



**GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY REPORT 2023 - 2024**



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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*Hafa Adai!*

**Valentino San Gil**  
**GFA President**

The conclusion of 2023 and into 2024 was a period of increased opportunities following the resilient efforts to rebuild and upgrade Guam Football Association - both structurally and technically on the pitch.

Following the devastating effects of Typhoon Mawar in May 2023, GFA was in complete disarray, with the destruction of six of the Harmon facility's nine light poles, structural damage to buildings, surface damage to pitches, and other areas that delayed a return-to-play for Guam's football athletes. With the diligent efforts of the Guam FA staff and community, Guam National Program training and leagues began a little over a month later in limited conditions.

Despite the challenges brought on from the typhoon, Guam FA successfully delivered a home match of the FIFA World Cup 26 Qualifiers of the Asian Zone on Oct. 17, 2023 featuring the Matao against visiting Singapore, and later, was the venue for a weeklong training camp for the Masakâda, before the team traveled to China, PR for the EAFF E-1 Football Championship Women's Competition.

On Dec. 3, 2023, Guam welcomed FIFA President Gianni Infantino to the island for the first time, with his visit coinciding with Gupot GFA 2023, a fun, end-of-the-year event for Guam FA's member clubs. While in Guam, FIFA President Infantino marveled at the resiliency of the community in rebuilding following Typhoon Mawar and confirmed FIFA's support via the FIFA Foundation Recovery Program for up to \$547,218 for the restoration and installation of a new solar panel system and engineering work for the replacement of floodlights to continue night-time operations.

By August 2024, Guam FA enjoyed the installation of a new solar panel system with new technology for increased cost savings and also finalized the groundbreaking of the Speaker Vicente Pangelinan Southern Complex facility in Hågat. The new facility will be home to two full-size turf pitches and provide additional opportunities for football activities, primarily benefitting Guam's southern clubs and schools.

Although we haven't fully recovered from Typhoon Mawar, we are on track to upgrade the GFA National Training Center in Harmon, while working to complete the construction of the Speaker Vicente Pangelinan Southern Complex in Hågat, as well as other properties in Ordot-Chalan Pago and Talofofo. We are already seeing the increasing popularity of many grassroots programs, including the GFA Football 4 Schools program featuring 24 of Guam's elementary schools, with more requesting to join. The sport's popularity will only increase with access to multiple world-class facilities all over the island.

In addition to infrastructure upgrades, elite youth football development also is strengthening for our island's young athletes. With the consistency of available coaching courses, referee courses, and full immersion in FIFA's Talent Development Scheme, Guam's athletes will be better equipped to compete internationally and in higher-level leagues abroad. I have full trust in Guam FA's Technical Department and High Performance team to ensure accelerated development in our athletes and coaches and look forward to continued success globally for Guam's teams.

All of this is only possible with the collaboration of Guam FA's stakeholders - the Guam FA Member Clubs, the athletes, coaches, referees, administrators, Executives, staff, the Government of Guam, local business sponsors, supporters, and volunteers.

Thank you to all who have contributed to Guam FA over the years and may we all continue to work together toward success in the coming year - our 50th Anniversary year - and onward.





*Hafa Adai!*

**Joseph Cepeda**  
**GFA General Secretary**

Particularly in the past year, Guam Football Association's theme has been measurable progress. Halfway through GFA's four-year strategic plan, we have managed to hit many targets.

In National Teams development, we have set a standard to invest in homegrown coaches to lead our teams in international competition. Ross Awa took the helm of the Matao and led the team through the first round of Asian Qualifiers of the FIFA World Cup 26. For a few months, former Guam resident Kristin Thompson was at the helm of the Masakåda for two tournaments: the EAFF E-1 Football Championship Women's Competition in China, PR in November 2023 and the WAFF Women's Championship Saudi 2024 in Saudi Arabia in February 2024.

At the grassroots level, we are steadily increasing participation in the sport, with the expansion of current opportunities beginning with the GFA Football 4 Schools program, which now features close to 500 athletes from 24 different elementary schools. Additionally, GFA has developed closer relationships with IIAAG and ISA, and for the first time since 2019, succeeded in unifying the high school football leagues previously run separately by the school sports entities.

In competition development, we are moving toward establishing a regional club tournament. Midway through December 2023, local champion Wings FC traveled to Saipan to compete in the Marianas Club Championship pilot tournament, competing against Eleven Tiger FC, champions of NMI Football Association's Marianas Soccer League 1.

In the first part of 2024, we officially rebranded Guam's top-flight domestic leagues, introducing the Budweiser G League and the Bud Light G League Women. A total of 15 teams contested the first-ever Budweiser G League title, with Wings FC rising above the NAPA Rovers FC in an exciting final in September 2024. The first-ever champions of the Bud Light G League Women will be crowned in late October 2024.

In the Education realm, at least one GFA "C" Coaching Certificate Course has been held each year, with the aim to hold a GFA "B" Coaching Certificate Course by 2025 and to achieve membership into the AFC Coaching Convention. The GFA Referees Department has consistently held at least ten Referee Courses at various levels in 2023 and again in 2024.

In Marketing Strategy, we have formalized the official GU Football Fan shop, with authentic National Team jerseys as its top selling items. Additionally, GFA revamped its sponsorship structure based on leagues and events, and have succeeded in securing partners for Guam's top domestic leagues, the Robbie Webber Youth League, and GFA Football 4 Schools, among others, with more work in progress. Additionally, we were able to offer more in GFA Scholarship money in 2024 for our student-athletes, from \$11,000 in the first year to over \$14,000 for Class of 2024 graduates and college students.

In August 2024, we held two key events: the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the installation of GFA's new solar energy system, which will realize additional annual cost savings for the GFA National Training Center in Harmon, and the groundbreaking ceremony for the Speaker Vicente Pangelinan Southern Complex in Hågat. The cost savings, as well as the additional southern facility, will equate to more sporting opportunities for the local community.

I invite you all to review this Activity Report and see all the progress made so far, with more to come in the next year, our 50th Anniversary year, and onward.







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FIFA President Gianni Infantino and a group of FIFA delegates visited Guam for the first time on December 3, 2023, with a day-long itinerary that included a lunch meeting with Guam's key government officials, an appearance at the awards presentation for Guam's adult domestic leagues and Gupot GFA 2023 Block Party - a grassroots event for clubs, and a bilateral meeting with GFA Executives to discuss Guam football achievements and support to rebuild after the destruction of Typhoon Mawar in May 2023. The FIFA delegation also played in a football match with players from Guam's domestic leagues.

During the bilateral meeting, it was announced that GFA's application for additional funding and support via the FIFA Foundation Recovery Program up to \$547,218 was approved for the restoration and installation of a new solar panel system and floodlights to regain from the typhoon.

"So, it was a fantastic day here in Guam for me, the first time I've visited this beautiful country," Infantino said. "Guam is a fantastic country. Football is the number one sport here and we have to say that loud and clear. I visited, of course, the headquarters and we discussed with the government that we are helping together to rebuild what the typhoon earlier this year destroyed.

"Congratulations to my dear friend Tino, the President of the Guam Football Association and his entire team. They're doing a fantastic job, as well as all coaches, girls and boys playing football here. It was a great pleasure, a great honor for me. It was my first time here, but definitely not the last time. Everyone should come to Guam," Infantino added.











In October 2023, Guam's National Team, the Matao, returned to FIFA World Cup Qualifying with home and away matches against Singapore in the first round playoff.

Prior to the Oct. 12 away match, selected players were called up to a training camp in the Philippines with Head Coach Ross Awa, with the largest number of traveling staff at 10 for the 23-man squad.

#### Results:

- Singapore vs Guam in Singapore: 2-1 (Goal by Jason Cunliffe)
- Guam vs Singapore in Guam: 0-1

Singapore won the round on aggregate 3-1 and moved on to the second round of qualifying. Guam was eliminated from FIFA World Cup Qualifying three years before the tournament in 2026.

The Matao will return to action in the later part of 2024 with the return of the Preliminary Competition rounds of the East Asian Football Federation's flagship tournament, the E-1 Football Championship. In addition to Guam, the 2024 EAFF tournament's preliminary competition will include Chinese Taipei, DPR Korea, Hong Kong China, Macau China, Mongolia, and Northern Mariana Islands.







The Guam U20 National Team competed in two tournaments in 2024: the U20 Marianas Cup in Saipan in August and the AFC U20 Asian Cup 2025 Qualifiers in Vietnam in September.

#### Results:

August 3: Northern Mariana Islands 2, Guam 0

August 4: Guam 2, Northern Mariana Islands 0 (NMI won 5-4 in PKs)

Guam goals by Curtis Harmon, Landen Diaz

September 21: Guam 1, Bhutan 1 (Goal by Shuntaro Suzuki)

September 23: Guam 2, Bangladesh 2 (Goals by Shuntaro Suzuki & Curtis Harmon)

September 25: Vietnam 3, Guam 0

September 27: Syria 10, Guam 1 (Goal by Gavin Baker)









# TECHNICAL: WOMEN'S

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The Masakåda, Guam Women's National Team, officially returned to international competition after a two-year hiatus in November 2023 with the EAFF E-1 Football Championship Women's Competition held in Zhuhai, China, PR.

## RESULTS:

Guam 6, Macau-China 0 (Guam goals by: Rebecca Bartosh (2), Jenae Perez, Mariah Anaya, Kaia Malakooti, Inyssa Perez)

Chinese Taipei 3, Guam 0

Hong Kong 1, Guam 1, 4-2 PSO (Guam goal by Mariah Anaya)

The team traveled again in February 2024 after accepting an invitation from West Asian Football Federation to play in the WAFF Women's Championship Saudi 2024 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

## RESULTS:

Guam 3, Lebanon 4 (Guam goals by: Rebecca Bartosh (2), Mariah Anaya)

Jordan 3, Guam 0

Saudi Arabia 0, Guam 2 (Guam goals by: Mariah Anaya)





# TECHNICAL: WOMEN'S

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The Guam U17 Women's National Team accepted an invitation from the Saudi Arabian Football Federation to take part in a training camp and matches against the Saudi Arabia U17 Women's National Team in April 2024. Guam's team traveled to Dammam, Saudi Arabia and played their Saudi Arabian counterparts twice at the Prince Mohammed Bin Fahad Bin Abdulaziz Stadium.

## RESULTS

Saudi Arabia 1, Guam 3 (Guam goals: Iliana Figueroa, Hinengi San Nicolas, Serenity Wusstig)

Guam 3, Saudi Arabia 0 (Guam goals: Amira Walker, Hinengi San Nicolas, Orung Santos)

Among the VIP guests at Guam's second training match was United States Consul General James Sindle from the U.S. Consulate General Dhahran and Laila Gillam, Public Affairs Officer of the U.S. Consulate General Dhahran.

At the conclusion of the matches, players from both Guam and Saudi Arabia took group photos. Guam's team was led by Chyna Ramirez as Head Coach. The team was mostly a domestic squad with five eligible players joining from the United States.





# TECHNICAL: WOMEN'S

Guam's U15 Women's National Team boasted a notable run in the EAFF U15 Women's Championship 2024 in Dalian, China PR, finishing second place in Group B with a 3-1 record in the August competition.

Guam shut out its first three opponents - Mongolia, Macau-China, and Northern Mariana Islands - scoring six goals in four matches and finished with a goal differential of +3 at the conclusion of the tournament.

## RESULTS

August 16, 2024: Mongolia 0, Guam 1

August 20, 2024: Guam 2, Macau-China 0

August 23, 2024: Guam 3, Northern Mariana Islands 0

August 25, 2024: Hong Kong-China 3, Guam 0

"What made this team so successful was the shared vision of the goal and what they all had to do as individuals to achieve it together. Building chemistry on and off the pitch is a key component because we focus on more than just the athlete."

-Chyna Ramirez, Guam U15 Women's National Team Head Coach





# MARIANAS FRIENDLIES

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Guam's domestic National Team squads traveled to Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands for the Marianas Friendlies 2024 in April. Ross Awa led the men's squad as Head Coach and Kristin Thompson led the women's squad as Head Coach.

## RESULTS

### Men's Competition

- Apr. 6: Guam 2, NMI 2 (Guam's goals by E.J. Manibusan and Samuel Stenson)
- Apr. 7: Guam 1, NMI 2 (Guam's goal by Curtis "Meto" Harmon)

### Women's Competition

- Apr. 6: Guam 3, NMI 0 (Guam's goals by Anjelica Perez, Giselle Dahilig, and Anna Jones)
- Apr. 7: Guam 2, NMI 2 (Guam's goals by Yae Kawauchi and India Sheppard)





### GUAM STARTING 11



7 A STENSON 9 MANIBUSAN 14 HARMON

15 MOSS 10 SABLAN 6 SUZUKI

8 HALEHALE 5 BUCKWALTER 17 CHARQUALAF

18 TOVES



Guam vs Northern Mariana Islands  
2024 Marianas Friendlies  
8 p.m., April 7, 2024

SUBSTITUTES

- 1 Jones
- 3 Elwell
- 4 Kobayashi
- 11 Ogo
- 12 Rink
- 13 Perez
- 16 Graves
- 19 Topasna
- 20 Almandries

HEAD COACH Ross Awa

## 2024 MARIANAS FRIENDLIES





### GUAM STARTING 11



11 DAHILIG

3 CONNELLEY 5 KAWAUCHI 10 BENAVENTE

6 MARQUEZ 7 PEREZ

8 RAGADIO 2 SHEPPARD 4 A CRUZ

13 H CRUZ

18 HUTCHERSON



Guam vs Northern Mariana Islands  
2024 Marianas Friendlies  
5 p.m., April 7, 2024

SUBSTITUTES

- 1 Byerly
- 9 Phillip
- 12 Jones
- 14 Meno
- 15 Dellin
- 16 Damien
- 17 San Gil
- 19 San Agustin
- 20 Iriarte

HEAD COACH Kristin Thompson

## 2024 MARIANAS FRIENDLIES











# TECHNICAL: COACHES



A total of 11 coaches earned their GFA "C" Coaching Diploma after successfully completing all requirements of the 2023-2024 course and passing all required written and practical examinations. The 11 coaches are Anthony Simon, Brandon Sana, Shaun Martinez, Jon Barnhart, Anwah Jameson, Lily Concepcion, Barbara Sana, Carla Rios, John Cruz, Kristian Cruz, and Ciara Nauta.

The next GFA "C" Coaching Diploma Course began in April 2024 and concluded its third module before the end of July 2024. The third module included final practical and written examinations.

The GFA Technical Department also successfully held a GFA Youth Coaching Certificate Course (YCC) and a GFA "D" Coaching Certificate Course in January 2024. Beginning in the Fall season of 2024, all U12 Competitive Division coaches must have at least a GFA "D" Coaching Certificate or its equivalent.

In February, the GFA Technical Department held the year's first GFA Goalkeeping Coaching Certificate Course.







Coaches in the 2024 edition of the GFA "C" Coaching Diploma Course completed Module 3 sessions and examinations July 20, with the rest of the year to submit updated coaching logs.

The GFA Technical Department also held its second GFA Youth Coaching Certificate Course (YCC) and a GFA "D" Coaching Certificate Course of the year in August 2024.

A record-high number of 27 coaches registered and participated in the August 2024 YCC Course, with the majority continuing to the GFA "D" Coaching Certificate Course.









# TECHNICAL: DEVELOPMENT

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Seleted players from the Guam U15 Academy competed in the 2024 Copa Toreros tournament in Shizuoka, Japan from March 25 to 27 against their peers on club teams. Guam's team played against FC Basara Hyogo and Ventforet Kofu, and Yokogawa Musashino club teams from Japan and also Gwangju FC from Korea Republic. The tournament also featured youth club teams from Europe. Guam FA Technical Director Ross Awa accompanied the team as Head Coach.

In Guam, Guam Football Association welcomed the U16 Girls team from Tokyo Football Association for a training camp that included a mini tournament with club teams on March 24 and a training match against Guam's U17 Women's National Team on March 25.

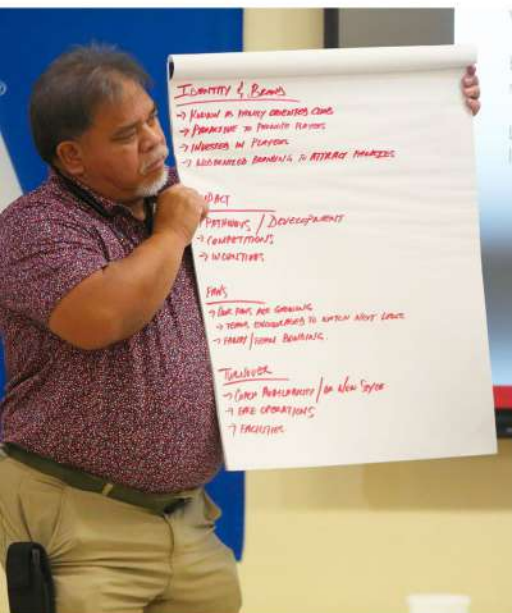
A total of five club teams took part in the mini tournament with their peers from Tokyo Football Association: ASC Trust Islanders FC, Bank of Guam Strykers FC, Guam Shipyard Wolverines, NAPA Rovers FC, and Tumon Typhoons FC.

Tumon Typhoons FC played in the tournament's final match against the Tokyo FA U16 Girls Team, dropping the match 0-4 in favor of the visiting team.

The following day, the Tokyo FA U16 Girls team returned to the Guam Football Association National Training Center for a training match against the Guam U17 Women's National Team. Tokyo FA's team on 7-2 in the contest.







In 2024, technical development also was prioritized at the club level.

With a handful of clubs working with finalized multi-year strategic plans and other clubs working toward finalizing plans, GFA Technical Director Ross Awa assisted clubs in determining their individual club philosophies and brand as a basis for sustainable development through a collective workshop.



The link to Guam's National Program also was discussed, as well as the pivotal role clubs play in young athletes' development to reach their potential. Both elite coach and player pathways were presented, as well as recreational pathways based on each club's vision and mission.



Following the workshop attended by club technical directors and club administrators, a separate workshop was held solely with club Technical Directors. More emphasis on technical development at the club level was presented to club Technical Directors, who are tasked to oversee their respective coaches database and encourage more club coaches to earn their licenses to raise the level of football in individual clubs.







January 2024 saw the re-branding of Guam's top flight domestic leagues to the Budweiser G League for men's teams and the Bud Light G-League Women for women's teams.

A total of 15 teams entered the men's competition and 11 teams entered the women's competition at the beginning of the 2024 season.

The men's competition will run through three rounds of regular season play, with the top four teams from overall standings moving on to a single elimination playoff to determine the 2024 champion. Wings FC defeated NAPA Rovers FC 3-2 to win the league's first-ever title.

2024 Budweiser G-League Champions: Wings FC

2024 Budweiser G-League Runner-Up: NAPA Rovers FC

2024 Budweiser G-League 3rd Place: Quality Distributors FC

2024 Budweiser G-League Golden Boot: Yvan Tcheugoue

2024 Budweiser G-League Golden Glove: Saena San Nicolas

The women's competition started with two group stages followed by an open competition among all teams. Based on the standings from open competition among all teams, the top two will move on to a championship match to determine the 2024 champion on Oct. 20, 2024.





The Fall 2023 season of the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League kicked off September 9, 2023 with 150 teams registered to play.

## FALL 2023 RESULTS

U12 Champions: Wings FC Red

U15 Girls Champions: Bank of Guam Strykers FC

U15 Boys Champions: Guam Shipyard Wolverines

Fall 2023 (Boys)		
Division	Birth Year	No. of Players
U6	2017-2018	200
Division		
U8	2015-2016	261
Division		
U10	2013-2014	268
Division		
U12	2011-2012	183
Division		
U15	2008-2010	136
		1048
Fall 2023 (Girls)		
Division	Birth Year	No. of Players
U6	2017-2018	123
Division		
U8	2015-2016	162
Division		
U10	2013-2014	110
Division		
U12	2011-2012	97
Division		
U15	2008-2010	102
		594





## Spring 2024 (Boys)

Divison	Birth Year	No. of Players
U6	2019 - 2018	135
Divison		
U8	2017 - 2016	199
Divison		
U10	2015 - 2014	231
Divison		
U12	2013 - 2012	207
Divison		
U15	2011 - 2009	170

942

## Spring 2024 (Girls)

Divison	Birth Year	No. of Players
U6	2019 - 2018	93
Divison		
U8	2017 - 2016	128
Divison		
U10	2015 - 2014	119
Divison		
U12	2013 - 2012	92
Divison		
U15	2011 - 2009	76

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The Spring 2024 season of the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League kicked off on February 17, 2024, with a total of 129 teams.

## SPRING 2024 RESULTS

U12 Champions: Wings FC Red

U12 Runner Up: Dededo SC Gold

U15 Girls Champions: Bank of Guam  
Strykers FC

U15 Girls Runner Up: Guam Shipyard  
Wolverines

U15 Boys Champions: NAPA Rovers FC

U15 Boys Runner Up: Wings FC





Over 1,700 registered players and their coaches, match officials, families, and supporters converged at the GFA for opening day of the 2024 Fall season of the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth League September 14, 2024.

Opening day of the season featured 140 teams from six different divisions: U6, U8, U10, U12, U15 Boys, and U16 Girls.

Thirteen of GFA Member Clubs, as all as the Andersen Bombers SC, play in the 2024 Fall season: Crushers FC, Dededo SC, ASC Trust Islanders FC, Quality Distributors, NAPA Rovers FC, Sidekick SC, Southern Cobras, GTA Southern Heat, Bank of Guam Strykers FC, Tiger FC, Tumon Typhoons FC, Wings FC, and Guam Shipyard Wolverines.

The league continues for ten weeks, concluding Nov. 16 with the season-ending Jamboree.

Fall 2024 (Boys)

Division	Birth Year	No. of Players
U6	2019- 2018	208
Division		
U8	2017-2016	256
Division		
U10	2015- 2014	267
Division		
U12	2013- 2012	191
Division		
U15	2011-2009	160

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Fall 2024 (Girls)

Division	Birth Year	No. of Players
U6	2019- 2018	151
Division		
U8	2017-2016	160
Division		
U10	2015- 2014	137
Division		
U12	2013- 2012	78
Division		
U16	2011-2008	119

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Beginning in the first part of 2024, Guam FA officially took over the effective management of the Interscholastic Girls High School Football League, which featured 11 school teams: 6 public and 5 private schools.

Previously, school administrators from the two school categories created their own separate leagues, which essentially divided the over high school level player pool and limited competitiveness.

The league featured 63 matches in two months, including 8 playoff matches. The John F. Kennedy High School Islanders played against the Southern High School Dolphins for the 2024 championship title, with the Islanders winning 2-1. Guam High School won the third place match with a 5-1 victory over Harvest Christian Academy Eagles.

The final two matches were played at the GFA National Training Center. For the first time, GFA utilized its new mobile giant screen with player graphics, score, and match time. The screen will be offered to local businesses as an advertising tool during GFA's large events. The league's championship match attracted close to 1,000 spectators. Tickets were available for purchase online.





Masters football also received a re-branding effort in 2024, resulting in the new Ma'gas Masters League and Ma'gas Co-Ed Master League.

The 2023-2024 Ma'gas Masters League was contested by seven teams and officially concluded May 12, 2024. The seven teams were Eurocar Sidekick SC, FC Pride DSC, Bank of Guam Strykers Masters, Southern Heat IT&E Boonie Dawgs, Gino's Islanders FC, Guam Shipyard Big Blue Masters, and Tumon Typhoons FC Masters.

## RESULTS:

Champion: Eurocar Sidekick SC

Golden Boot: Oyekade Dada, Eurocar Sidekick SC

Golden Glove: Robert Tran, Eurocar Sidekick SC

The Ma'gas Co-Ed Masters League commenced June 8, 2024 and featured eight teams: Eurocar Sidekick SC, Bank of Guam Strykers Masters, Dededo FC Pride, Guam Shipyard Big Blue Masters, Gino's Islanders FC, Southern Heat IT&E Boonie Dawgs, Tumon Typhoons FC Masters, and Tumon FC Crusaders.

## RESULTS:

Champion: Eurocard Sidekick SC

Golden Boot: Taylor Camin, Gino's Islanders FC

Golden Glove: Robert Tran, Eurocar Sidekick SC

Camin won the Golden Boot award for the second-straight Co-Ed Masters season and is the second female player in league history to achieve this feat.







A re-branding effort was done for 2024 women's recreational leagues, resulting in the GFA Women's Recreational Latte League and the Metgot Moms League.

Nine teams currently play in the Women's Recreational Latte League: Crushers FC, Tune Squad, DSC Kickers, DSC Majestics, Femme Fatale, GTA Southern Heat, Islanders FC Rec, Rovers FC Rec, Tumon FC Crusaders, and Tumon Vets.

Eleven teams currently play for the Metgot Moms League: CrusHERS FC, Dededo Disasters, Dededo Strong, Docomoms Islanders, Femme Fatale Moms, H2Go Islanders FC Moms, Quality Momsters, Queen Cobras, Rovers Moms, TFC Magahaga Moms, and Wings Momdeshiko.

Matches are played on GFA-1 on Sundays between 12 noon and 6:15 p.m.









The GFA Football 4 Schools program continued in 2024 with the theme “Respetu” or respect in English. Following the success of the 2023 program, a total of 24 elementary schools once again participated in the program, which culminated in the school-year ending Jamboree, featuring festival style matches for all school teams.

In addition to the Jamboree, the local program also included regional round-robin matches leading up to the Jamboree and a social responsibility component that featured presentations at participating schools by program partners Guam Police Department and Guam Airport Police, as well as youth national team athletes. The program also included equipment donation to the participating schools at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.

In total, over 500 took part in the athletic component of the GFA Football for Schools program. Each participating school featured a separate boys team and a girls team. iLearn Elementary School won the girls’ division and Talofofo Elementary School won the boys’ division.

Later in the spring, GFA celebrated AFC Grassroots Football Day with an introduction to walking football for teams in the recreational Ma’gas Masters League and Ma’gas Co-Ed Masters League.







As part of Guam Football Association's commitment to providing football opportunities for all players and to promote football as a lifelong sport, the GFA Football Events Department introduced walking football to the local community as part of Guam's celebration of AFC Grassroots Football Day, held Saturday May 25, 2024.

Seven men's and women's teams, with players from Guam's domestic adult recreational leagues, gave in to their curiosity and learned about the game, which although played at a slower pace, quick decision making and overall skills were needed.

As the sport was newly introduced in Guam, it also attracted many from the community who don't play in domestic leagues to try. Close to five percent of participants were not currently playing in any of Guam's domestic leagues, but have plans to join other leagues offered by Guam FA.

"I think walking football doesn't sound as intimidating as the G-League or Women's Recreational Football League; I did notice a lot non-football players that were playing – they must have been curious enough to try it out ... Determining tactics was trial and error for everyone. As we played more matches, I saw it as kind of like slow-motion futsal. It was really fun for me and I think this could really be a big hit if introduced again."



SANA

-Barb Sana, 42



# AFC Grassroots Football Day Celebration Guam 2024





Although walking football was the star of the festivities, the Guam FA Football Events Department also set up areas for target shooting and penalty kick shootout contests for players to try when not playing walking football matches.

For target shooting, instead of areas of the goal, participants were required to chip their shot to bounce into a multi-layered target to earn points.



# AFC Grassroots Football Day Celebration Guam 2024



The ASC Trust Islanders U10 team bested 10 other youth teams, including visiting team Nemesis FC from the Philippines, for the champions trophy of the 2024 Pacific Grassroots Football Fellowship Tournament Sunday at the Guam Football Association National Training Center held June 7-9, 2024.

The Islanders won in a thrilling 1-1 (5-4 PSO) final against Nemesis FC, which came down to a duel between both teams' goalkeepers for the eventual final score.

"This tournament definitely was beneficial for us, as on the pitch, the results will serve as a good benchmark for our team's development. It's great for the players to experience international competition at such a young age; they can gauge their abilities and technical understanding of the game against players from other countries. Organizers and Guam's clubs have been very hospitable, and the players have all been kind. Even though this is a competition, the players were all cheering for one another from the different teams, and for my players, this was very memorable for them."

-Myk Agbayani, Head Coach of the visiting Nemesis FC team

In the third-place match, the NAPA Rovers FC defeated the Guam Shipyard Wolverines for the third-place trophy and bronze medals.

Other participating clubs were Crushers FC, Dededo SC, Sidekick SC, Southern Cobras, Bank of Guam Strykers FC, Tumon Typhoons FC, and Wings FC.





Harvest Christian Academy secured the champions trophy of the inaugural Geran Uritao Boys Middle School Football Festival at the Guam Football Association National Training Center held September 7, 2024.

The Eagles defeated the Oceanview Middle School Knights 3-0 in the festival's final match.

The two teams were among 14 Guam Department of Education, private, and charter schools that participated in the event.









# WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Guam Football Association Activity Report  
2023 - 2024

Several programs were available to women and girls in late 2023 and 2024.

## GFA LEAGUES

- Bud Light Women's Soccer League (Premier & Amateur Divisions) and into the G-League Women in 2024
- 2023-2024 GFA Women's Recreational League (rebranded to Latte Women's Recreational League in Fall 2024)
- 2023-2024 GFA Soccer Moms League (rebranded to 'Metgot Moms League in Fall 2024)
- Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth Soccer League U15 Girls Division (Fall 2023 & Spring 2024) & U16 Girls Division (Fall 2024)

## INTERSCHOLASTIC

- "Soccer Madness" GFA Girls High School Soccer League Preseason Tournament (March 2024)
- 15th Annual Sugar and Spice Middle School Girls Soccer Festival (March 2024)
- Interscholastic Girls High School Football League (Spring 2024 for 11 schools)







**AFC Women's Football Day  
Celebration in Guam**  
March 8 - 30, 2024





## AFC Women's Football Day Celebration in Guam

### 15th Annual Sugar and Spice Girls Middle School Festival

March 10, 2024



Guam kicked off its month-long celebration of AFC Women's Football Day on March 10, 2024 with the 15th Annual Girls Middle School Football Festival, supported by Japan Football Association. The long-standing event, for the island's middle school athletes, is always held in the early part of March to coincide with Guam's International Women's Day and AFC Women's Football Day celebration.

In Guam, the interscholastic league for middle schools is split - one caters to Guam's public schools and the other caters to Guam's private and charter schools. The Sugar and Spice festival brings both leagues together in a day of football for interleague play among teams. This year, the event featured 16 different school teams, each with on average 20 players on their playing rosters. The event attracts over 300 girls to play at the GFA National Training Center.

The St. John's School Knights repeated as champions in the annual festival.



"This festival is just so much fun – we get to play against schools that we've never played against before. It's a lot of matches in one day and yes, I'm so tired, really exhausted, but also so glad that we were able to execute this win together as a team."

-Aeva Sablan, 8th grader, St. John's School

In addition to over 300 girls taking part in the festival, the GFA Referees Department also appoints many of its referees in its youth referee development program, with the priority for female referees.





## AFC Women's Football Day Celebration in Guam

### Challenge Cup Girls High School Preseason Tournament

March 17, 2024



Guam continued its month-long celebration of AFC Women's Football Day on March 17, 2024 with the 10th edition of the Challenge Cup, Girls High School Preseason Tournament, supported by Japan Football Association. The long-standing event, for the island's high school athletes, is always held in the middle part of March to coincide with Guam's International Women's Day and AFC Women's Football Day celebration.



This year, the event featured 8 different teams, with some teams featuring players from different schools. Each roster had an average of 20 players, with some having as many as 30. The event attracts over 200 girls to play, as well as school spirit clubs and photographers, at the GFA National Training Center.



The John F. Kennedy High School Islanders featured as champions in the annual tournament for the first time. With the successful coordination of domestic leagues and girls high school football events, GFA was able to officially convince both league commissioners to combine interscholastic leagues for the first time since 2019. Instead of leagues featuring five or six teams, the current league format features 11 teams and a complete top 8 playoff system.

Guam Football Association donated football equipment to the 11 schools set to compete in the combined Interscholastic Girls High School Football League. GFA President Valentino San Gil and GFA Executive Committee Member Peter Toves presented the equipment to team captains and school representatives.

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## AFC Women's Football Day Celebration in Guam

### Tokyo FA Friendlies Tournament

March 24, 2024



AFC WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DAY TOKYO FA Friendlies Tournament



AFC WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DAY TOKYO FA Friendlies Tournament

Guam continued its month-long celebration of AFC Women's Football Day on March 24, 2024 with the Tokyo Football Association Friendlies Tournament with a visiting Girls U16 team from Japan.

The event featured 5 different girls teams from clubs taking part in the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth League. The visiting team won the tournament, which included as many as six 30-minute matches for teams in the championship match.



AFC WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DAY TOKYO FA Friendlies Tournament



AFC WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DAY TOKYO FA Friendlies Tournament





## AFC Women's Football Day Celebration in Guam

### Tokyo FA Friendlies Tournament

March 24, 2024



Tokyo FA U16 Girls vs Guam U17 Women's Select

Guam continued its month-long celebration of AFC Women's Football Day on March 25, 2024 with a training match between the visiting Tokyo Football Association U16 Girls Team and the Guam U17 Women's National Team training squad, preparing to head to a training camp in Dammam, Saudi Arabia in mid April.

The visiting team won 7-2, but the most important part of the training match was the friendships formed between the visiting players and the players from Guam.

Following the match, the visiting team was invited to a dinner with the Guam U17 Women's National Team training squad, where it was emphasized that the growth of women's football across the continent is due to the relationships formed among various AFC Member Associations.



Tokyo FA U16 Girls vs Guam U17 Women's Select



Tokyo FA U16 Girls vs Guam U17 Women's Select









In the first part of 2024, Director of Referees George Stewart held four grassroots level referee courses for the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth League and the interscholastic boys and girls leagues for middle schools and high schools.

As interscholastic leagues follow a few modified rules, a separate course was held for referees in school leagues.

## **Introductory Assistant Referees Course**

January 11-13, 2024

## **Middle School & High School Refresher and Hot Topics**

January 18-19, 2024

## **RWYL Promotional Course (U8-U10)**

January 25-26, 2024

## **RWYL Promotional Course (U10-U12)**

January 24 & 27, 2024

## **RWYL Promotional Course (U12-U15)**

January 26-27, 2024

## **Grassroots Introductory Referee Course**

February 1-3, 2024





In the second part of 2024, Director of Referees George Stewart held four grassroots level referee courses for the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth League Fall season and a refresher course for the adult leagues, and interscholastic boys and girls leagues for middle schools and high schools.

New to this year was a female-only introductory referee course, which featured 23 girls and women who completed the course and received assignments in youth and interscholastic leagues.

## **Introductory Referees Course (Female only)**

August 1-3, 2024

## **RWYL Promotional Course (U12-U15)**

August 22-24, 2024

## **RWYL Promotional Course (U10-U12)**

August 29-31, 2024

## **Middle School, High School & Adult Refresher Course**

September 3-4, 2024

## **RWYL Promotional Course (U8-U10)**

September 5-7, 2024

## **Futsal Referees Course**

October 8-11, 2024









In 2024, GFA once again organized equipment donations to schools taking part in the year's edition of GFA Football 4 Schools, while also donating equipment to Guam's high schools taking part in the newly combined Interscholastic Girls High School Football League. Equipment included footballs, mini goals, cones, and markers.

Ahead of the 2024 GFA Football 4 Schools Jamboree, together with the Guam Police Department and Guam Airport Police, GFA visited all participating elementary schools to deliver the year's message about respect.

The program message was tied to GFA's Respetu Campaign, first introduced in the Spring 2024 season of the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth League. Emphasis on "respetu" or respect in English, aimed to improve the overall game environment by minimizing disrespectful and discriminatory language and boosting the spirit of fair play. Special signage was created and installed at the GFA National Training Center in Harmon.



## Respect for our Culture, Community, and the Game



GFA is launching its Respetu 2024 campaign and we ask that the football community band together to help us make the Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth League experience enjoyable for all players, coaches, referees, and families.

We hope that by emphasizing RESPECTU we can improve the game environment by minimizing disrespectful and discriminatory language, boost the fun quotient for the kids and all others involved, and return to playing the game we love.





# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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Guam's U17 National Team and U17 Women's National Team took part in a bus stop beautification project in the summer of 2024 near Wettengel Elementary School. The U17 National Team players cleaned up the bus stop, allowing for the participating U17 Women's National Team players to paint a simple design.

A special thank you also goes to Guam Home Center and Home Depot for donating all equipment and supplies for the project.







Guam's youth national teams took part in various wellness workshops in 2024 with Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center and the Guam Police Department.



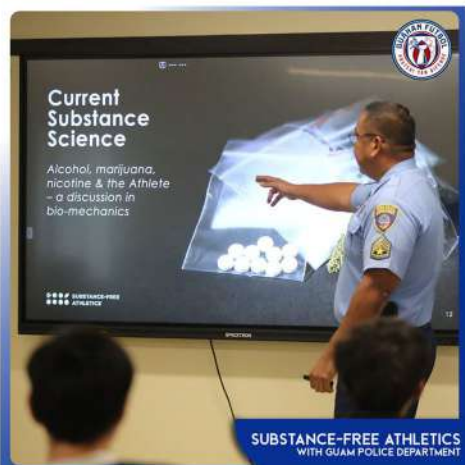
In the summer months, GBHWC's Focus on Life team were on site at GFA to deliver interactive presentations on suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention, with the objective to promote good mental health on top of physical well being.

*"We know that for youth, the best spokespeople are other youth, and the national team athletes are the best kind of ambassadors to influence their peers on and off the pitch. I hope that with workshops from these outreach programs, they'll begin to prioritize their mental health as much as their physical health in their development in the sport and help relay this message to others."*

*-Dr. KristiAnna Whitman, Focus on Life Program Director*



In the fall months, Sgt. Paul Tapao introduced Guam Police Department's initiative, "Substance-Free Athletics," weekly seminars for Guam's youth national teams to learn about identifying illegal substances and understanding the science behind their detrimental and impairing effects, as well as the negative social effects.



"Substance-Free Athletics" is part of a wider outreach program by GPD, mainly for younger audiences and their parents, coaches, and teachers.







Guam Football Association's National Training Center in Harmon was not spared from the devastating effects of Typhoon Mawar in late May 2023. The damaging winds destroyed the facility's solar panel system, lifting panels off from rooftops and crashing across walkways and pitches. The winds also uprooted six of the facility's nine floodlight poles and sent the newly installed lighting system crashing onto the competition pitches, damaging the field's turf and littering broken glass on the surface. The winds also structurally damaged the facility's building, which were the priority for repair.

GFA President Valentino San Gil and GFA Executives went to work to secure funding to repair damage and procure another solar panel system and floodlights to return GFA back to its rate of activity prior to the typhoon. For over a year, GFA's programs were limited to daytime activities, yet without the solar panel system in place, electricity bills were not decreasing.

Grants from FIFA Foundation, AFC, and EAFF totalling close to \$800,000 were key to jumpstart the major recovery from the typhoon. The first part of 2024 was spent to re-install newer and more efficient solar panels, while the summer of 2024 and through to the end of the year will see the re-installation of new LED floodlights to resume activities at night.





Midway through 2024, GFA's solar energy system at the GFA National Training Center in Harmon was completely replaced, thanks in great part by a financial grant from FIFA Foundation. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held August 8, 2024 to celebrate the completion of the project by Pacific Solar & Photovoltaics, which now features more technologically advanced solar energy panels and an upgraded monitoring tool for cost savings.

The new solar energy system at GFA consists of 264 solar panels with an anticipated production of 98.4 kilowatts of energy.

Additionally, engineering work continues for the restoration of floodlights. Newer, more cost efficient lighting systems will be installed and poles able to withstand greater wind force levels have been procured and installed to better protect the system during typhoons.



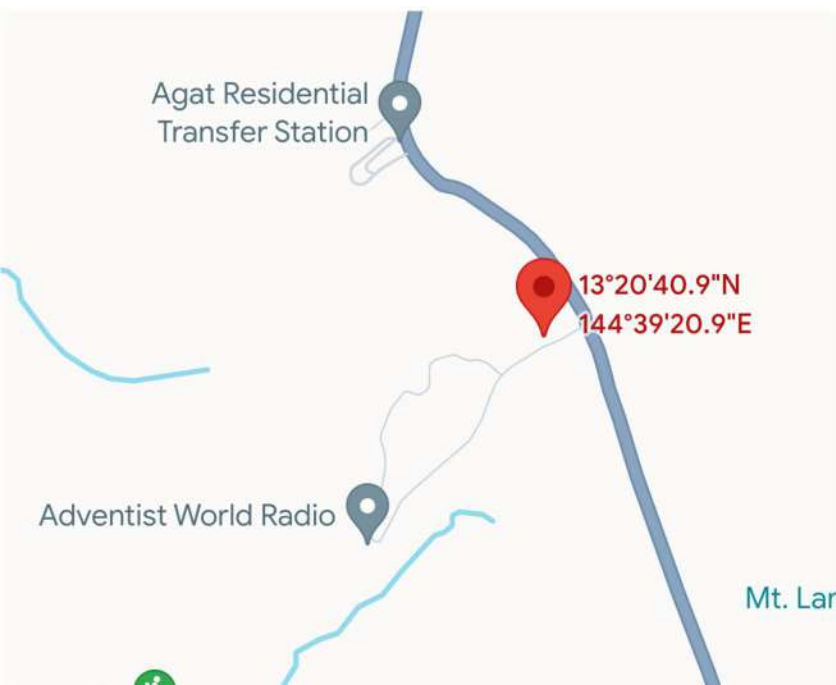




Guam Football Association ceremonially broke ground August 8, 2024 to signal the realization of the Speaker Vicente Pangelinan Southern Complex in Hågat, a facility that will include two full-size artificial turf pitches and an international futsal hall in construction plans.

GFA secured \$5.2 million in funding from FIFA Forward 3.0 after applying for infrastructure support from FIFA and officially made the announcement at a groundbreaking ceremony with over 50 in attendance, including visiting FIFA Development Officer Jun Chen, the Hon. Lou Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam, senators, mayors, the family of the late Speaker Pangelinan, private sector VIPs, GFA Executives, and club representatives from the Southern Cobras and Southern Heat, among others.

Of the \$5.2 million, \$3.8 million was awarded to KIAN Construction for overall earthwork on the lot and \$770,873 for the installation of two turf pitches by Edel Grass B.V. \$413,966.71 was awarded to AM Orient for construction management and the remaining \$260,000 as a contingency.







**VALENTINO  
AN GIL**  
PRESIDENT

**JOSEPH  
CEPEDA**  
GENERAL SECRETARY



Guam Football Association last held its annual Ordinary Congress in October 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Guam. During the Congress, Guam Shipyard Wolverines' Peter Toves was voted in as the newest GFA Executive Committee member, with Fred Alig II, Kelley Barnhart, Duane Pahl, and Gian Tenorio retaining their seats.

Committee chairpersons also were determined in the months following the election:

- President Valentino San Gil: Referees Committee Chair
- Vice President George Lai: Finance & Risk Committee Chair
- Vice President Tina Esteves: Marketing Committee Chair
- Fred Alig II: Beach Soccer & Futsal Committee Chair
- Kelley Barnhart: Women's Football Committee Chair
- Duane Pahl: Competitions Committee Chair
- Gian Tenorio: Grassroots & Social Responsibility Committee Chair
- Peter Toves: Medical & High Performance Committee Chair
- Craig Wade: Technical Committee Chair

Later in October, GFA President Tino San Gil was voted by EAFF to retain his seat as the region's AFC Executive Committee member during the EAFF Extraordinary Congress held in Doha, Qatar. Also attending the EAFF Congress from Guam were Vice President George Lai, Executive Committee Member Duane Pahl and GFA General Secretary Joe Cepeda.





# GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

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GFA President Valentino San Gil, GFA Vice President George Lai, and GFA Executive Committee Member Gian Tenorio all attended the FIFA Congress held in May 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand, and the AFC Congress held also in Thailand.

## FINANCE 2024

The AFC Central Review of funds disbursed during 2023 from the AFC Enhance Programme was conducted remotely by Annuit Consulting, based in Malaysia. The AFC auditor tested 100 percent of disbursements and gave a satisfactory rating (indicating no findings) across all 34 compliance checks.

The FIFA Central Review of funds disbursed during 2023 from the FIFA Forward 3.0 Development Programme was conducted remotely by FIFA central auditor Mazars USA LLP. The Central Review resulted in zero findings raised by the FIFA auditor.

For the tenth consecutive year, Guam FA successfully achieved a clean external audit opinion of its financial statements. In compliance with Guam Public Law 37-63, the audited financial statements were filed with the Guam Department of Revenue & Taxation (DRT) on August 19, 2024, and pursuant to Guam Public Law 27-85, Guam FA submitted its financial statements to GEDA, OPA, and the Guam Legislature on August 22, 2024.

Guam FA maintained good standing as a Guam 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and was included in the DRT 2024 Updated Non-Profit Listing as of September 2024.









In October 2023, GFA renewed its annual partnership with Triple J Auto Group, naming rights sponsor of the twice yearly Robbie Webber Youth League and the GFA Football 4 Schools Program. As part of the agreement, Triple J Auto Group leased a 15 passenger van to GFA for use in transporting groups. The first group to utilize the 15 passenger van was the Masakāda, Guam Women's National Team, during its week-long training camp in Guam ahead of the EAFF E-1 Football Championship Women's Competition in China, PR.

In January 2024, community engagement increased with GFA's third edition of its Football 4 Schools program. The program attracted over a dozen sponsors, including Triple J Auto Group, Moda Gino's, Para'isu, Shirley's Coffee Shop, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, IT&E, Steel Athletics, Quick Bites, and Core Tech International among others.





In 2024, GFA's domestic leagues received a branding facelift implemented in the year's seasons.

The top flight leagues for men's and women's teams are now called G League and G League Women with Budweiser and Bud Light as naming rights sponsor, respectively. In addition to the rebranding, the league also was restructured, with the season featuring over 90 matches each and at least 10 teams.

In the recreational space, the Masters League is now called the Ma'gas Masters League and the summer Co-Ed Masters League is also under the Ma'gas name.

The former GFA Women's Recreational League is now called the Women's Recreational Latte League and the GFA Soccer Moms League is now called the Metgot Moms League.

The recreational names are from the Chamorro language:

- Ma'gas referring to the upper echelon of ancient Chamorro society
- Latte refers to the latte stone, which served as the structural foundation for ancient Chamorro houses
- Metgot refers to strength, in line with Guam's traditional matrilineal system that featured mothers at the head of the household in ancient Chamorro society

With GFA now at the helm of organizing schedules for the interscholastic high school leagues, uniting two separate leagues from previous years, new logos were created.

Women's Recreational  
**LATTE LEAGUE**

**METGOT**  
MOMS LEAGUE

  
**Budweiser**

 **LEAGUE**

**BUD  
LIGHT**

 **LEAGUE  
WOMEN**



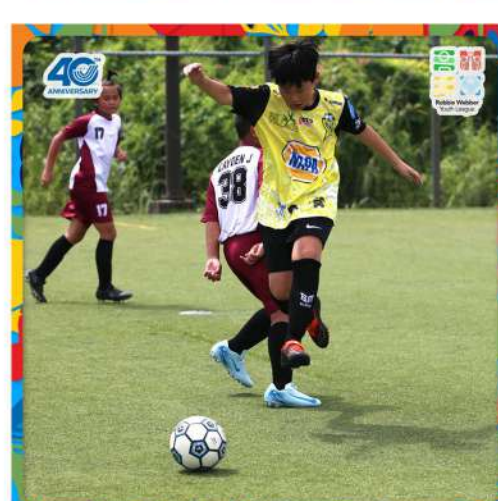


The Triple J Auto Group Robbie Webber Youth League received new logos and a new branding design in line with the make up of the league - various colors representing 13 of GFA's Member Clubs.

As the league features recreational divisions at the U6, U8, U10, and U12 divisions, a logo with the letter initials of the league, "RWYL" was created. For the competitive divisions - U12, U15 Boys, and U16 Girls - a similar logo was created with icons in place of the "RWYL" letters.

Vertical and horizontal versions of the logo also were created for versatile placement in advertising collateral.

The new logos were utilized beginning in the Fall 2024 season.





In May 2024, Guam National Player Annie Jones signed to play football in college for the Highline College Thunderbirds in Washington state. A signing ceremony was held at the GFA National Training Center Lecture Hall.

Additionally, other current and former Guam National Program youth players from the Class of 2024 officially signed letters of intent with various colleges:

- **E.J. Manibusan:** California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt Lumberjacks
- **Taylor Stewart:** Meredith College Avenging Angels
- **Gavin Baker:** Franklin Pierce University Ravens
- **Raif Sablan:** Whittier College Poets
- **Nico Chargualaf:** Coe College Kohawks
- **Shuntaro Suzuki:** San Joaquin Delta College Mustangs

Ahead of the summer months, GFA also offered its second edition of the GFA Scholarship Program, with this year offering more than \$14,000 in scholarship funds available for 2024 high school graduates and current college students.

## BUILD YOUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND



### What you can do:

- ✓ Create Scholarship Name
- ✓ Determine Scholarship Amount
- ✓ Determine Number of Recipients
- ✓ Create Additional Requirements
- ✓ Join the Selection Committee

### What GFA will do:

- ✓ Provide Scholarship Fact Sheet
- ✓ Promote on all platforms
- ✓ Receive and Sort Applications
- ✓ Head Selection Committee
- ✓ Award Recipients

<https://guamfa.com/guam-jones-to-play-for-highline-college-thunderbirds-in-washington/>



Guam's Jones to play for Highline College Thunderbirds in Washington



[humboldt.msoc](https://humboldt.msoc) and [humboldt.athletics](https://humboldt.athletics)

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In August 2024, a total of sixteen of Guam's Class of 2024 high school graduates and current college students earned 25 available scholarships under Guam Football Association's Assistance for Higher Education Admission and Development (AHEAD) Program worth over \$14,000, a 30 percent increase from available funds in the program's inaugural year.

The student-athletes were recognized with certificates during a presentation ceremony Aug. 28. Awardees were chosen by different independent selection committees for each scholarship.

Scholarship donors were also recognized with certificates for their valuable contributions to student-athletes making the transition into higher education.

To become a sponsor donor for the 2025 program, information is available online at <https://guamfa.com/gfa-programs/scholarships/>

## Shirley Lai Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$1,000 each)

- Curtis Harmon
- Giselle Dahilig

## Shirley Lai Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$500 each)

- Erwin Manibusan, Jr.
- Kai Pahl
- Kalle Damian
- Maeva Conroy

## Grace Martinez Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$1,000)

- Jada Han

## Teddy "Ted" Cipollone Scholarship Fund A (\$1,000 each)

- Ha'ani Byerly
- Isabella Clement

## Teddy "Ted" Cipollone Scholarship Fund B (\$500 each)

- Curtis Harmon
- Shane Becker
- Nathan Toves
- Dolores San Gil
- Kalle Damian
- Isabelle Lizama

## Ashenafi Lom Foundation Scholarship Fund (\$250 each)

- Shane Becker
- Isabelle Lizama

## GFA Grassroots Scholarship (\$500 each)

- Jariah San Gil
- Ian Becker
- Giselle Dahilig
- Isabelle Sunga

## A4G Scholarship Fund (\$250 each)

- Curtis Harmon
- Isabelle Lizama

## Lester Layco Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$250 each)

- Jariah San Gil
- Dolores San Gil





Guam Football Association continues to maintain its digital social media platforms in addition to its official Web site: <https://guamfa.com>

GFA's most popular social media application is Instagram, with over 21,300 followers, although down from its peak of over 26,000 followers in October 2022. Next is GFA's Facebook account with over 11,000 followers.

GFA also maintains an X account, LinkedIn, and YouTube with varying numbers of followers, as well as an online store - <https://gufanshop.myshopify.com/>



## Guam Football Association

@GuamFootball

Official Twitter account of the Guam Football Association providing the latest information about football in Guam and Guam's teams abroad

Harmon, Guam [GuamFA.com](https://GuamFA.com) Joined March 2012

49 Following 4,200 Followers



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Total subscribers

## Channel analytics

Last 28 days

Views

511

Watch time (hours)

21.5



## Guam Football Association

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Guam Football Association is the official governing body for the sport of football in Guam.

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2,681 posts

21.3K followers

5 following

Guam Football Association

Official Instagram account of Guam Football Association

[guamfa.com](https://guamfa.com) and 4 more

Professional dashboard

575K views in the last 30 days.



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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Executive Committee  
Member  
Chairperson, Futsal &  
Beach Soccer Committee



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Chairperson, Grassroots &  
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**Craig Wade**  
Executive Committee  
Member  
Chairperson, Technical  
Committee

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**Independent Judicial Bodies**

**Disciplinary & Ethics Committee**

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Members: Cara Walsh, Adam Baron, Matthew Wolff  
Kyle Legozzie

**Appeals Committee**

Chair: F. Randall Cunliffe; Deputy: Michael Bordallo  
Members: Wesley Bogdan, Steve Pixel, Lucia Wood

**Electoral Committee**

Chair: Frederick Horecky; Deputy: Hiro Kurashina  
Members: Jack Chan, Braddock Huesman,  
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**< Cheri Stewart**  
Executive Director



**< Joseph Cepeda**  
General Secretary



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Technical Director  
Head of Men's Program  
Men's NT Head Coach

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Chief Financial Officer

**Irene Mesa**  
Chief Accountant

**Krystiana Martinez-Spindel**  
Executive Coordinator

**Jill Espiritu**  
Head of Communications  
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Football Events Director

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Marketing Specialist

**Kaitlin Bautista**  
Marketing Coordinator

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Special Projects Coordinator

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(through to September 2024)  
Head of Women's Program  
Women's NT Head Coach  
Head of Club Development

**Kimberly Sherman**  
Head of Elite Youth Development  
U20 Women's NT Head Coach

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Director of Referees

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Kyle Legozzie**  
Referees Department



## Guam Football Association Standing Committees

### FINANCE & RISK

Chairperson: George Lai  
Deputy Chairperson: Kazu Shintani

**MEMBERS:**

Benson Au-Yeung, Rhoda Bamba,  
Jean Cepeda, James Okuhama, James Pool

### COMPETITION

Chairperson: Duane Pahl  
Deputy Chairperson: Anjelica Perez

**MEMBERS:**

Fred Esteves, Brett Maluwelmeng,  
Vance Manibusan, Antonio Prieto,  
Nathan Sablan

### TECHNICAL & DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson: Craig Wade  
Deputy Chairperson: Robert Dickson

**MEMBERS:**

Jason Cunliffe, Jean Diras, Antonio Prieto

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS:**

Lance Chargualaf, Jerick Cruz,  
Carlos Halehale

### REFEREES

Chairperson: Valentino San Gil  
Deputy Chairperson: Eladio Manansala

**MEMBERS:**

Rhoda Bamba, James Oh, Kevin Malakooti

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS:**

Jon Barnhart, Erlissa Delfin,  
Kristina Delos Reyes

### WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Chairperson: Kelley Barnhart  
Deputy Chairperson: Jean Diras

**MEMBERS:**

Aileen Artero, Pauline Gumataotao,  
Kimberly Kono

### GRASSROOTS & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Chairperson: Gian Tenorio  
Deputy Chairperson: Nico Fujikawa

**MEMBERS:**

Felicita Diaz, CY Leung, Camilo Lorenzo,  
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### FUTSAL & BEACH SOCCER

Chairperson: Fred Alig II  
Deputy Chairperson: Jerick Cruz

**MEMBERS:**

Brett Maluwelmeng, Eladio Manansala  
Koharu Minato

**CO-OPTED MEMBER:**

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Chairperson: Peter Toves  
Deputy Chairperson: Dorothy-Lou Duenas

**MEMBERS:**

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Ricardo Terlaje

### MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson: Tina Esteves  
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**MEMBERS:**

Jon Barnhart, Cyle Tass, Peter Terlaje

**CO-OPTED MEMBER:**

Kimberly Kono

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Valentino San Gil, Craig Wade,  
Joe Cepeda

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Curtis Harmon  
Sophia San Agustin  
Jariah San Gil

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Sheena Newell

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Hannah Cruz  
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Rylee Guzman  
Joisah Jones  
Yae Kawauchi  
Chima Mbakwem

#### Technical / Coaches

Michael Milner  
Chyma Ramirez  
Tristyana Santos  
Anthony Simon

#### Technical / High Performance

Derrick Cruz  
Koharu Minato



Several GFA staff members took part in development courses in 2023:

**Cheri Stewart**

- AFC Certificate in Football Leadership (June)
- 3rd AFC Grassroots Conference (November)

**Ross Awa**

- United Soccer Coaches Convention (January)
- FIFA Technical Leadership Diploma Course (May)
- Japan Football Association "B" Diploma Course (Coach Educator observer July)
- 3rd AFC Grassroots Conference (November)

**Kristin Thompson**

- PFF "A" Coaching Diploma Course (beginning July)
- FIFA Coach Educator Course (September)

**Kimberly Sherman**

- United Soccer Coaches Convention (January)
- PFF "A" Coaching Diploma Course (beginning July)

**Chyna Ramirez**

- FIFA Coach Educators Development Pathway (December)

**Ralph Awa**

- NMIFA "B" Coaching Diploma Course (July)
- AFC Youth Conference 2023 (November)

**Jude Bischoff**

- NMIFA "B" Coaching Diploma Course (July)
- FIFA International Player Transfer Course (August)

**Walter Benavente**

- AFC ACE Certificate in Child Safeguarding Course (July)
- 3rd AFC Grassroots Conference (November)

**Pavel Gubenko**

- Strength Training for Athletes (October)
- Speed and Power Development (December)

**Eun Sung Jang**

- FIFA Forward 3.0 Workshop (May 2023)

**Jill Espiritu**

- AFC Match Commissioner (Existing) Seminar

**Ashley Alcantara, Samantha Bautista**

- FIFA Digital Skills (Online)

**Samuel San Gil**

- AFC Match Commissioner (New) Seminar

**Ariya Cruz**

- AFC Football Technology Conference (August)

**Joshua Bamba**

- AFC Football Technology Conference (August)

**AFC Executive Committee (East Asian Region)**

GFA President Valentino San Gil

**AFC Entry Control Body** (Independent from other AFC bodies)

Atty. Danilo M. Rapadas - 1st Deputy Chairperson

**AFC Development Committee**

GFA President Valentino San Gil - Deputy Chairman

**AFC Finance Committee**

GFA Vice President George Lai

**AFC Marketing Committee**

GFA Vice President Tina Esteves

**AFC Media & Communications Committee**

GFA Head of Communications & Commercialization Jill Espiritu

**EAFF Executive Committee**

GFA President Valentino San Gil

**EAFF Organizing Committee**

GFA President Valentino San Gil - Chairman

**EAFF Finance Committee**

GFA Vice President George Lai

**EAFF Legal Committee**

Atty. Curtis Vandeveld

**EAFF Marketing Committee**

GFA General Secretary Joe Cepeda

**EAFF Disciplinary & Ethics Committee**

Atty. Danilo M. Rapadas

**EAFF Electoral Committee**

Atty. Danilo M. Rapadas - Deputy Chairman

**FIFA / AFC Match Commissioners**

Michael Bordallo, Jill Espiritu, Cheri Stewart, Robert Torres

**AFC Grassroots Panel**

GFA Executive Director Cheri Stewart



Several GFA staff members took part in development courses and workshops in 2024:

## **Cheri Stewart**

- AFC Coach Education Online Session (June)
- AFC Women's Football Online Session (June)
- AFC Grassroots Online Session (June)
- AFC Match Commissioner Seminar - Existing (August)

## **Ross Awa**

- FIFA Technical Leadership Diploma Course (continued)
- AFC Elite Youth Football Online Session (June)
- AFC Grassroots Online Session (June)
- AFC Coach Education Online Session (June)
- AFC Women's Football Online Session (June)
- AFC Emotions in Football Online Session (June)

## **Kristin Thompson**

- PFF "A" Coaching Diploma Course
- FIFA Regional Women's Football Workshop (July)
- EAFF Safeguarding Workshop (August)

## **Dominic Gadia**

- AFC Emotions in Football Online Session (June)

## **Kimberly Sherman**

- PFF "A" Coaching Diploma Course
- AFC Elite Youth Football Online Session (June)
- AFC Women's Football Online Session (June)
- AFC Emotions in Football Online Session (June)

## **Chyna Ramirez**

- AFC Women's Football Online Session (June)

## **Ralph Awa**

- NMIFA "B" Coaching Diploma Course
- 3rd AFC National Coaches Conference (May)

## **Jude Bischoff**

- NMIFA "B" Coaching Diploma Course (continued)

## **Dr. Nathaniel Berg**

- FIFA Medical Conference (Boston, Mass.)

## **Dr. Kelsey Kuehn**

- FIFA Medical Conference (Boston, Mass.)

## **Jill Espiritu**

- FIFA Competitions Management Workshop (August)  
*FIFA U20 Women's World Cup Colombia 2024™*

## **Pavel Gubenko**

- Conditioning (February)
- Evolution Training: Training Programming (August)

## **Jeroen Bos**

- GFA Goalkeeping Coaching Certificate (February)
- 3rd AFC National Coaches Conference (May)
- AFC Emotions in Football Online Session (June)

## **Josiah Jones**

- GFA Goalkeeping Coaching Certificate (February)

## **Samuel San Gil**

- AFC Professional Football Online Session (June)
- AFC Grassroots Online Session (June)

## **Walter Benavente**

- FIFA Safeguarding Diploma (ongoing)

## **George Stewart**

- AFC Referee Director Workshop (July)

## **Kyle Legozzie**

- FIFA Regional Instructors Course (May)



# STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Guam Football Association Activity Report  
2023 - 2024

GFA Executive Director Cheri Stewart and GFA Head of Communications and Commercialization received match official appointments in the first to third quarters of 2024. Espiritu and Stewart are the first from Guam to receive appointments for the final round of a FIFA World Cup tournament.

Espiritu completed her role as Match Coordinator at the FIFA U20 Women's World Cup Colombia 2024™ in Bogotá, Colombia, based at Estadio Nemesio Camacho El Campin. The tournament's main stadium, known more as "El Campin" featured the tournament's opening match and opening ceremony, as well as the third-place and final matches and their respective awards ceremonies. In the final, DPR Korea defeated Japan 1-0.

Stewart will travel to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in October for the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup Dominican Republic 2024™ and will serve as a tournament Match Commissioner.

## Cheri Stewart

- Match Commissioner, FIFA U17 Women's World Cup Dominican Republic 2024™ in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- Match Commissioner, AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2024™ Final in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

## Jill Espiritu

- Match Coordinator, FIFA U20 Women's World Cup Colombia 2024™ in Bogotá, Colombia (August-September 2024)
- Match Commissioner, FIFA World Cup 26 Qualifiers of the Asian Zone: Korea Republic vs Thailand in Seoul, Korea Republic (March 2024)
- Match Commissioner, AFC Women's Club Championship Pilot Tournament Final: Urawa Red Diamond Ladies vs Hyundai Steel Red Angels in Saitama, Japan (May 2024)







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