like to thank FIFA for the support in implementing this program in Guam, as well as all schools that are taking part in the first-ever edition of this program."

Valentino San Gil, President
Guam Football Association

Guam Football Association's Football Events Division, led by Sam San Gil and Ashley Besagar, in collaboration with GFA coaches Isabella Bass, Thomas Castro, Hannah Cruz, Kiarra Hutcherson, Richelle Ragadio, Chyna Ramirez, and Kimberly Sherman, visited schools to donate soccer equipment and to conduct sample training sessions for students, as well as for each school's designated coaches and teachers in the program. In addition to support from GFA, school teachers and coaches are supported with content from the official FIFA Football for Schools mobile app.





"I'm excited for the games on Saturday because we get to play soccer with our classmates. I like that we are playing for our school and I think it will be fun that we will play matches against other schools too."

Kole Lizama, 11

Guahan Academy Charter School



"It's fun and you get to play out on the field. I liked kicking the ball and learning how to dribble the ball during training with the coaches. I'm excited to play on Saturday. I think it will be fun to play games."

Amalia Mantanona, 10

Guahan Academy Charter School



"We at GFA absolutely believe in and support the objectives of the FIFA Football for Schools program and we are happy to see the program implemented for the first time in Guam in 16 different schools. We're also very happy to see more children play football, while also learning basic life skills and good citizenship through football-related avenues."

Sam San Gil, Football Events Director
Guam Football Association

As part of the program, GFA has also teamed up with the Guam Airport Police to deliver presentations on anti-bullying and character-building themes to the elementary school students at their respective schools.



Articles about the FIFA Football for Schools Program appeared in various local print and digital publications, as well as prominently on Guam Football Association's official Web site. News releases were sent out to local media in advance of the FIFA Football For Schools Festival as well as a post-event summary of the festival. In addition to print and digital stories, Guam Football Association Football Events Director Sam San Gil appeared on two morning radio shows to promote the festival event.



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May 9, 2022: FIFA Football for Schools Festival: Sixteen elementary schools take part in inaugural event

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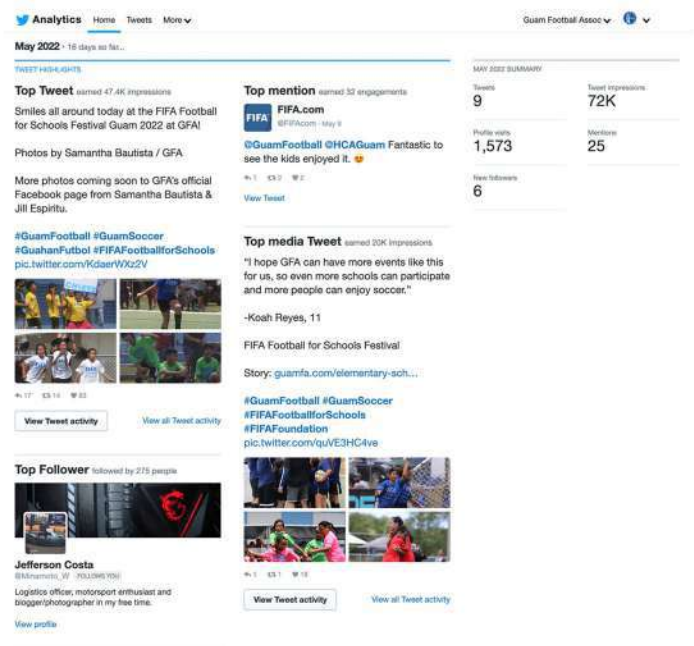
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AFC Grassroots Football Day Guam Celebration Activity Report 2022



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Skills stations set up for the athletes featured four different skills: Running with the Ball, Dribbling, Passing, and Shooting. Following completion of each skill station, athletes made their way to GFA's futsal courts for small-sided games to end the event.

"The AFC Grassroots Football Day Skills Festival and Celebration was a great event to start off the weekend - you could see the young athletes smiling and having fun showing off their skills to their friends," said Sam San Gil, GFA Football Events Director. "The event also was a great way for the young athletes to get together and have fun with their friends enjoying football before the summer."



Guam's annual event is part of a larger celebration across Asia during the month of May, with 41 out of 47 Member Associations of the Asian Football Confederation participating in 2022, the AFC Web site states.

Hundreds of Special Olympics Guam athletes, law enforcement personnel, volunteers, and supporters came out to Haggan Games 2022 Kickball Festival at the Guam Football Association May 22 ! The Haggan Games 2022 Kickball Festival is part of a larger Guam Law Month celebration, with events throughout this month.

Special opening remarks were made by the Hon. Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge of the United States District Court of Guam, Atty. Jacqueline Terlaje, President of the Guam Bar Association Board of Governors, and Camilo Lorenzo, Special Olympics Guam Chairman of the Board. In attendance from GFA were President Tino San Gil, GFA Executive Committee Member Duane Pahl and GFA Director of Football Events Sam San Gil.

Aside from the kickball festival, event goers were able to view and speak to representatives at booths by various law enforcement teams: the U.S. District Attorney's Office, Customs and Border Protection, Guam Police Department, Guam Fire Department, Department of Corrections, Department of Youth Affairs, ATF, FBI, Department of Agriculture Law Enforcement, and others.

Event goers also enjoyed BBQ cooked by the Department of Agriculture Law Enforcement Personnel.

Guam Football Association's partnership with Special Olympics Guam is part of a joint effort to provide grassroots opportunities such as Unified Soccer as a sport to its athletes, as well as to provide other activities, including the Sensory Enrichment Program through Football. Guam Football Association's partnership includes coordinated usage of the GFA National Training Facility for events like the kickball festival during Guam Law Month.



THE SCORE

Grassroots Football Day celebrated

Pacific Daily News

The Asian Football Confederation's Grassroots Football Day Skills Festival and Celebration kicked off Saturday at the Guam Football Association National Training Center.

The event annually takes place in May and is largely celebrated across Asia, according to a GFA release. Forty-one of the 47 member associations of the AFC participated this year, according to the AFC website.

More than 300 youth athletes and coaches participated in the event, including over 100 athletes from the U8 and U12 divisions and 12 teams from the divisions of the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth League.

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SAMANTHA BAUTISTA/GFA

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GFA's AFC Grassroots

Charter membership achieved its silver status in February. The organization earned the status after meeting requirements for the level in 20 performance categories.

Youth Futsal League for U15 Girls and U15 Boys is set to begin June along with the inaugural 5v5 Tournament for U8, U10 and U12 is set for this summer.

Top seeds upset at World Tennis finals

By Jojo Santo Tomas
Pacific Daily News

Japan's Naoya Honda and Korea's Hyunye Lee earned junior tennis titles following their victories Saturday at the Guam National Tennis Center.

Honda, a No. 4 seed, continued on his upset-ridden conquest. A day after dispatching the tournament's top seed Dylan Charlap from the U.S., Honda defeated Korea's Donghyun Hwang 6-1, 0-6, 5-3 to win the boys title.

Over on the boys doubles



match, K Chan of Hong Kong and Naoya Honda of Japan defeated Korea's

Dong Geon Kim and Kyu Dong Lee, 6-3, 6-4.

Girls division

FRANK SAN NICOLAS/PDN
Japan's Naoya Honda following his title win for the 2022 King's Guam World Tennis Tour boys singles finals match at the Guam National Tennis Center May 21, 2022, in Dededo.

In the girls division, a day after ousting tournament top seed Honoka Umeda of Japan, Lee took out the tournament's No. 2 seed Sein Myoung of Korea in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

The double matches had Taipei's Liya Chu and Hong Kong's Laam Ching Lai de-

feat Japan's Reina Goto and Yuno Kitahara, 7-6 (6), 5-7 (10-7).

Next

Professional tennis continues on Guam for the next two weeks with two ITF Pro Circuit tournaments from May 23-29, and May 29-June 5. \$25,000 is up for grabs at each tournament, the first Pro Circuit events in the Asia Region since the onset of COVID-19.

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Celebrations across Asia embody AFC's Grassroots Philosophy. The AFC Grassroots Philosophy includes 10 concepts:

- Everybody has the opportunity to play
- Players come first
- There is no discrimination
- Fair Play must be respected
- Safety is a priority
- Football is everywhere
- The action must be age-appropriate, dynamic, simple, exciting, and rewarding
- Relationship, teamwork, and skills development are key components
- Social, emotional, health, and educational benefits are vital
- Fun, enjoyment, and love of the ball are basic ingredients

In February this year, Guam Football Association elevated its AFC Grassroots Charter membership to Silver status, after earning Bronze status in 2018. GFA earned Silver status after meeting requirements for the level in 20 performance categories: Leadership, Planning, Structure, Staffing, Player Programs, Grassroots Competitions, Fair Play, Finance, Partnerships, Personal Development, Results, Women's Projects, Social Schemes, Specific Areas, Promotional Activities, Member Association Events, Adult Education, Ambassadors, Communications, and Facilities.

While Bronze membership emphasizes participation, Silver membership focuses on an increased level of quality. Gold-Level members set the benchmark for grassroots development, the AFC Web site states.

Next for youth players in the summer is the inaugural 5v5 Tournament for U8, U10, and U12 teams, as well as the GFA Youth Futsal League for U15 Girls and U15 Boys beginning next month.



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Facebook

- 8,920 Page Likes
- 3 Posts with organic reach of 4,596 with 182 post clicks and 72 engagements
- 2 Stories with average of 250 views and 10 interactions
- Post dates: May 10, May 21, and two on May 22

Twitter

- 3,783 followers
- 2 Posts with 253 Impressions
- May 21 post with close to 8% engagement
- Post dates: May 21 and May 22

Instagram

- 4,316 followers
- 4 Posts with close to 500 likes
- 14 Stories with average 700 views
- Post Dates: May 10, May 21, and two on May 22

LinkedIn

- 226 followers
- 2 Posts with 94 impressions and 12 engagements
- May 24 post with 33.3% engagement
- Post dates: May 22 and May 24



WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

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The second seasons of the Docomo Pacific Soccer Moms League and the Guam FA Women's Recreational League post COVID19 pandemic came to a close Sept. 25 with nine matches at the GFA National Training Center.

Docomo Pacific Soccer Moms League teams:

- Wings Momdeshiko
- TuMOMs
- Calvo's SelectCare
- DOCOMOMs
- Dededo Disasters
- Latte Strong
- Guam Shipyard Femme Fatale
- Metro Pacific Islanders
- Queen Cobras

GFA Women's Recreational League teams:

- Tsunami
- Tumon FC
- ASC Trust Kickers
- Southern Heat
- Majestics
- Quality Distributors Momsters
- Tumon Dos
- Barrigada Crusaders
- Cars Plus
- PFC Tune Squad

FUTSAL

In an effort to build a women's futsal program in Guam, Assistant Technical Director selected 14 players to take part in friendly futsal matches in Manila, Philippines in October. Called to the team are Ashley Besagar, Chyna Ramirez, India Sheppard, Ariya Cruz, Richelle Ragadio, Hannah Cruz, Colleen Naden, Arisa Recella, Elisha Benavente, Koharu Minato, Olivia Haddock, Maya Iriarte, Erlissa Delfin, and Analea Meno.



With the planned re-start of leagues and events at Guam Football Association following a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the GFA Referees Department organized Referee Education courses for new referees and refresher courses for current referees.

New to the course catalog were introductory course sessions created specifically for Assistant Referees. This course was organized to train individuals specifically for the Assistant Referee position for upcoming Budweiser Soccer League and Bud Light Women's Soccer League Premier Division matches, that are planned to re-start the third weekend of May.

Courses were organized and facilitated by GFA Director of Referees George Stewart and Referee Education Instructor Kyle Legozzie. In the summer, Andrew McCormic assisted the GFA Referees Department with courses and scheduling. Courses included classroom sessions and technical training on the pitch for both male and female referees.

Youth Referee Introductory Course

January 7-9, 2022

Assistant Referee Introductory Course

January 15-16, 2022

Youth Referee Refresher Course

February 25-26, 2022

Youth Futsal Referee Course

May 26-28, 2022

Assistant Referee Introductory Course

June 17-18, 2022



REFEREE EDUCATION

REFEREES

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Adult Futsal Refresher Course

July 7-8, 2022

Women's Recreational Introductory Course

July 27-28, 2022

RWYL Referee Refresher/Advancement Course

July 29-30, 2022

Youth Referee Introductory Course

August 4-6, 2022

RWYL Referee Refresher & Hot Topics Course

September 16-17, 2022

Since the start of 2022, GFA added another 48 referees to the Master List of referees which now totaled to 91. Of the 48 new referees, 2 have been identified and fast-tracked and are able to do Assistant Referee duties in the upper division men's leagues. There are six of the new referees that have been identified and are being fast-tracked to do Assistant Referee duties in the upper division women's leagues. The remainder of the new referees will continue in the RWYL as well as Middle School games until they are ready to advance.

100% = 91 refs

50% = new refs

10% = 8 refs that are eligible to ref Mens & Womens Premier and D2 Mens

90% = 74 refs do ALL other leagues (Moms, Masters, ISA, IIAAG, RWYL, Rec, D2 Womens)

Guam Football Association Assistant Referee Introductory Course | June 17-18, 2022 | Guam FA





NOW HIRING: ENTRY LEVEL REFEREES

Register today to take part in Guam Football Association's Introductory Referee Course to officiate matches in the Fall season of the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League!

GFA Level 1 Introductory Referee Course*

Course instructors: George Stewart & Andrew McCormic

Dates: Thursday-Saturday, August 4-6, 2022

Times: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., (Aug. 4-5) & 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Aug. 6)

Venue: GFA National Training Center
Lecture Hall & GFA3 (Mini Pitch)

*No previous experience necessary. All registered participants must be at least 14 years old and must attend all three sessions. Participants will be prepared to officiate youth league matches and earn money for each completed appointment. There is no cost to take part in the course; light meals and refreshments will be provided on course dates.



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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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Beginning in February and through to March 25, Guam Football Association, in partnership with Special Olympics Guam, featured its weekly Sensory Enrichment Program through Football at the GFA Futsal Courts. The event also featured dozens of volunteers from Father Duenas Memorial School and Notre Dame High School.

GFA also continues to build relationships with other sports in Guam, opening up the GFA National Training Center for other sports activity when schedules permit. Beginning in April, the IIAAG began its Interscholastic Beach Volleyball League with matches played at the GFA National Training Center Beach Soccer Court.

The GFA National Training Center parking lot has been utilized to help government and community associations for charity work.

On January 28, the Dededo Mayor's Office utilized GFA for its periodic basic commodities and food distribution for Dededo residents. On April 13, McDonald's of Guam and the Department of Parks and Recreation held its second Easter Egg Hunt Drive Thru Giveaway at GFA, which featured volunteers from John F. Kennedy High School and others. Government officials, including Guam's Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio and senators, attended the Easter event to give out food and other items from McDonald's of Guam and other event sponsors.

GFA's Lecture Hall also hosted meetings by GNYFF and Special Olympics Guam.

During the summer, GFA hosted the Project U Summer Youth Program with Mañelu Foundation, camp days during DYA's summer youth program, and Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center's Youth Enhancement Supports (YES) month long summer program.



In March 2022, Triple K Construction began working to install new LED lights on existing light poles at the GFA National Training Center, replacing older light fixtures.

The installation project was completed in July 2022, with testing of the floodlight functionality through the month of August.

The newly installed lights surpass the required minimum for the hosting of international matches and feature a dimming capability to adjust the brightness of the lights depending on the requirements of each event. While GFA-1 (upper pitch) and GFA-2 (lower pitch) are the main areas illuminated by the new light fixtures at night, additional lights were installed to partially illuminate GFA-3 (mini pitch) at night, as well as the beach soccer court and a portion of the Robbie Webber grass pitch if needed.

In August, RFPs were sent out and posted on the Guam FA Web site for earthwork and artificial turf sub-base preparation, as well as artificial turf installation at the Agat Soccer Complex. Similar RFPs were sent out in September for the Ordot-Chalan Pago Soccer Complex.



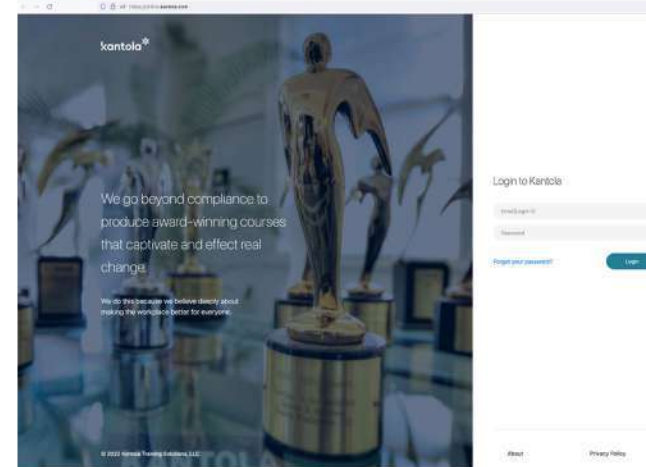
Beginning January 2022, Joe Cepeda, former GFA Vice President, assumed the role of the new GFA General Secretary.

On January 8, 2022, Guam Football Association held its first-ever GFA Committee Induction event presented by Executive Director Cheri Stewart recognizing all individuals called up to various GFA standing committees. In addition to recognizing new committee members, the event also saw the signing of the GFA Internal Organization Regulations by GFA President Tino San Gil and GFA General Secretary Joe Cepeda.

The last week of March, GFA President Tino San Gil, GFA Vice President George Lai, and GFA Executive Committee Member Fred Alig II, as well as GFA Legal Counsel Curtis Vandeveld, traveled to Doha, Qatar to take part in the 72nd FIFA Congress event on March 31, as well as the FIFA Asia-Pacific Islands Forum and the EAFF Executive Committee meeting and Ordinary Congress on April 1. GFA created a video for FIFA to highlight various unique challenges faced by island nations in football development and international competition.

In April, GFA General Secretary Joe Cepeda introduced an online training platform Kantola to GFA staff and coaches, with seven key courses to be completed this year by all staff members. Courses include online learning sessions on Identifying and Preventing instances of Harassment at the Workplace, Ethics, Leadership, Customer Service, and Time Management, among others.

Also in April, GFA began initial work to create the GFA 4-year Strategic Plan with a series of 1:1, surveys, and meetings with ExCo, member clubs, coaches, referees, management, staff focus group, government, business partners, media, and fans. The finalized plan and External Document to be launched in October 2022.



Guam FA President Valentino San Gil took part in the AFC Executive Committee meeting in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on May 7.

Highlights from the meeting are:

- Ratification of the AFC Development Committee's Advantage Programme, an annual fund to assist eligible MAs in hiring qualified coaches, technical experts, and support technical development programs
- Ratification of the Extra-Time Programme - an annual fund to assist eligible MAs in meeting ad-hoc and impromptu needs to support development objectives
- 33rd AFC Congress to be held on Feb. 1 and 2, 2023 in Bahrain

GFA was visited by FIFA Representatives Mike Wong (Technical) and Jun Chen (Development Officer) in September to present the overall FIFA programs available as well as site visit of current programs, leagues, and infrastructures.

FINANCE

On April 18 and 19, AFC sent Yosuke Mihara and Gerard Paulian to conduct the AFC Central Audit. The pair presented the audit findings to GFA General Secretary Joe Cepeda, GFA Executive Director Cheri Stewart, GFA Chief Financial Officer Eun Sung Jang, and GFA Chief Accountant Irene Mesa.

For the eighth consecutive year, Guam FA received a clean external audit opinion of the GFA Financial Statements.

The audited 2021 GFA Financial Statements were published in the Guam Daily Post on July 29, 2022.

Guam FA Also maintained good standing with Guam's Department of Revenue & Taxation as a Guam 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.



In January, Guam Football Association took part in the United Soccer Coaches Convention 2022 in Kansas City in Missouri, which consisted of coach education sessions with global experts converging at the annual convention and a marketing opportunity through an informational booth at the event's Exhibit Hall. Ross Awa, Jill Espiritu, and Keleko Fejeran took part in the event as Exhibitors for GFA. Ross Awa and Keleko Fejeran also participated as coach education session attendees.

In February, Guam Community College student Curtis Mostales began his internship at Guam Football Association in Marketing under the supervision of Jill Espiritu. His first marketing project completed was a video series called "Respect Referees, Respect the Game" highlighting selected referees and their pathway as match officials. Curtis Mostales also completed weekly video highlights of the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth League and AFC Women's Football Day events among other video commercials.

In March, Triple J Auto Group continued its partnership with GFA and provided a 2022 Mazda CX-5 vehicle for Sakiko Ogura, GFA Technical Director of the Women's Program and Head Coach of the Masakāda, Guam Women's National Team.

In April, Guam Football Association created a Media & Marketing ad-hoc committee with GFA Executive Committee Member Tina Esteves as the committee chairperson. The committee has met twice to address a potential restructure of GFA's Marketing and Sponsorships.



During the summer, Guam FA held signing promotional events for various youth national team athletes as part of the new GFA AHEAD Program. The events were attended by invited family and coaches, as well as local media:

- Nainoa Norton: Olivet Nazarene University
- Gavin Baker: Barça Residency Academy (High School)
- Yasmeen Lopez: Hesston College
- Samantha "SK" Kenney: The King's College
- Shane Becker: Bushnell University
- Emily Walton: Bob Jones University

The players add to a growing list of youth national athletes playing in intercollegiate or residency programs.



In August, Consultant Geoff Wilson began work with Guam FA in capacity building for Marketing as part of a joint effort by UEFA Assist and AFC.

The initial activity involved surveys with stakeholders and a four-part capacity building workshop with other AFC Member Associations.

Assistance continued with one-on-one online sessions with key personnel at Guam FA, as well as an online meeting with GFA Management to discuss survey results and recommendations for the creation of a new GFA Marketing Strategy Plan.

A restructure of the GFA Marketing and Communications Department was one of the key objectives in GFA's new Marketing Strategy. In September, GFA published employment opportunities for newly created positions in the department: Marketing & Commercialization Specialist and Media Content Creator III.

Currently, the GFA Marketing and Communications Department is composed of two staff: Jill Espiritu (Full-Time Head of Communications and Commercialization) and Samantha Bautista (Part-Time Content Creator II).

Espiritu joined the U20 National Team as a Media Officer in September for the AFC U20 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2023™ Qualifiers in Vientiane, Laos, while Bautista joined the U17 National Team in the same capacity at the AFC U17 Asian Cup Bahrain 2023™ Qualifiers. Bautista also traveled with the Women's National Team to its camp in Japan in July.

As a result of coverage of the U20 and U17 National teams abroad in their respective AFC tournaments, social media numbers have steadily increased across all platforms, with the biggest surge in October on Instagram during the AFC U17 Asian Cup. From about 5,000 Instagram followers at the end of September, over 20,000 Indonesian fans followed GFA in the first week of October.

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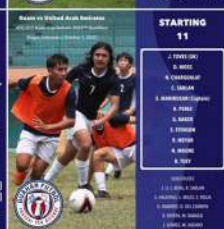
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JOIN THE GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TEAM!

GFA is currently looking to hire successful candidates for the following positions:

- Marketing & Commercialization Specialist
- Media Content Creator III
- Participation & Engagement Officer



Cheri Stewart

- AFC ACE Football Management Diploma Course (13 month course to conclude December 2022)
- AFC Emotions in Football Workshop (March)
- AFC Technical Online Workshop (Coach Education, Grassroots, Elite Youth Development, Women's Football in April & October)

Sang Hoon Kim

- AFC Emotions in Football Workshop (March)
- AFC Technical Online Workshop (Coach Education, Grassroots, Elite Youth Development, Women's Football in April & October)
- FIFA Technical Directors Seminar (May)

Ross Awa

- United Soccer Coaches Convention (January)
- AFC Emotions in Football Workshop (March)
- AFC Technical Online Workshop (Coach Education, Grassroots, Elite Youth Development, Women's Football in April & October)
- FIFA Technical Directors Seminar (May)
- AFC U23 National Team Coaches Workshop (September)

Dominic Gadia

- AFC Emotions in Football Workshop (March)
- AFC Technical Online Workshop (Coach Education, Grassroots, Elite Youth Development, Women's Football in April & October)

Keleko Fejeran

- United Soccer Coaches Convention (January)

Samuel San Gil

- AFC Technical Online Workshop (Coach Education, Grassroots, Elite Youth Development, Women's Football in April & October)

Ashley Besagar

- AFC Technical Online Workshop (Coach Education, Grassroots, Elite Youth Development, Women's Football in April & October)

Kimberly Sherman

- AFC Emotions in Football Workshop (March)
- AFC Technical Online Workshop (Coach Education, Grassroots, Elite Youth Development, Women's Football in April & October)

Bill Bordallo

- FIFA Guardians Safeguarding Essential Online Course (August)

Pavel Gubenko

- Barça Innovation Hub's "Professional Diploma Strength and Conditioning for Football"

Eun Sung Jang

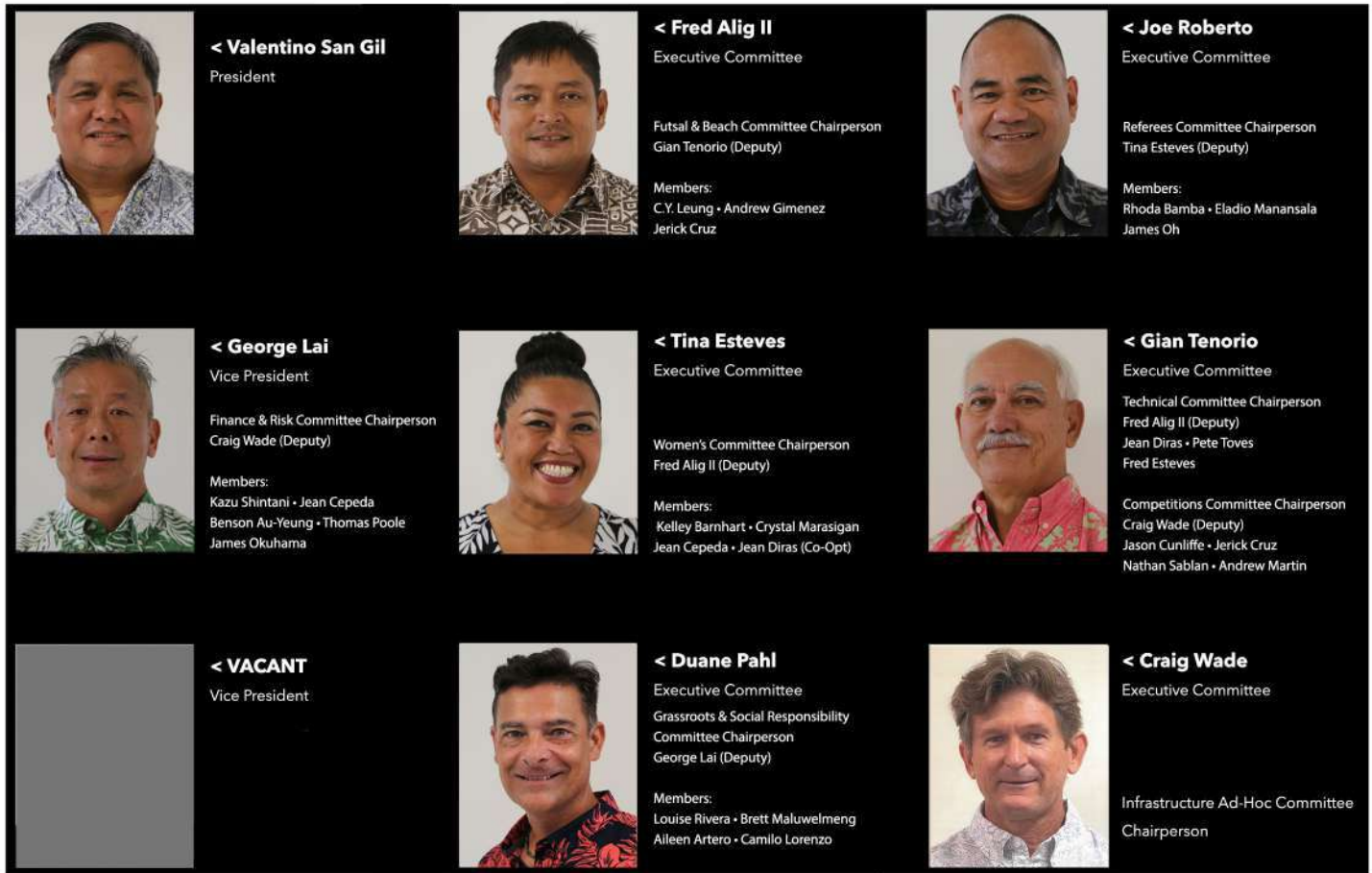
- 4th FIFA Compliance Summit in San Jose, Costa Rica (September)

Jill Espiritu

- AFC Communications Workshop (September)

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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Chief Financial Officer

Irene Mesa
Chief Accountant

Jill Espiritu
Head of Communications
& Commercialization

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Gianna Tenorio
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Samuel San Gil
Football Events Director

Ashley Besagar
Community Outreach Officer

Kimberly Sherman
Women's Football Officer

Bill Bordallo
Special Projects Manager
Safeguarding Administrator
Live Stream Director

Ross Awa
Assistant Technical Director
Head of Women's Program
Director of Coach Education
Futsal/Beach Soccer & GK

George Stewart
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