



Activity Report 2017

Football Federation of Belize



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FOOTBALL FEDERATION OF BELIZE

Section I

INTRODUCTION

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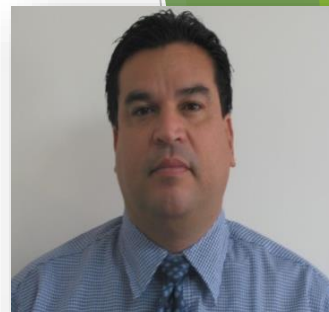


FOOTBALL FEDERATION OF BELIZE



Message from the Senior Vice-President

The year 2017 was a very challenging one for the FFB. In keeping with the promise of conducting more trainings for coaches and referees, professionalizing the secretariat and preparing several national teams to compete internationally while juggling our accounts was extremely difficult especially with the huge debt we inherited. We however managed to accomplish much especially where youths, female development and administration is concerned.



Notable was our participation at the Bahamas in the CONCACAF Beach Soccer Championship where in the first round we beat Jamaica but lost to Bahamas and Grenada which forced us out of the quarter finals however, by winning all three matches in the next round we placed 13th overall. Marlon Meza made us proud by being the top scorer and received the Golden Boot Award outscoring his highly touted Mexican and American counterparts.

The women received their fair share of attention. Following up on several FIFA Live Your Goals Day that brought young girls and their parents from all over to participate in football activities conducted by former national team female players in the last half of 2016, we organized the CONCACAF Women's Football Day paving the way for the U15 National Team to participate in the CONCACAF Girls Under 15 Championships to be held in Bradenton Florida in August 2018.

The National Amateur Women's League was also formed, and we held the first ever national tournament which was won by the Belize City FC that represented us in Nicaragua. Even though we assembled what could probably be considered as one of our best Senior National Teams, we unfortunately underachieved in the Copa Centro Americana in Panama and failed to qualify to the 2017 Gold Cup.

Despite the failed Extraordinary Congress where elections for President and Vice President could not be conducted, we continued to professionalize and streamline our organization by replacing six employees with an Accounts Clerk and two very reputable professionals: former Magistrate Mr. Earl Jones became the new General Secretary and retired Public Officer and former Industrial Relations Officer and Parliamentarian of the Public Service Union Raymond Davis became the Project Manager specifically tasked to access and manage the FIFA Forward Project Funds and to monitor our Contract of Agreed Objectives and projects to be carried out, as per Article 8 (1c) of the FIFA Forward Development Program Regulations

In December, elections were finally held and two football administration stalwarts namely Sergio Chuc and Cruz Gamez were voted in as President and Vice President respectively. After being Acting President for 19 months, it was with much relief and positive anticipation that I "passed over the baton" to the new President. There is no doubt in my mind that this new Executive will achieve major milestones and I look forward to working with them and all members of the football family to develop the sport of football we hold so dearly in our hearts.

Message from the General Secretary

The year 2017 was a trying and challenging period in the history of the Football Federation of Belize. However, it brought about many changes for our organization; changes that included new leadership, greater involvement of the Associations in the affairs and running of the Federation and shake up in the structure of the administration with the objectives to improve the image and progress of the game we love.



Despite our many challenges the Federation with the help of the Associations have been able to set transparent procedures in place for the disbursement of funds, this has been reflected in our Audit Report for 2017 which is now a Qualified report instead of an Unqualified report. The Federation has also been able to access more funds that were made available by FIFA for the development of football projects. We continue the administration of the game throughout the country and streamline its accounts with an aim to bring greater accountability and transparency to those we serve.

As we continue our journey into 2018 the Federation will continue to embark on innovative ways of doing things in an effort to improve the game of football especially for our youths and females.

The Executive Team



Mr. Earl Jones – General Secretary

(Appointment)



Sergio Chuc – President

Finance, Local and International Relations, Premier League



Mr. Marlon Kuylen – First Vice President

Marketing, Communication, national Teams Programs, (Elite) and Referee



Mr. Cruz Gamez – Vice President

Chairman of Youth Development, National Team Programs (youth), Youth Leagues, Association, Coaches and Women.



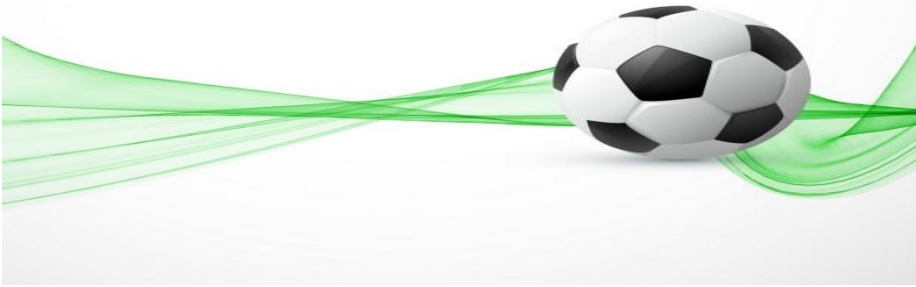
Ms. Darlene Vernon

Legal Affairs, Discipline and Appeals



Mr. Shane Orio -Deputy Chairman of Youth Development, National Team Programs (youth), Youth Leagues, Association, Coaches and Women.





Mission

The mission of the FFB is to promote the sport of football, identify strategic partnerships, mobilize resources for integrated programme development, build personal and institutional capacity through education and training, advocate for appropriate policies that enhances the development of the sport in Belize, and maintain a sustainable National Teams program

Vision

The vision of the Football Federation of Belize is to be a professional, respected and efficient organization for local and internationally recognized football, which enhances the interests of all stakeholders and contributes to the national development of Belize.

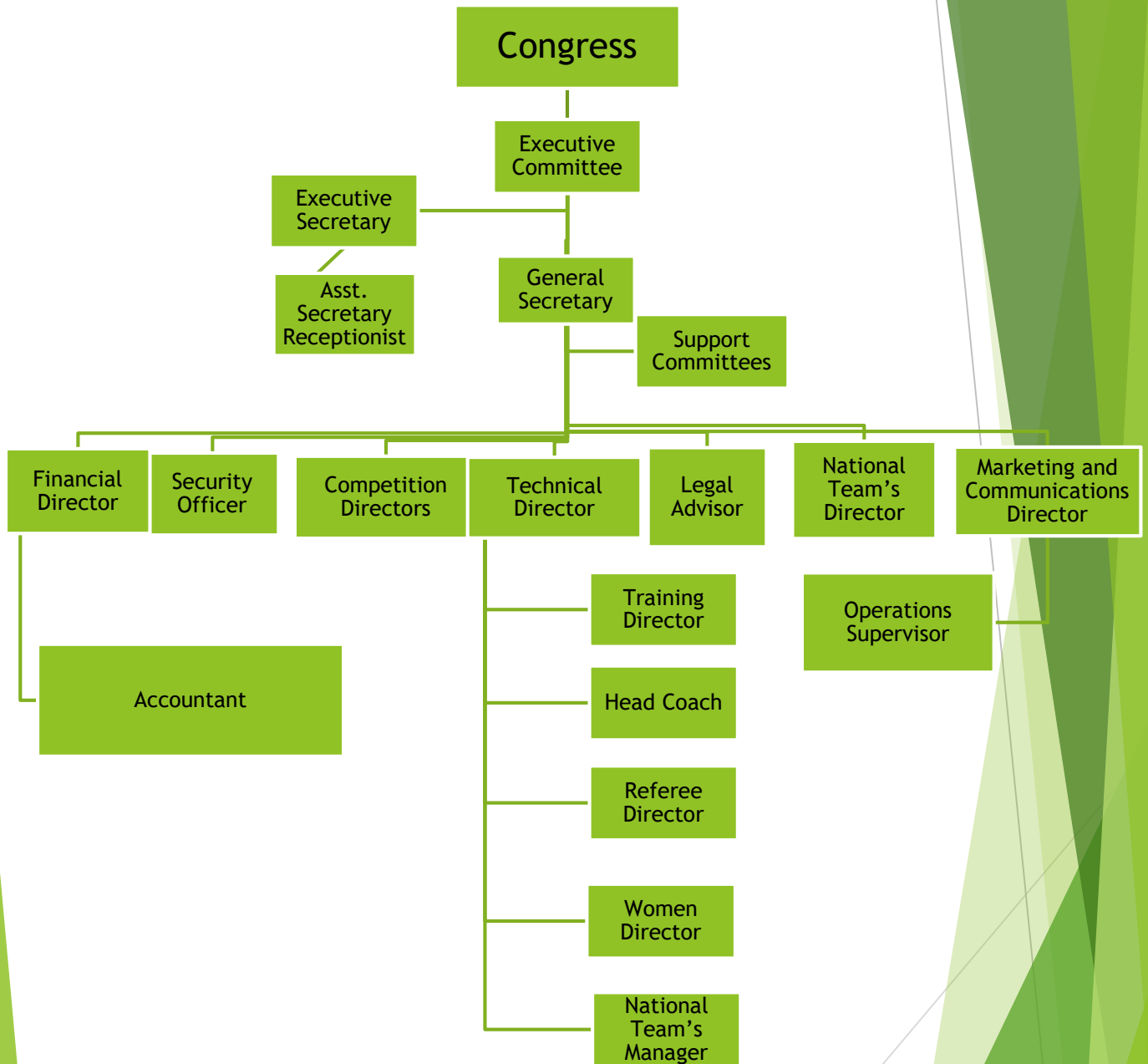
Core Value

- Transparency
- Accountability
- Commitment
- Team Work
- Candour
- Inclusiveness



Organization Chart

Football Federation of Belize



FOOTBALL FEDERATION OF BELIZE

Section II

SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES REPORT 2017



FOOTBALL FEDERATION OF BELIZE





Executive Summit

January 18th and 19th, 2017



FIFA Executive Summit took place in Miami, Florida which was represented by FFB Interim President Mr. Marlon Kuylen and General Secretary Mr. Michael Blease. FIFA President Gianni Infantino was the key speaker at the Summit.

Belize Olympic Committee Annual General Meeting

February 18th, 2017



Belize Olympic Committee Annual General Meeting was held at the Radisson Cahal Pech room. FFB was represented by the President Mr. Marlon Kuylen and General Secretary Mr. Michael Blease. Mr. Hilly Martinez was elected President for a second four (4) year term.



FIFA Forward Workshop

March 2nd – 3rd, 2017



FIFA Forward
Workshop

FIFA'S NEW FOCUS ON FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

MORE INVESTMENT, MORE IMPACT, MORE OVERSIGHT



**Big Increase in football
Development Investment**



**Stronger Member
Associations and
football development
everywhere**



**Enhanced controls
and compliance for
use of funds**

The Ag. President and General Secretary attended the FIFA Forward Workshop in Jamaica. The aim of the workshop was to explain the FIFA FORWARD programme to the Member Associations and allow them to discuss issues that will have an impact on the implementation of their plans and activities under the programme.

Under the new Forward Programme all other programs previously offered by FIFA individually were replaced and it now allows member associations to tailor their development projects to their needs. With this comes a significant amount more funding for members associations and at the same time greater scrutiny from the world football governing body.

Premier League of Belize Ordinary Congress

April 1, 2017

The Premier League of Belize held its 3rd Ordinary Congress at the Best Western Belize Biltmore Plaza on Saturday April 1, 2017. Members of the PLB had the opportunity to review their budget and financial report for 2016. The league officially accepted Wagiya FC back as a member of the PLB. Those clubs who are inactive as members of PLB were officially suspended and removed as members of the PLB. FFB President and General Secretary were in attendance.

Belmopan Football Association Ordinary Congress

April 3, 2017

The Belmopan Football Association held its 3rd, Ordinary Congress on April 3, 2017 at the OMEGA restaurant in Belmopan. All members were in attendance and had the opportunity to review their budget and financial report presented by the executive committee. The President and General Secretary of the FFB were in attendance as well as other invited guests.



FFB Electoral Process

April 1, 2017

On April 24, 2017 the FFB Secretariat inform its Member Affiliates of the two positions that would be up for elections at the FFB 10th Ordinary Congress on June 24, 2017. The FFB Executive Committee offices up for elections were the following:

- FFB President
- FFB Vice President

Electoral Process: The Electoral Process is as follows

Member of the FFB can either nominate or second a Candidate, no one member can nominate and second the same candidate.

1

The candidate can be nominated by one member and be seconded by another Member.

2

Persons who wish to contest for the offices of the Executive Committee of the FFB can only request nominations forms through its affiliate's members that are in good standings.

3



Electoral Process

April 1, 2017

The official document must reach the FFB General Secretariat no later than May 15th, 2017, at 4:00 pm. This can be by registered mail or hand delivered by the Member

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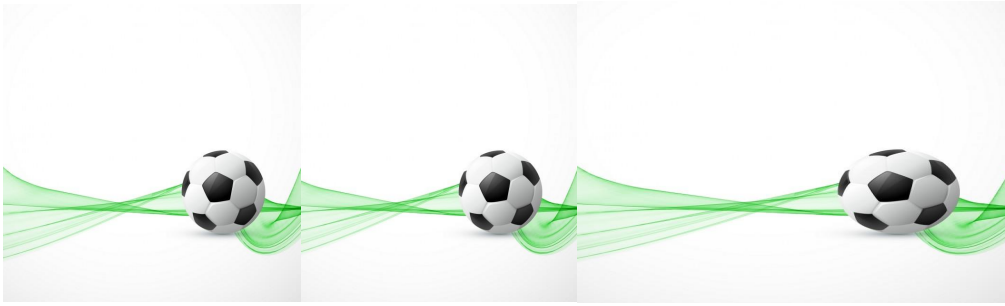
The official document must be returned to the FFB General Secretariat by the Member who has nominated or seconded the candidate.

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All documents must contain the following:

- a. Copy of recent police record for the candidate.
- b. Two passport size photograph of the candidate.
- c. Copy of recent utility bill, passport, and social security card of the candidate.
- d. Official document from the Member with detail information of the candidate they have nominated or seconded.
- e. Member Affiliate official documents stamped and signed by its legal representative.
- f. The legal representative of the Member Affiliate is either the President or the Chairman.





67TH FIFA Congress 2017

May 10 & 11

President Mr. Marlon Kuylen, Mr. Shane Orio and General Secretary Mr. Michael Blease attended the 67 FIFA Congress in Manama, Bahrain

FIFA's 211 member associations assembled for the 67th FIFA Congress. The organization's supreme body made a few important decisions to validate reports on FIFA's activities in 2016 and, more importantly, to agree on key steps for the future of the organization.

The congress is seen as an important event as it is set to include a bidding process to hold the 2026





10th Ordinary Congress

On June 24th, 2017

On June 24th, 2017 the Football Federation of Belize proceeded to hold its 10th Ordinary Congress, however there was no quorum. And in accordance with the statutes the Congress was set for 24 hours later.

On June 25th, 2017 at 10 am a second attempt was made to hold its 10th Ordinary Congress.



Congress was once again aborted as there was no quorum as only Belize, Stann Creek and Toledo were represented of the eight members

While these delegates that were present had the opportunity to vote on those items that were within their purview in the absence of quorum, they chose not to, and the meeting ended without fanfare. Representatives of both FIFA and CONCACAF were present for the start of the meeting to address governance issues.



Appointment of New General Secretary

July 2017

The Newly appointed General Secretary has taken seat after the departure of Mr. Michael Blease. Mr. Earl Jones is a retired Magistrate and a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Jones is a well-rounded, reputable and respectful individual who has served the country in many capacities including as a Magistrate from 2002-2009 and former Chief Executive Officer for the Kolbe Foundation from 2009- 2014.

Prior to joining the FFB team he also served as a legal advisor for Kolbe Foundation from 2015-2017.

During the period 1989-1991 he attended the University of the West Indies in Jamaica WI from where he obtained a Certificate in Public Administration. He also attended the University of Wolver Hampton in the United Kingdom from 1994-1998 and graduated with LLB (Hons.) Degree, In addition he has obtained certificates in arbitration and mediation.





FFB III Extraordinary Congress

September 2, 2017

On August 3, 2017 the Football Federation of Belize officially notified all affiliate members that it will be convening an EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS on September 2, 2017 at 9:00 am at the Princess Ramada (Belize City). The notification included all rules as they relate to the extraordinary congress and was accompanied by a series of documents to be discussed at the Congress.

FFB Acting President Marlon Kuylen addresses the Congress;

For the first time in history FFB is opening itself to the public by sharing information as it becomes available. FFB under its present leadership strongly upholds the general principle of good governance through a high degree of accountability and transparency.





FFB III Extraordinary Congress

September 2, 2017

This move in coordination with previous efforts on Social Media which commenced in 2016, is intended to engage all stakeholders as FFB moves to develop its strategies leading up to the World Cup set for 2022, 2026, and 2030 but beginning with 2017.

Over the past year work commenced on opening the communication channels with all stakeholders, primarily football fans all over the country. As a result of the effort FFB has over 12,000 active fans on Facebook. This effort allowed FFB to engage its stakeholders in all aspects of football especially before and during international tournaments as the passion for the game elevated. In the latter part of the first quarter of 2017, the website was reactivated which allowed for more permanent posts on events and activities in general to be shared with the general public. In the second quarter the Twitter account was also reactivated and is now active.





The objective of the increased communication through the digital media platform and other media is intended to engage all stakeholders to get their viewpoints as the growth and development process continues through 2017 and beyond. This year, with the successful completion of the recent Extra Ordinary Congress, the FFB (for the first time) shared the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 2016, the Strategic Plan 2017-2021 (Contract of Agreed Objectives) as required by FIFA and the Activity Report for 2016/2017.

Major changes in strategies are in the making for the benefit of all stakeholders especially the reduction of some administrative cost and reallocation of these funds to areas that directly benefit those engaged in the sports. The process has already begun with significant changes of some key staff positions as well as reduction on non-essential areas.

FFB PRESIDENT AND GENERAL SECRETARY ATTEND EXECUTIVE SUMMIT



FIFA's Executive Football Summits 2017/2018 in Hong Kong, China

President Mr. Sergio Chuc and General Secretary Mr. Earl Jones attended FIFA's Executive Football Summit

It is highly anticipated that both the President and the General Secretary are bringing a new energy to position the Football Federation of Belize for a dynamic and innovative 2018 and beyond for the benefit of all players, coaches, referees and all football fans in Belize. a



FFB X1 Ordinary December 2, 2017

The FFB 11th Ordinary Congress was held on December 2, 2017 to elect a President and Vice President of the FFB. Elected to office was Mr. Sergio Chuc as President and Mr. Cruz as Vice President



General Secretary making presentation while reps from Barbados and FIFA's Director Member Associations Americas Jair Bertoni listen attentively.

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Section III

**CAPACITY
BUILDING
REPORT 2017**



Referee Physical Fitness Test

January 7th, 2017

Members of the National College of Referees participated in the Referee Physical Fitness Test held at the Marion Jones Sporting Complex on January 7, 2017.

FIFA Physical Fitness Instructor Eric Samayoa supervised the program which was conducted by instructors: Mr. David Jones, Mr. Eugene Contreras and Mr. Victor Williams.



UNCAF Reunion held in Costa Rica

January 7th, 2017

Referee Mr. David Jones and Instructor Eugene Contreras attended the Reunion.



Referee's Monthly Training

January 21st & 22nd 2017



Referee monthly training was conducted by Dir. Referee, David Jones, and assisted by Eugene Contreras and Victor Williams. Referees countrywide attended the training. Monthly training for referees is held every month at the FFB Training Facility in Belmopan. The FFB encourages each district association to make contact with the referee's department to establish their association referee college.





Referee Training

Orange Walk F. A Referee Workshop

February 3rd to 5th, 2018

Orange Walk Football Federation and FFB conducted a Referee Workshop in Orange Walk for recruitment of new referees and prospective referees. David Jones and Referee Director Eugene Contreras conducted the seminar



Belize Referees on the 2017 FIFA List

Belize has four referees on the 2017 FIFA International List, Mr. Ricardo Ake, Mr. Ifran Basdemir, Mr. Christopher Reid and Mr. Wendell Esquiliano. Mr. Esquiliano, the newest member from Belize.

FIFA Referees Assistance Program (RAP)

Tuesday, April 4th to 8th, 2017

The Football Federation of Belize, with assistance from FIFA, conducted its annual Referees Assistance Program, (RAP) from April 4, to the 8, 2017. The ultimate aim of RAP is to improve officials' knowledge of the game's innermost technical and tactical details, thus helping them better understand and anticipate teams' movements and players' behavior..

The week long program was conducted by Ronald Gutierrez, FIFA Referee Development Officer and Allan Brown, FIFA Physical Trainer for Referees. As part of RAP FIFA Physical Fitness test was held on April 5th, 2017 at the Marion Jones Sporting Complex.



IFA Assistant Referee, Ricardo Daniel Ake, was assigned to officiate a match on Friday, May 05, 2017 between USA and CUBA in the semifinals of the CONCACAF U17 Tournament being hosted in Panama. To be assigned to a CONCACAF tournament, the match official must pass the physical fitness test and excel in technical and theory. He was assessed in each game assigned in the preliminary round. Only the top match officials remain for the subsequent round of the competition; the rest are sent home. Ake was one of the few top match officials to remain to the end of the tournament. Ricardo Daniel Ake is from Corozal Town and has been an assistant referee for almost 20 years. We are proud of Mr. Ake's accomplishments and take this opportunity to congratulate him on a job well done.

FIFA Assistant Referee, Mr. Ricardo Ake selected for referee duties in CONCACAF U-17 Men Championship Panama April 21st to May 7th, 2017



FFB Expresses our Sympathy on
the untimely passing of Fareed
Ahmad

It is with heavy heart that the Football Federation of Belize and especially the Football Refereeing Department express our deepest sympathy with the Ahmad Family on the untimely passing of Brother Fareed Ahmad.

Fareed had joined the Belize District Association of Football Referees in 2009 and rose in prominence to become a National Referee by 2012.

He was a disciplined person and was on his way to becoming one of the top referees in Belize as he officiated the second leg of the Premier Leagues of Belize Opening Season Semi Final match between the Belmopan Bandits and San Pedro Pirates on Saturday November 25, 2017.

On behalf of the Football Federation of Belize and the Football Refereeing Department, our condolences go out to his Family, Friends and Refereeing Family. May his Soul rest in peace and rise in glory.



The untimely passing of
Brother Fareed Ahmad

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Section VI

NATIONAL TEAMS

2017



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National Teams

January 13 to 22nd, 2017



UNCAF COPA Centro Americana

Belize National "A" Team participated in the UNCAF COPA CENTROAMERICANA in Panama. Belize placed 6th in the tournament.



National Teams

CONCACAF Beach Soccer Championship was held in the Bahamas. Belize participated and did well by winning four (4) of the six (6) games they played. Belize's Marlon Meza was crowned Goaleador of the tournament.



**CONCACAF Beach
Soccer Championship**
February 20-26, 2017



UNCAF U-20 Central American Qualification Women Tournament

The UNCAF U 20 Central American Qualifiers was played from June 17 to 24, 2017 at the Estadio de Futbol Independencia in Estelí, Nicaragua. Team Belize played their best match of the tournament against hosting country Nicaragua.

National Teams

June 2017

After the final whistle was blown the game ended 5 goals to 1 in favor of Nicaragua.

Belize only goal was scored by Jada Brown. Despite the outcome of the matches, we are proud of our girls as this is their first time playing in an international tournament

UNCAF U- 20 Central American Women 2017 Tournament Statistics

Group A [\[edit \]](#)

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
1	 Costa Rica	2	2	0	0	11	0	+11	6	Classification stage
2	 Nicaragua (H)	2	1	0	1	5	2	+3	3	
3	 Belize	2	0	0	2	1	15	-14	0	

Source: CONCACAF

(H) Host.

18 June 2017

19:30

Nicaragua 

5–1

 Belize

Cruz  23'

Brown  88'

S. Flores  29'

Y. Flores  41'

Vega  63'

Treminio  70'


20 June 2017


19:30

Belize 

0–10

 Costa Rica


Elizondo  25' (pen.)

G. Villalobos  35'

F. Villalobos  38', 41', 51', 65', 67'

Campos  53' (pen.)

Salas  60'

D. Coto  79' (pen.)

22 June 2017

Nicaragua 

0–1

 Costa Rica

National Teams October 2017

Belize U-21 Players have been called to Camp October 27th, 2017

On October 27, 2017 The Football Federation of Belize National Male U-21 players commenced training at the FFB training facility. The National Team competed in the 11th Central American Olympic Games in Managua, Nicaragua at the Estelí Stadium from December 3 -17, 2017.

Players were called to camp as early as October 27, 2017 and trained weekly until the time of their departure.



**Central American Olympic
Games**

CENTRAL AMERICAN OLYMPIC GAMES

December 2017

In the Central American Games which was played in Managua, Nicaragua; Belize's U-21 Jaguars drew their first match against

National Teams
December 2017



hosting country Nicaragua which ended in a 1-1 draw.

Belize's played their second match against Honduras and lost 5-0. Belize did not qualify for the Play-offs.

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
1	Honduras	2	1	1	0	5	0	+5	4	Semi-finals
2	Nicaragua	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	
3	Belize	2	0	1	1	1	6	-5	1	



**WOMEN'S
FOOTBALL DAY**



SECTION V WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FOOTBALL FEDERATION OF BELIZE

3RD Annual CONCACAF Women's Football Day

November 18th, 2018



CONCACAF Women's Football Day (WFD) is celebrated every year in the month of November. This year the third CONCACAF Women's Football Day was celebrated on Saturday November 18, 2017.

The focus for this year was on the younger generation. The aim is to consolidate a platform for the sustainable growth of women's football within the country. November 18 was the official kick-off preparations for the CONCACAF U-15 Girls Championship.

This tournament is all about player development, exposing young girls to what football offers on and off the field, it is an opportunity to see what skills they need in order to reach the next level.

Women's League

The Football Federation of Belize plan in line with CONCACAF was to have each member affiliate including San Pedro, Benque Viejo Del Carmen and Independence to select five girls born in the year 2003-2004 to be a part of this event.

The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) would like to thank all those who made CONCACAF Women's Football Day in Belize a success. We had participants from the districts with a total of thirty-six girls. The girls participated in a festival and in a match 11 vs 11.

The Federation would like to give thanks to all the parents, coaches, volunteers and chaperon who came with the girls to make their day special.

UNCAF Beach Soccer International Course

- Belize April 19 - 22, 2017

Union Centro Americana de Futbol, UNCAF, hosted the UNCAF Beach Soccer International Course for Young Referees in Projection, at the FFB Headquarters in Belmopan from April 19 to 21, 2017. The course aimed at providing enhancement of beach football to participating referees from Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Panama and Mexico.

The Course was delivered by UNCAF Instructor, Wilson Matute and Development Director, Victor Hugo Estrada.



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Section VI

PROGRAMS

2017



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Beach Soccer Workshop in San Pedro

July 17 – 21, 2017

The development department of the Football Federation of Belize, in collaboration with San Pedro's City Council, carried out a Beach Soccer summer course in San Pedro July 17-21, 2017.

Mr. Renan Couoh (Technical Director) and Herbert Trapp (equipment manager) were in charge of the event



WORKSHOP HELD FOR YOUTH COACHES

OCTOBER 9, 2017

The Workshop covered the following:

Theory Class Rook	Practical Part	Technical Foundation	Tactical Foundation
Receive the ball Dribble the ball	On the Pitch	Receive the ball Dribble the ball Pass the ball	
Tactical fundamentals and system of the game	On the Pitch		Tactical foundations and gaming systems movements



On Monday, 9th October 2017, the Development Direction of the Football Federation of Belize in coordination with the Belize District Football Association held its workshop for youth coaches.

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Section VII

COMPETITIONS
2017



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FFB U-15 and U-17 Tournaments Countrywide

February 25th, 2017

The FFB U15 and U17 tournaments began across the country on February 25, 2017. All member association tournaments are semi financed by the FFB. Each association champion participated in the U15 and U 17 district championship which was played in May 2017.



National Amateur Women's League (NAWL)

Sunday, March 19th 2017

The official ceremony of the National Amateur Women's League (NAWL) was held at the People's Stadium in Orange Walk Town. Present at the ceremony were Sr. Vice President of the FFB, Mr. Shane Orio, FFB General Secretary, Mr. Michael Blease, FFB Director of Women Football, Ms. Melanie Matute and Mrs. Jacqueline Pelayo, first Commissioner of NAWL, who declared the league open.



Belize City FC is the First National Amateur Women's League Champions.

June 2017

On Saturday June 10th, 2017, Jewel Fury FC faced Belize City FC in the final match of the first National Amateur Women's League.

The Championship game was held at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan, away game for Belize City FC. The game ended 1-1 thus resulting in **Belize City FC** taking the title.



BELIZE'S ORCHIDS FC COMPETED AGAINST NICARAGUA'S AGUILAS DE LEON AND HONDURAS'S UPN IN UNCAF WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

SEPTEMBER 4 & 5, 2017

The 2017 UNCAF Women's Club Championship (Spanish: 2017 Campeonato Interclub Femenino de UNCAF) is the second edition of the UNCAF Women's Club Championship, Central America's premier women's club football organized by UNCAF. The tournament was held in Managua, Nicaragua; where Belize's Orchids FC compete against Nicaragua's Aguilas de Leon and lost 9-0 and 3-1 to Honduras's UPN in their second game.

Five Central American countries were represented in the tournament (Guatemala remains suspended from FIFA, and Panama opted not to take part): 2 teams from host country, Nicaragua – UNAN and Aguilas De Leon; and 1 each from Salvador – Leyendas; Belize – Orchids FC; Costa Rica – Moravia; and Honduras – UPN.



The FFB and Lazy Lizard Hosted the First ever Beach Soccer Football Tournament

June 17, 2017



Five (5) beach teams participated in this joint effort to promote and keep the spirit of Beach Soccer alive in Belize.

San Pedro, Belize City, Caye Caulker, Corozal and Belmopan

Caye Caulker took home first place with Belize City taking second place.