

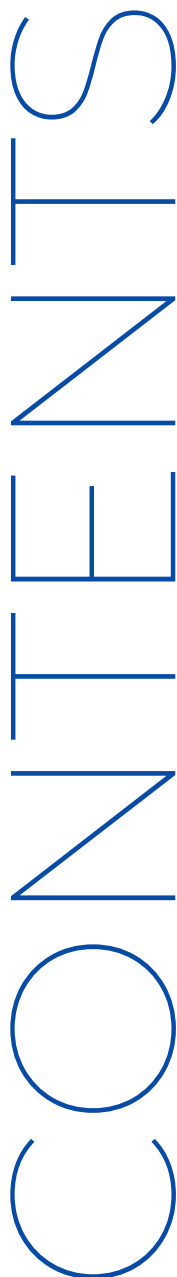
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the inaugural strategic plan of my tenure draws to a close, the Football Federation of Belize is poised to unveil a fresh strategic trajectory for the upcoming year. The federation has ample cause for celebration as its commendable achievements have attested to its resilience and unyielding determination in realizing shared objectives.

Despite the obstacles imposed by the pandemic, the federation refused to yield and promptly resumed football activities across Belize. Competitions were conducted throughout the country for both male and female players, underscoring the federation's unwavering commitment to the beautiful game. The recommencement of the Premiere League of Belize and the National Amateur Women's League were salient milestones in Belizean football. Moreover, the federation accorded priority to capacity building for coaches, referees, and officials at all levels. It allocated the requisite resources to furnish training programs nationwide and to recruit new referees and officials to fortify the football fraternity.

The year 2022 bore witness to several unprecedented events for football in Belize, including the remarkable qualification of Verdes Football Club to the second round of the CONCACAF League and the inauguration of the Football for School initiative. A tripartite collaboration involving the FFB, Ministry of Sport, and Belize Tourism Board saw the construction of the first artificial turf in Belize City was also a momentous feat.

The introduction of the first student-athlete program was another landmark event, enabling the federation to enlist a professional agency firm to identify and provide football scholarship opportunities to aspiring football athletes. The federation successfully dispatched 22 athletes to pursue tertiary education in the United States while concurrently engaging in a professional football program to enhance their abilities - an investment that will eventually accrue benefits for the national team programs.

The apex of 2022 was the visit of FIFA President Gianni Infantino, who was accompanied by a retinue of football greats and legends. The Belizean Football Family warmly embraced the President and accorded him an unforgettable experience. He commended the federation for its accomplishments and judicious use of the funds and resources bestowed by FIFA.

With the finalization of the bleacher rehabilitation project and the formulation of a comprehensive design and master plan for the FFB Headquarters, the federation continues to expend resources on enhancing its headquarters and training facilities. The federation is appreciative of the diligence and commitment exhibited by its secretariat and district offices.

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the extended football family for their vital role in the metamorphosis of football in our nation. The federation pledges that the labor and sacrifices made will result in boundless and indelible rewards for football in Belize in the near future.



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

At the beginning of the year 2022 there was renewed zeal, despite the challenges of the previous years with the pandemic, to get football playing in all areas of our country and to compete on the international stage. This enthusiasm was met by the Competitions Department to get the amateurs' competition started as early as January 2022 in the southern district of our country and by March the entire country was in full swing playing football again. We took full advantage of the urgent need of addressing the sporting vacuum that the pandemic had created and used it to our advantage for the betterment of football players. Not only were we active on the local scene but on the international scene as well. Our National Teams male and female; boys and girls also traveled around Central America competing in UNCAF and CONCACAF Tournaments, and by the close of 2022, we have demonstrated our unifying power to bring our people of different ethnic, religious and social backgrounds together and provide more opportunities for both locally and internationally for our players. It is our signature achievement that over twenty players were given scholarships to study and train at educational institutions in the United States of America. Even, our government Ministry of Education came onboard in assisting our football players with financial assistance for school expenses.

The FIFA Football for Schools projects launched in August with the collaboration of the Ministry of Education is a testament to our belief that football can create a lasting legacy for our children in this country and it has the ability to support social change in the development of our young people. Immediately after the launch of the project, we were embraced by a visit of FIFA President Infantino who reiterated FIFA's continuous support for the Football Federation of Belize. This visit served to strengthen our relationship locally and internationally.

The year 2022 has seen the completion of our bleacher's rehabilitation project and the purchase of some 27 acres of land from Recondex, this has tremendously increased our asset base and at the same time cleared the way to move forward with the project for a comprehensive design of the complete layout of the property by VIVIDARCH architectural firm. FFB, under the guidance of President Chuc and his Executive members, was able to make all these achievements through good governance and strict financial control of the funds entrusted to us under the FIFA Forward Development Programme. It must be mentioned that once again, for the fourth year in a row, our auditor has given an "Unqualified" Audit report which reflects proper management of the funds.

The successes we have seen in 2022 has been a product of much hard work by our FFB dedicated team. However, many challenges lie ahead so we cannot sit idly, but must seize the time and work even harder with the guidance of our Creator in advancing football in our country.



NATIONAL TEAM ACTIVITES

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The Football Federation of Belize remains steadfast in its dedication to promoting the growth and development of football at every level of the game. Over the years, the FFB has implemented a range of developmental programs and national team activities, which have had a profound impact on the performance of the national team. Through this focused and sustained approach, the FFB has been able to unlock previously untapped potential, elevating the quality of football across Belize.

Despite its remarkable achievements, the FFB is fully cognizant of the fact that its work is far from complete. In keeping with this mindset, the organization has continued to invest heavily in a variety of developmental programs, aimed at providing aspiring young players with the tools and skills they need to excel on the pitch. Furthermore, the FFB has been actively engaging in a range of national team activities, with a view to fostering team cohesion and improving overall performance levels.

As a result of these ongoing efforts, there has been a significant increase in the number of international tournaments in which the FFB participates. This is a testament to the tireless work of the FFB, and underscores the organization's commitment to excellence in all aspects of football development. Moving forward, the FFB is committed to building on these successes, and to ensuring that Belize continues to be recognized as a footballing powerhouse in the region and beyond.

UNCAF U19 Men's Championship

Belize had the privilege of hosting the prestigious UNCAF Central American Under 19 Male Championships in 2022, a highly anticipated sporting event that spanned from April 24th to April 30th. This championship event, which showcases the brightest young football talents in Central America, was a true testament to the nation's commitment to advancing sports culture and elevating the athletic achievements of the region.

Eight nations, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Panama, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Puerto Rico, brought their most promising young football players to participate in the championship. Each team arrived with the utmost determination to emerge victorious in the tournament and gain recognition on the world stage.

Belize 2-2 Nicaragua
Belize 1-5 El Salvador
Belize 0-2 Honduras
Belize 1-2 Puerto Rico

Concacaf



Belize 0-6 El Salvador
Belize 0-8 Panama
Belize 1-1 Aruba
Belize 3-0 Barbados



U15 GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP, COSTA RICA

Belize 0-7 El Salvador
Belize 0-10 Dominican Republic
Belize 0-5 Nicaragua



Concacaf
GIRLS' UNDER-15
CHAMPIONSHIP

CONCACAF U15 GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP TAMPA, FLORIDA



Belize 3-1 Anguilla
Belize 0-3 Martinique
Belize 0-1 Bermuda
Belize 0-2 Virgin Islands



Concacaf
**UNDER-17
CHAMPIONSHIP**



Belize 1-1 Antigua and Barbuda
Belize 0-3 Nicaragua
Belize 0-2 Turks and Caicos



Belize 0-2 Dominican Republic
Belize 0-2 Guatemala
Belize 1-1 French Guiana





ELITE CHAMPIONSHIP

On July 29th, 2022, the Football Federation of Belize proudly announced the official launch of the highly anticipated 2022 edition of the National Elite U13 Boys Championship. This tournament, which spanned over the course of 7 weeks, was specifically designed to foster the growth and development of young football players in Belize. It was also intended to serve as a critical component in the selection process for the formation of a pool of 40 exceptional boys, who now represent a part of the Football Federation of Belize's National Team Development Program.

Throughout the tournament, the young players showcased their exceptional talent, skill, and passion for the sport. Each game was highly competitive and exciting, with the participants demonstrating their dedication to improving their skills and proving their worth to the coaches and scouts in attendance.

In the end, Belize City Elite emerged as the tournament champions, after a thrilling 5-2 victory against Cayo. This team demonstrated exceptional teamwork, strategy, and determination, showcasing their ability to play at the highest level of competition. The team's achievement was a testament to their dedication, as well as the incredible talent and depth of young football players in Belize.

The Football Federation of Belize extends its congratulations to Belize City Elite on their impressive victory in the National Elite U13 Boys Championship. Their success is a testament to the power of hard work, dedication, and talent, and they now serve as a shining example for young football players across the nation.

Participating Regions are:

1. Stann Creek Elite
2. Toledo Elite
3. Cayo Elite
4. Benque Viejo Elite
5. Mid-South Elite

1. Corozal Elite
2. Orange Walk Elite
3. Belize Elite
4. San Pedro Elite
5. Belmopan Elite

INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS

Best Goalkeeper Shane Vernon
Belize U13

Best Defense Deon Meighan
Belize U13

Most Goals Marlon Meza
Cayo U13

MVP Barrack Morey
Belize U13

Best Forward Marlon Meza
Cayo U13

Best Midfielder Barrack Morey
Belize U13



Total Participation
220 Boys

U13 GIRLS ELITE CHAMPIONSHIP

On October 15th, 2022, the Football Federation of Belize proudly announced the launch of the inaugural National U13 Girls Elite Championship, a momentous occasion for football in the nation. This championship is the first of its kind in Belize and is aimed at fostering the development of young female football players across the country.

The tournament is specifically designed to identify and nurture talent, ultimately leading to the selection of 40 exceptional girls who will join the Football Federation of Belize's National Team Development Program. This program is intended to serve as a platform for the continued growth and development of the nation's most promising young football players.

The National U13 Girls Elite Championship has already generated a great deal of excitement and anticipation throughout the football community in Belize. The competition promises to be highly competitive, with the participants showcasing their skills, teamwork, and passion for the sport. It is a critical opportunity for young female football players in Belize to gain recognition, develop their skills, and take their game to the next level.

The Football Federation of Belize is committed to supporting the growth and development of football in the nation, and the launch of the National U13 Girls Elite Championship is a testament to this commitment. The championship is a critical step forward in fostering a culture of excellence in female football, and the Football Federation of Belize is proud to lead this important initiative.

CHAMPIONS

MID-SOUTH U13 GIRLS ELITE



SUB CHAMPIONS

CAYO U13 GIRLS ELITE



INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- ▶ Best Goalkeeper – Marika Charlie (Mid-South U13);
- ▶ MVP – Deborah Gordon (Mid-South U13);
- ▶ Best Forward – Unique Green (Mid-South U13);
- ▶ Best Defense – Marcelie Mar (Cayo U13);
- ▶ Most Goals – Aneeke Meza (Cayo U13)
- ▶ Best Midfielder – Jahxann Waight (Cayo U13).



(l to r) Best Forward - Unique Green; Best Goalie - Marika Charlie; MVP - Deborah Gordon

U17 Elite Championship

On January 15th, 2022, the Football Federation of Belize announced the official launch of the highly anticipated U17 Men and Women's Elite tournaments. These tournaments were specifically designed to showcase the exceptional talent and skills of young football players in Belize and to provide a platform for their continued growth and development.

In the U17 Men's Elite tournament, a total of 10 regions participated, including Corozal, Orange Walk, San Pedro, Belize, and Belmopan, who formed group A. The other regions, namely Benque Viejo, Cayo, Stann Creek, Mid-South, and Toledo, formed part of group B. The competition was highly competitive, with each team showcasing their exceptional skills, strategy, and teamwork.

The U17 Women's Elite tournament also saw significant participation, with Corozal, Belize, Stann Creek, Toledo, and Belmopan all represented. The women's tournament was a critical opportunity for young female football players to gain recognition, showcase their skills, and take their game to the next level.

Both tournaments were highly successful, providing a platform for young football players to showcase their skills and passion for the sport. The Football Federation of Belize is committed to supporting the growth and development of football in the nation, and the U17 Men and Women's Elite tournaments are just one of the many initiatives aimed at achieving this goal.



2022 CHAMPIONS



BELIZE ELITE



STANN CREEK ELITE



U20 Elite Championship

The U20 Men and Women's Elite tournaments were a momentous occasion for the Football Federation of Belize, marking a significant step in the development of football in the country. The tournaments provided a valuable platform for young players to showcase their skills and compete at a high level, which is crucial in the development of young talent.

Throughout the tournaments, the teams displayed remarkable athleticism, discipline, and teamwork, with each match offering a thrilling display of talent and sportsmanship. Players from various regions across the country came together, representing their communities and showcasing the diversity of football in Belize.

The tournaments' success also reflected the commitment of the Football Federation of Belize to the growth and development of the sport in the country. The federation has been working tirelessly to provide opportunities for young players to develop their skills and achieve their full potential. By creating such competitive tournaments, the federation has provided a pathway for young players to showcase their skills and potentially pursue a career in football.

Overall, the U20 Men and Women's Elite tournaments were a resounding success, with the participating teams and players displaying outstanding talent, sportsmanship, and dedication. It is hoped that such tournaments will continue to be organized in the future, providing young footballers with the chance to compete at a high level and contribute to the development of football in Belize.

STANN CREEK ELITE



BELMOPAN ELITE



REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

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With an increase of competitions across the country of Belize, the FFB is providing more opportunities to foster the growth and development of football at all levels.





On Saturday, October 8th, 2022, the Football Federation of Belize, in collaboration with the Belize Tourism Board, launched the highly anticipated Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup in Hopkins Village. The tournament saw the participation of six teams from across the country, including Corozal FC from Corozal, BDFA City Rookies from Belize, Hopkins Ibayani from Hopkins, Griga United from Dangriga, Cayo Selection from Cayo, and Christ Warriors Seine Bight from Stann Creek district.

The Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup is the premier event for beach soccer clubs organized by the Football Federation of Belize. The tournament served as an excellent opportunity to identify and recruit talented players for the 2023 National Beach Soccer team. The competition format was round-robin, and it ran for a period of seven weeks, culminating in a highly anticipated final match on December 3rd, 2022.

After weeks of intense competition, Hopkins Ibayani emerged as the champions of the Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup. The team showed remarkable skill and sportsmanship throughout the tournament, and their success is a testament to the excellent development of beach soccer in Belize. The Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup was a significant milestone for the Football Federation of Belize, as it provided a unique platform for the growth and development of beach soccer in the country.





TRAVEL BELIZE BEACH SOCCER CUP Final Game Results

Saturday, December 3, 2022

TBBSC	G1	Venue: Hopkins Third Place Match	
Time:	1:00pm	Christ Warriors Seine Bight	Vs Corozal FC
	Goal	8	2
	Goal Scorer	Jaheim Mena Min 1, 2, 8, 27, 32 Valeak Valerio Min 9, 20 Kenyon Martinez Min 14	Jervis Ara Min 10 Angel Guitierrez Min 30

TBBSC	G2	Venue: Hopkins Championship Match	
Time:	2:30pm	Hopkins Ibayani	Vs Griga United
	Goal	1	0
	Goal Scorer	Isanie Valentine Min 14	-

AWARDEES

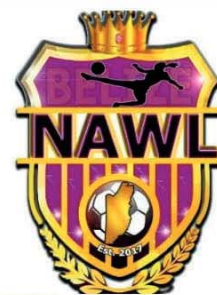
1. Most Valuable Player: Isanie Valentine (Hopkins Ibayani)
2. Lincoln Lopez: Best Goalkeeper (Hopkins Ibayani)
3. Best Coach: Franz Nunez (Hopkins Ibayani)
4. Top Scorers: Evan Mariano (Griga United) & Jaheim Mena (Christ Warriors Seine Bight)
5. 4th Place: Corozal FC
6. 3rd Place: Christ Warriors FC
7. Sub-Champion: Griga United
8. Champion: Hopkins Ibayani

The Football Federation of Belize President and Executive takes this opportunity to thank the Belize Tourism Board (BTB), clubs and players for a successful Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup.



National Amateur Women's League Championship

Game Results



FINALS OPENING SEASON

Wk.14, Saturday, July 9, 2022

NAWL	A	Venue: FFB Stadium		
Time:	6:00pm	San Pedro Pirates	Vs	Sagitun Girlz
Regular time Goal		2		4
Goal scorer		Elva Nunez (24min) Tamara Baptist (38min)		Jurshia Zuniga (11,70,90+min) Pauline Linarez (79min) pk

NAWL	B	Venue: FFB Stadium		
Time:	4:00pm	Bay City FC	Vs	Wagiya United SC
Goal		2		1
Goal Scorer		Kaite Jones (5min) Aliyah Herbert (12min)		Taryne Arnold (88min)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Category	NAWL B	Club
1 Best Coach	Jose Mai	Bay City FC
2 Best Manager	Rachel Moss	Wagiya United SC
3 Fair Play Award	Wagiya United SC	Wagiya United SC
4 Best Goalkeeper	Zidenny Loria	Bay City FC
5 Best Defense	Shadette Lino	Wagiya United SC
6 Most Goals	Anahie Blanco	Bay City FC
7 MVP	Darina Tzul	Bay City FC
8 Best Forward	Anahie Blanco	Bay City FC
9 Best Midfielder	Nora Ramirez	Bay City FC
10 Best Young Player	Alisha Alvarez	Wagiya United SC

Category	NAWL A	Club
1 Best Coach	Jonathan Hooper	San Pedro Pirates
2 Best Manager	Miguel Gongora	Jewel Fury
3 Fair Play Award	Jewel Fury	Jewel Fury
4 Best Goalkeeper	Dennisa Mairena	San Pedro Pirates
5 Best Defense	Jesselle Conorque	Jewel Fury
6 Most Goals	Khalydia Velasquez	Jewel Fury
7 MVP	Sabrina Eiley	Sagitun Girlz
8 Best Forward	Tamara Baptist	San Pedro Pirates
9 Best Midfielder	Olivia DaCosta	San Pedro Pirates
10 Best Young Player	Elva Nunez	San Pedro Pirates

Congratulations to Sagitun Girlz, Champ of NAWL A and Bay City FC, Champ of NAWL B. from FFB President Mr. Segio Chuc, the Executive Committee and the entire FFB football family.



Individual Awards NAWL A

Category	Player	Club
1 BEST GOALKEEPER	SHALINI ZABANEH	SAGITUN GIRLZ
2 BEST DEFENSE	DIANA VEGA	SAGITUN GIRLZ
3 MOST GOALS	JURSHA ZUNIGA JESSIE McLAUGHLIN	SAGITUN GIRLZ VERDES REBELS
4 MVP	JURSHA ZUNIGA	SAGITUN GIRLZ
5 BEST MIDFIELDER	OLIVIA DaCOSTA	SAGITUN GIRLZ
6 BEST YOUNG PLAYER	GABRIELA MENDOZA	SAGITUN GIRLZ
7 BEST MANAGER	JESSICA QUINTERO	VERDES REBELS
8 BEST COACH	WAYNE CASIMIRO	VERDES REBELS
9 BEST FORWARD	JESSIE McLAUGHLIN	VERDES REBELS
5 FAIR PLAY AWARD	RUMBERAS FC	RUMBERAS FC



Individual Awards NAWL B

	Category	Player	Club
1	BEST GOALKEEPER	JASLYN CADLE	GUARDIAN FC
2	MVP	SHAYAMMA CALIZ	GUARDIAN FC
3	BEST FORWARD	SHANAY NASARIO	GUARDIAN FC
4	BEST DEFENSE	SARAH ARZU	GUARDIAN FC
5	MOST GOALS	GIANNI GOMEZ	GUARDIAN FC
6	BEST MIDFIELDER	SHAYAMMA CALIZ	GUARDIAN FC
5	BEST COACH	ADGAR ADDERLY	GUARDIAN FC
5	BEST MANAGER	NORELLI CRUZ	GUARDIAN FC
5	FAIR PLAY AWARD	NAPOLES FC	NAPOLES FC
5	BEST YOUNG PLAYER	JANIA ARNOLD	CAYO DREAMERS

NAWLA

Participating Regions

NAWL B



NATIONAL BANK OF BELIZE

Amateur Interdistrict Competition



National Bank of Belize



National Bank of Belize

The National Bank of Belize Amateur Interdistrict Competition, previously known as NAIC, kicked off its season on June 26th, 2022. The tournament featured a total of 20 first-division clubs from various regions across Belize. The competition followed a knockout format and included the champions and/or sub-champions from the amateur tournaments held in different regions.

The participating teams were from different regions, including the Corozal Football Association 1st Division Tournament, Orange Walk Football Association 1st Division Tournament, Belize City 1st Division, San Pedro Sporting Committee Copa San Pedro, Belmopan Football Association 1st Division Tournament, Cayo Football Association 1st Division Tournament, Benque Sporting Committee Football Tournament, Stann Creek Football Association 1st Division Tournament, Independence Village Sporting Committee Banana League Competition, and Toledo Football Association 1st Division Tournament.

The National Bank of Belize Amateur Interdistrict Competition provided an excellent opportunity for the clubs to showcase their talent and compete at a higher level. The tournament also played a crucial role in the development of football in the country by offering a platform for young and upcoming players to hone their skills. The National Bank of Belize Amateur Interdistrict Competition concluded on November 20th, 2022, with a nail-biting final, and the champions were crowned amidst much excitement and fanfare.

PARTICIPATING CLUBS

1. Corozal United Ballers (CZL)
2. Libertadores FC (CZL)
3. Silver Creek FC (TOL)
4. Mavericks FC (TOL)
5. ZBoys (BV)
6. Benque Viejo Verdes Jrs. (BV)
7. Club Atletico (BMP)
8. Galacticos (BMP)
9. Caribbean Rum Boys (OW)
10. Progreso FC (OW)
11. Kelly Street Bombers (BZ)
12. Lake I FC (BZ)
13. Jokers FC (SP)
14. Conquerors FC (SP)
15. Hopkins Ibayani FC (SC)
16. Griga Conquerors FC (SC)
17. Bamba's FC (MS)
18. Bella Vista FC (MS)
19. Flames FC (CY)
20. Santa Elena Royal United (CY)





- Best Coach Kareem Haylock
- Fair play Progresso Fc
- Best Goalkeeper Ryan Saravia
- Best defense Evan Mariano
- Most Goals Wilfredo Galvez
- MVP Curtis Valerio
- Best Forward Harrison Roches
- Best midfielder Clinton Logan

PREMEIR LEAGUE OF BELIZE



On June 2nd, 2022, the Premier League of Belize held its 7th Ordinary Congress, marking an important milestone for the organization. During the Congress, a new Executive Committee was elected, led by the reelected President, Ian Haylock. The Executive Committee includes Godfrey Arzu as the Vice President, Karol Maldonado Claros as the Female Executive Member, Lorin Fraser as the Executive Member, and Jordan as the Executive Member.

The Premier League of Belize has been a driving force behind the development of football in the country, providing a competitive platform for talented football players to showcase their skills and compete at the highest level. The League has been instrumental in promoting the sport and attracting young talent from across Belize, while also providing a source of entertainment for football fans.

The new Executive Committee brings together a diverse group of individuals with different backgrounds and expertise to steer the organization forward. Their combined skills and experience will be critical in driving the League's agenda and ensuring its continued success. With this new leadership, the Premier League of Belize is well-positioned to continue its mission of promoting the growth and development of football in Belize.




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WEEK 13 OPENING SEASON

POS	TEAMS	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	FORM
1		14	10	2	2	22	10	12	32	W D W D W
2		14	7	6	1	24	9	15	27	L D D W W
3		14	6	5	3	20	13	7	23	W W D D D
4		14	4	6	4	12	12	0	18	L D W D D
5		14	4	4	6	14	16	-2	16	W D L D W
6		14	5	1	8	17	20	-3	16	L W L W L
7		14	4	2	8	15	23	-8	14	W L L L L
8		14	2	2	10	11	32	-21	8	L L W L L

26 Hummingbird Highway, Ground Floor FFB Headquarters | Belmopan City, Belize C.A.

Congratulations to Altitude, the Champions of the Premier League of Belize's Opening Season! The tournament, which started on July 30th, 2022, saw the participation of eight clubs from across the country, each competing for the prestigious title.

Altitude's victory in the Opening Season is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and exceptional skills. The team displayed outstanding performances throughout the tournament, showcasing their talent and proving themselves as one of the best teams in the country.

The Premier League of Belize's Opening Season was a major milestone for football in the country, providing a platform for young and talented players to showcase their skills and compete at the highest level. The tournament saw the participation of some of the best football clubs from across Belize, each bringing their unique playing style and strategy to the pitch.

The Football Federation of Belize congratulates Altitude on their well-deserved victory and commends all the clubs for their outstanding performances throughout the tournament. We look forward to the upcoming seasons of the Premier League of Belize, which promises to be just as exciting and competitive as the Opening Season.



GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES

The Football Federation of Belize has made remarkable strides in advancing the skill set and knowledge base of its stakeholders, as evidenced by the successful series of training sessions and workshops held throughout the year. These initiatives were specifically aimed at enhancing the capacity-building of the FFB's stakeholders, with a view to achieving the organization's strategic objectives.

Among the notable events organized by the FFB was a stakeholder analysis workshop, which proved to be an instrumental platform for soliciting direct input from stakeholders in the creation of the FFB strategic plan for the period 2023-2026. During this workshop, stakeholders from diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise came together to combine their knowledge and experiences, culminating in a master plan that effectively captures the collective vision and mission of the FFB.

In a remarkable display of collaboration and shared vision, the stakeholders worked tirelessly to develop a new mission and vision for the FFB, which is now poised to chart a new course toward greater success and achievement in the years ahead. Through these initiatives, the FFB has once again demonstrated its unwavering commitment to capacity-building, stakeholder engagement, and the pursuit of excellence in all its endeavors.



**"COMMITTED TO BEING THE PRE-EMINENT FOOTBALL ORGANIZATION
IN THE REGION WITH THE INCLUSION OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS"**

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

In the year 2022, a remarkable achievement was witnessed with the completion of the FFB Stadium's bleachers rehabilitation project. The extensive renovation of the bleachers has resulted in an impressive seating capacity of 3500, which provides an exciting and comfortable viewing experience for spectators.

Moreover, the refurbished bleachers have been designed with the utmost attention to convenience and accessibility, ensuring that all members of the community, regardless of their physical abilities, can enjoy the spectacle of the game. To this end, concession rooms, as well as male and female bathrooms, have been integrated into the structure, adding to the overall comfort and convenience of visitors.

The completion of this project is a testament to the dedication and commitment of all stakeholders involved in the process. It stands as a shining example of what can be achieved through hard work, determination, and a commitment to delivering excellence. The FFB Stadium's bleachers rehabilitation project has set a new standard for sports infrastructure and provides a solid foundation for future developments in this field.

In 2022, the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) achieved another milestone in its efforts to develop football infrastructure in the country. The FFB signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Sports and the Ministry of Tourism in a tri-partied agreement to undertake the construction and rehabilitation of the Berger community football facility in Belize City.

Through this partnership, the FFB has overseen the construction of the first-ever synthetic football pitch in Belize City. This state-of-the-art facility is specifically designed to cater to the needs of youth programs and tournaments organized by the FFB. The synthetic pitch offers a host of advantages over traditional grass pitches, including enhanced durability, improved safety, and reduced maintenance costs.

This project stands as a testament to the FFB's unwavering commitment to the development of football at the grassroots level. By providing young footballers with access to top-quality infrastructure, the FFB is creating a pathway for the development of future generations of football talent in Belize.

The partnership between the FFB and the Ministry of Sports and the Ministry of Tourism underscores the importance of collaboration in driving sustainable development in sports. It represents a significant step forward in Belize's efforts to establish itself as a hub for football development in the region.



A SYNTHETIC TURF FOR SAN IGNACIO

On 26 April 2019 an MOU was signed between the Football Federation of Belize and the Santa Elena & San Ignacio Town Council to build a five-sided football pitch in the Santa Elena area of the twin city. The purpose of the pitch was to create opportunities for players, coaches, referees, and volunteers to undergo training to improve their skills/knowledge of football in an effort to increase the care of skilled and trained personnel to develop the sport of football. FFB invested \$115,903.42 with the understanding that FFB would have 20 years of priority use of the pitch and share the expenses for the lighting of the pitch. On 8 January 2022, the pitch known as Falcon Field was formally inaugurated with a match played between the San Ignacio & Santa Elena Town Council and the FFB Secretariat Staff.



TECHNICAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES





President Sergio Chuc and the Football Federation of Belize congratulate the Technical Director Phillip Marin, Head of Coaching Jonathan Hooper, Coach Educator Marvin Ottley and Coach Dale Pelayo for successfully completing their CONCACAF B License.

May 3rd, 2022

February 21st, 2022 and May 3rd



The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) conducted the Concacaf C Licensee course, which aimed to enhance the coaching skills of aspiring coaches in Belize. Facilitated by the FFB Technical Director Philip Marin, Head of Coaching Education Johnathan Hooper, Coach Marvin Ottley, and Coach Dale Pelayo, the course was supervised by CONCACAF mentor Neal Ellis from the USA. The course was divided into three modules, and a total of 27 coaches from various parts of Belize participated in module 1, which took place earlier in the year. In May, module 2 was carried out with 20 coaches, and module three concluded in December with 15 coaches. The course provided an opportunity for the development of coaches' competencies to coach at the youth, amateur, and the highest level in Belize, ensuring that Belizean football continues to grow and flourish in the future.



CONCACAF C LICENSE



CONCACAF B LICENSE MODULE 1 AND 2

The Concacaf B License is designed to enhance the competencies of coaches who are engaged in coaching in Belize. The course is designed to enhance the coaches' knowledge and skills in coaching techniques, player development, and tactical analysis.

Module one of the course was launched on August 9th, 2022, and saw the participation of 20 coaches from different parts of Belize. The course was led by experienced coach educators who provided valuable insights and training to the participants.

Module two of the course was carried out in October and was facilitated by Coach Educators Neal Ellis from the USA, Rajesh Latchoo from Trinidad & Tobago, and Technical Director for the FFB, Philip Marin. This module continued to build on the concepts and techniques covered in module one and focused on topics such as developing a team's style of play, creating effective training sessions, and improving players' decision-making abilities.

The participation of 17 coaches in module two demonstrates the growing interest in coaching education and development in Belize. The FFB remains committed to providing opportunities for coaches to improve their skills and knowledge through various courses and workshops.



FOOTBALL FEDERATION OF BELIZE D LICENSE

In response to the growing demand for licensed coaches in Belize, the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) has taken significant strides in facilitating the professional development of coaches across the country. Throughout the year, the FFB has organized and conducted various licensing courses in different regions, aimed at building the technical capacity of coaches at different levels.

In March, the FFB launched its D License program, which saw the participation of 30 coaches from across Belize. The course was designed to equip coaches with the necessary skills and knowledge to coach at the youth, amateur and professional levels. The FFB also recognized the need for localized training and, as such, conducted the D License course in Cayo, San Pedro, and Orange Walk in August, October, and November, respectively. Each of these courses saw the participation of 15 coaches from the respective regions.

The FFB's commitment to the professional development of coaches has not only created new opportunities for aspiring coaches but has also helped to raise the quality of coaching across the country. By providing coaches with the tools and resources needed to succeed, the FFB is helping to ensure that the sport of football in Belize continues to grow and thrive.



CONCACAF GENERATION AMAZING



The Generation Amazing Foundation (GAF) represents the pinnacle of human and social legacy programs associated with the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 and Concacaf. It seeks to empower Concacaf Member Associations by equipping them with the tools and resources needed to refine their grassroots coach education curriculums. This, in turn, enables local coaches to develop the necessary skills required to deliver entertaining, secure and stimulating football sessions for youths within their communities, thereby promoting the growth of football at the grassroots level.

It is with great pride that we announce the successful soft launch of Generation Amazing. On October 25, a cohort of 25 coach educators participated in this initiative, heralding the beginning of a new chapter in the promotion of football at the grassroots level. This marks a significant milestone in our journey towards a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable future for football, in which every aspiring coach can access the education and training they require to succeed.

FOOTBALL FOR SCHOOLS



The Football Federation of Belize had the esteemed opportunity to welcome Fatimata Sow Sidibe, the Director of Football for Schools, for the launch of an innovative program that aims to enrich the education and empowerment of children through football. The program was officially inaugurated on August 15th, 2022, with 30 teacher-coach educators hailing from different parts of the country of Belize in attendance.

The program has been designed to cater to the holistic development of children through football and offers a unique avenue to enrich their cognitive, social, and physical capabilities. This program provides ample opportunities for children to hone their football skills, enhance their teamwork and leadership abilities, and develop a strong sense of discipline and sportsmanship. A football festival was held on August 17th, 2022, where over 100 children from different regions of Belize enthusiastically participated. The festival proved to be a perfect platform for the children to showcase their newly acquired football skills and build their confidence through healthy competition.



The Football Federation of Belize is committed to promoting football as a catalyst for the overall growth and development of children in the country. This program is a step towards realizing that vision and creating a brighter future for the youth of Belize.



REFEREE DEPARTMENT



The Referee's Department has implemented a range of strategies to enhance the performance of referees across all categories. One such initiative is the introduction of weekly virtual sessions, which have proven to be highly effective in helping referees identify areas for improvement and enhance their overall performance.

These virtual sessions provide referees with a valuable opportunity to review and assess past top league matches through video analysis, with a view to identifying areas where they can enhance their performance. This process helps referees develop a deeper understanding of the intricacies of the game and allows them to hone their skills and knowledge.

In addition to video analysis, the weekly virtual sessions include trivia sessions designed to keep referees abreast of the latest laws of the game and correct interpretations. These trivia sessions provide an engaging platform for referees to stay up-to-date with the latest developments and reinforce their knowledge of the rules of the game.

The Referee's Department's commitment to providing ongoing training and support to referees is a testament to its dedication to promoting fairness and integrity in the game. By investing in the development of referees across all categories, the department is playing a critical role in fostering a culture of excellence and professionalism in the sport. Other strategies being implemented are monthly physical trainings. Other strategies are the Referees in Projection as well as numerous fitness test conducted throughout the year.



2023

Referee Award Ceremony

On Friday December 16th, 2022, the Football Federation of Belize held a Referee Recognition Awards Ceremony in honor of top performing referees.

Referees

1. Efren Fermin Guy- Referee
2. Teedi Gomez- Female Referee
3. Amir Juaquin Castilla-Referee
4. Juan Carlos Alas Sr.- Referee
5. Victor Luis Caliz- Referee
6. Robert Cucul- Assistant Referee
7. Ricardo Daniel Ake- Assistant Referee
8. Soneida Teul- Female Referee
9. Andy Fermin Albano- Referee
10. Philip Leslie- Referee
11. Ever Alfredo Corado- Referee
12. Maclovio Ack- Referee
13. Wilson Perez- Assistant Referee
14. Thierry Gallego- Assistant Referee
15. Juan Jose Gerardo Colindres- Assistant Referee

Coordinators

1. Jamael Kelter Pop
2. Louis Peter Lucas



REFEREE ASSISTANT PROGRAM



On November 8th, 2022, the Football Federation of Belize completed its Referee Assistance Program with the participation of 13 Referees and 12 Assistant Referees from across the country of Belize.

Instructors for this course were FIFA Technical refereeing instructor Victor Stewart (JAM), FIFA Fitness instructor Kelesha Antoine (ANT) and FIFA/Concacaf Technical refereeing instructor – RDO – John Pitti (PAN). Assisting them during the course was also our Referee's Director Eugene Contreras and FFB Referee Instructors David Henry Jones and Abner Alvarez. While the course is aimed at updating Referees on the Laws of the Game, improving their interpretation of the Laws of the game for better officiating and Improve in their daily physical training activities, a crucial component of the course is also the fitness test.

The Football Federation of Belize and the Referee Department takes this opportunity to highlight and congratulate the 10 participants were able to pass the fitness test conducted on Saturday October 28th, 2022 at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan.

The Football Federation of Belize takes this opportunity to give recognition to our Referees and Match officials that play a very important role in this game we all love. We express our commitment to continue investing in the development of our Referees and Match Officials to continue improving all facets of the sport.



COMMERCIAL AND MARKETING ACTIVITIES

The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) has achieved significant milestones in its marketing and communications initiatives in 2022. One of the major accomplishments of the year was the production of a professional video of the President's end-of-year remarks. This was done in-house and did not incur any additional expenses for the FFB. Additionally, the federation planned and executed a referee award ceremony, which was live-streamed at no cost to the FFB.

The FFB Marketing and Communication department initiated negotiations for sponsorship deals, including an agreement with TNC for sponsorship inclusive of internet and cable. The federation also partnered with BTB for the Travel Belize Beach Soccer Cup, securing a 15 thousand dollars sponsorship as well as sponsorship from BTB to FFB for the UNCAF 19 Men's Tournament earlier in the year.

The Marketing and Communication department successfully negotiated a no-cost streaming deal for the U13 Elite Male Championships on TNC as well as the finals for all FFB tournaments in 2022.

Other major events of the year which were planned and coordinated by the Marketing Director and the Finance director were the visit of the FIFA President in September 2022 and the football for schools launch. Both these events were featured widely by local media in Belize as well as internationally by FIFA.

During the year the FFB planned and coordinated a student-athlete ceremony and secured plane tickets through private donors. Another sponsorship in 2022 included the 18 thousand-dollar sponsorship deal with NBB for the National Amateur Inter-District Tournament which was then renamed to the National Bank of Belize Amateur Interdistrict competition.

The FFB's media officer traveled with the Women's A team, coordinating all press conferences and promotions for the senior female A team. Other press conference were also planned and coordinated throughout the year.

Furthermore, the FFB Marketing and communications director made efforts to coordinate Olympic day activities, and negotiate a sponsorship deal with the Belize Tourism Board for possible partnerships with BTB for the senior men's team which will amount to a dollar value of over three hundred thousand dollars (pending signing of MOU).

Negotiations were done with Channel Five for CNL broadcasting, securing a \$10K sponsorship deal plus \$2K in marketing support.

The FFB also played a vital role in CONCACAF U17 Female Championships in DR, with the appointment of its media officer, Ms. Yashmin Juan. The UNCAF U19 tournament was live-streamed and the marketing and communications department confirmed sponsorship from BTB and Bowen and Bowen for a total value of over 18 thousand dollars.

Finally, the department created the FFB's annual activity report in January and continued to promote FFB activities and national teams through media coverage and morning shows throughout the year. The efforts of the marketing and communications department have resulted in increased exposure for the FFB and its various initiatives.



FOOTBALL FEDERATION OF BELIZE UNVEILS STRIKING NEW LOGO FOR BELIZE NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM

2023 saw the unveiling of the new logo for the Football Federation of Belize. The logo created by Rolando Ramirez embodies the true representation of the Belize Jaguars, Belize's National Football Teams. The new design showcases the country's national unity and spirit of Belizean football.

The centerpiece of the logo is a stylized jaguar, surrounded by an arched wreath with 11 leaves. The 11 leaves symbolize the 11 players on the field. The stars at the bottom of the logo depicts the six districts of Belize, representing the inclusiveness of players from across the entire country as noted in the Map of Belize placed inside the letter "B".

The colors of the logo are a particularly noteworthy aspect of the design, as they are a direct reflection of the colors of the flag of Belize. The Football Federation of Belize has taken great care to ensure that the emblem is closely tied to the country's national identity, and the colors used in the logo are a testament to that effort.

The Jaguar's tongue was strategically designed as a "W." This design represents the spirit and drive to 'W'IN and the representation our 'W'OMEN Jaguars. The FFB has been making great strides for the inclusiveness of Women in football in all areas of the sport.

The new logo will provide a much-needed update to the team, which has used the same emblem since 2013. The organization hopes that the striking new design will inspire players and fans, and help to foster a sense of pride and unity among supporters of Belizean football. With this new and improved logo, the FFB will start its rebranding journey towards a product that is overall more making commercially viable.



ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In 2022, the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) initiated a pioneering project aimed at procuring athletic scholarships for gifted student-athletes who participate in our national team program. This ambitious endeavor sought to endow these athletes with a distinctive opportunity to pursue their athletic and scholarly aspirations at some of the most renowned universities in the United States.

Thanks to the FFB's vigorous exertions, a total of 22 scholarships were secured, with 10 allocated to female athletes and 12 to their male counterparts. This constitutes a notable accomplishment, with the aggregate value of these scholarships exceeding 1.2 million dollars. This outlay in the advancement of our youth athletes exemplifies the FFB's unwavering pledge to cultivate excellence in both sports and academics.

The FFB acknowledges that procuring athletic scholarships is a crucial constituent of honing our young talent and empowering them to attain their full potential. By providing these opportunities, we aspire to invigorate and galvanize our student-athletes to persistently pursue their passions and strive for excellence in all facets of their lives.

Looking ahead, the FFB intends to persist with this program over the subsequent four-year cycle, with the goal of acquiring an even greater number of scholarships for our young athletes. We steadfastly believe that initiatives like this will have a direct and affirmative influence not solely on our national team program, but on the entire nation, facilitating the creation of a brighter future for the subsequent generation of Belizean athletes and leaders.



FIFA PRESIDENT VISIT

As the last days of August approached, our organization was abuzz with anticipation for the arrival of the prestigious FIFA General Secretary. Every member of our team was on high alert, ensuring that every detail was perfect, every arrangement was in place, and every T was crossed, and every I dotted. We had been eagerly waiting for this monumental occasion, and no stone was left unturned in ensuring its success. But then, at the eleventh hour, a crushing blow - the General Secretary had to cancel her visit. Our spirits were significantly dampened, and the air was filled with a sense of disappointment and resignation.

However, the gloom that had descended upon us was lifted when an email arrived, announcing that the FIFA President would be gracing Belize with his presence as part of his Central American tour. The President arrived on September first and was warmly received by FFB President Sergio Chuc upon arrival at the airport. After a brief meeting with government officials aimed at bolstering support for the FFB, the President and his delegation proceeded to a pre-arranged dinner with FFB executives, football stakeholders, and other specially invited government officials.

The following day, the FIFA President visited the FFB Headquarters, where he was given a firsthand account of the FFB's accomplishments under FIFA 2.0. The President also had the unique opportunity to observe a football-for-schools festival, which featured hundreds of Belizean children. In his remarks, the President expressed his satisfaction with the FFB's effective management of FIFA funding, which had contributed significantly to the growth of football in Belize.

After his visit to the FFB Headquarters, the President was whisked away to the Sleeping Giant Resort, where he was treated to a delightful cultural luncheon. The event was attended by government officials and football stakeholders and provided an excellent opportunity for fostering stronger relationships while showcasing the rich Belizean culture and cuisine. FFB was thrilled to host the FIFA President, and the visit was an absolute success, leaving an indelible impression on everyone who was fortunate enough to be in attendance.

