



Annual Report of the Oceania Regional Powerlifting Federation to the International Powerlifting Federation.

The ORPF is the newest of the regions being formed in 2018 by Mr Joel Ridings after the departure of the OPF. The vision of the ORPF is to have all member nations fully engaged in all aspects of powerlifting from grass roots to the world games and we are particularly proud of our most recent World champion Jezza Uepa from Nauru.

Mission:

We see the ORPF as a facilitator for the professional development of our member nations in competing, coaching and as officials. Being involved with sport at a high level has an effect of developing the careers of our members and providing opportunities to the members of our region is of utmost importance to the executive of the ORPF.

Executive and elections:

Due to covid19 the planned regional championships and general assembly that was to be held in Nauru in March could not be held. This was because the government of Nauru made the decision to ban all travel to the island 14 days before the championship. It was unfortunate as the exec had gone to great lengths to ensure all the members would be in attendance for the general assembly. It has been very difficult to get all member nations to attend a virtual meeting as per the constitution. This difficulty is the result of unreliable internet access across the region and we are looking at ways to ensure we can overcome this in the future. The decision was made to roll over all executive positions from the Pacific Games general assembly, the current positions are;

President: Eric Jioje of Fiji

Vice President: Mr. Horasio Cook of Nauru (resigned May 2020)

General Secretary: Mr. Sailo Tulifau of Samoa

Treasurer: Prof. Gordon Thorogood of Samoa

Chair Technical Committee: Ms. Pam Cutjar of Samoa

Record Keeper: Mr Joel Riddings of Australia

Womens Committee: Posie Bop of Nauru

5-year plan:

The ORPF is working with our member nations to determine what the main issues are for them to finalise our 5-year development plan. However, the two main issues for member nations that have been identified are international refs and access to equipment of a good standard to train with.

Referees:

In the past there was a history of obstacles being placed in the path of island nations to qualify international referees. To run a regional event the bare minimum is that each nation attending be able to supply two international referees. Therefore, it is the main goal of the ORPF and the Chair Technical Committee to qualify this many for each member nation within the next 5 years. In the past member nations have attempted to undermine events by refusing to grant permission for Cat 1 and 2 refs from their nations to attend events this then resulted in the IPF having to fly in referees from other regions at great cost. It is our intention to ensure that this will not occur in the future.

Equipment:

Access to equipment on the IPF approved list is one of the biggest hurdles for our members, this is due to the fact that if gyms do exist the equipment is substandard or in the case of the newly formed Niue Powerlifting Federation, the gym is owned by an individual associated with another powerlifting organization. They encountered issues with membership and misinformation in regard to dual affiliation and how that would affect their ability to compete in IPF meets. To remedy this the ORPF joined with the Niue Powerlifting Federation and the Niue government and sourced some second hand Ivanko bars and weights, plus a power rack and bench to set up a national powerlifting gym on the island. We have run into issues with shipping as is usually the case in the island but the NAPF is assisting the ORPF with this issue.

Member nations: 11

Fiji Powerlifting Federation
Kiribati Powerlifting
Nauru Powerlifting
New Caledonia Powerlifting
New Zealand Powerlifting Federation
PNG Powerlifting
Tahiti Powerlifting
Tonga Powerlifting
Tuvalu Powerlifting
Samoa Powerlifting
Solomon Islands Powerlifting

New nations: 1

Niue Powerlifting Federation

Possible future nations: 1

American Samoa Powerlifting

Departed nations: 1

Australian Powerlifting Federation

Regional championships:

March 2020 Oceania Championships: Eventually cancelled due to covid19

2021 Oceania Championships: Currently looking at options to ensure cancellation that occurred in 2020 will have less chance of occurring. We are currently working with Fiji to hold a stand-alone Oceania's in Nadi in September 2021. This will allow for easy access to airports and resorts if people attending wish to remain for a holiday or with the Commonwealth Powerlifting Federation to run a combined event in Auckland New Zealand due to the low number of covid19 cases there.

We have also agreed to join with the Asian powerlifting federation for the Regional University cup to be held in Dubai and we look forward to working with the Asian Powerlifting Federation.

Anti-doping:

Although the 2020 Oceania's were cancelled it enabled the ORPF to establish a relationship with RADO who are based in Fiji and a MOU has been signed. This should facilitate access to anti-doping at the next regional championships.

Treasure's Report:

In 2019 there were only a total of 6 transactions that are attached as appendix a. Due to this the executive made the decision not to audit the accounts to save money. Transaction for 2020 will be audited at the end of the calendar year however to date the two main expenses have been the purchase of equipment for Niue with the development fund and covering of the outstanding memberships for 2020.

On behalf of the Executive of the ORPF
Prof. Gordon. J. Thorogood.