



2021 Annual Report of the Oceania Regional Powerlifting Federation to the International Powerlifting Federation.

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:

Again, due to covid19 and the harsh restrictions on travel in the region it has not been possible to hold a regional championship and an in-person AGM. We still have difficulty in getting 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. Due to these restrictions, we have again made the decision to roll over all executive positions from the Pacific Games general assembly, the current positions are.

President: Mr. Eric Jioje of Fiji

Vice President: Vacant

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: Ms. Posie Bop of Nauru

5-year plan:

Unfortunately, due to travel restrictions we have had put our 5-year plan on hold. However, the two main issues remain for member nations which are international refs and access to equipment of a good standard to train with.

Referees:

It remains the main goal of the ORPF and the Chair Technical Committee to qualify as many referees as possible 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 though unfortunately it looks as though this will be the case for the upcoming Oceanias and Pacific Games.

Equipment:

The Niue national powerlifting gym has been established in preparation for the upcoming Oceania championships. Currently it houses second hand Ivanko bars and weights, plus a power rack and bench. To prepare for the Oceania championships we will have to source two more racks and benches. The set of Eleiko weights that will be assigned to the region this year will be going to Niue to be used for the championships.

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
Niue Powerlifting Federation

Possible future nations: 1

American Samoa Powerlifting

Regional championships:

2021 Oceania Championships: Were cancelled due to covid travel restrictions.

2022 Oceania Bench Press and Powerlifting Championships: Are scheduled to be held in Niue between 12th – 13th October. We are currently in discussions with the Matavai Resort which is currently closed due to travel restrictions.

https://www.scenichotelgroup.co.nz/locations/south-pacific/niue/scenic-matavai-resort-niue?utm_source=Google%20My%20Business&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=Scenic%20Matavai%20Resort%20Niue%20GMB

Promisingly it has recently been announced that travel restrictions in Australia will be lifted on the 21st of February. This is important as a lot of connecting flights to the region were routed through Brisbane and so many airlines suspended their services. We expect that by mid-October travel in the region should have returned to relative normality.

<https://minister.homeaffairs.gov.au/KarenAndrews/Pages/reopening-to-tourists-and-other-international-travellers-to-secure-our-economic-recovery.aspx>

Pacific Games 2023: Planning has begun for the event and two meetings have been held between the ORPF executive and the Games Committee. To facilitate the powerlifting section, the Pacific Games CEO asked the IPF to nominate a delegate from the international federation who is in the region. The IPF has nominated the ORPF treasurer Prof. Gordon

Thorogood to fulfill that role and he will be providing the IPF with monthly updates on progress.

Anti-doping:

We are continuing our relationship with RADO who are based in Fiji and we will be engaging them for the next regional championships.

Treasure's Report:

In 2021 there were a total of 7 transactions that are attached as an appendix. The main expense was our Australian Securities and Investment Commission membership (ASIC) which is a requirement of our registration in Australia. Due to the small amount of activity in the accounts the executive has again made the decision not to audit the accounts to save money. Transactions for 2020-2022 will be audited at the end of the calendar year however to date the two main expenses remain the purchase of equipment for Niue with the development fund and covering of the outstanding memberships for 2020. Currently the ORPF owes Mr Tony Edwards equipment shipping costs of approximately \$7000 AUD and Prof. Gordon Thorogood \$1000.

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