



2022 Annual Report of the Oceania Regional Powerlifting Federation to the International Powerlifting Federation.

Mission:

Our mission remains the same and we still see the ORPF as a facilitator for the professional development of our member nations in competing, coaching and as officials. The focus of the ORPF is the Pacific Games and the regional championships. 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:

Unfortunately, covid19 remained an issue in 2022. Even though Europe had been through the worst of it as the region opened and people began to travel case numbers spiked which led to the lockdown of whole island nations and in some cases the islands major hotel being appropriated by the government as quarantine stations. This was exactly the case with Niue (the venue for the 2022 Oceania championships), all flights were cancelled and the hotel nominated for the accommodation was appropriated as a quarantine station for the island. Added to this we continue to have difficulty in getting all member nations to attend a virtual meeting as per the constitution. Not much has changed since our last report as the difficulty remains the result of unreliable internet access across the region. Due to these restrictions, we have again made the decision to roll over all executive positions from the Pacific Games general assembly with our general assembly to be held in Niue in April 2023 and election of new office bearers at the pacific games as per the constitution, 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 (Pam will be retiring at the Pacific Games)

Record Keeper: Mr. Joel Riddings of Australia

Womens Committee: Ms. Posie Bop of Nauru

5-year plan:

As before travel restrictions we have had put our 5-year plan on hold. The two main issues remain for member nations which are international refs and access to equipment of a good standard to train with. We are making headway with establishment of the Niue National Powerlifting gym, the venue of the regional championships in 2023.

Referees:

The main goal of the ORPF and the Chair of the Technical Committee is to qualify as many referees as possible within the next 5 years. This is a difficult task due to the following reason. Compared to say Europe; in Europe the next country is a 100 Euro train ride away, in the Oceania it could be a \$1000 AUD plane fare away, (equivalent of one year's wages for one of our volunteers) and a two-day competition may take a week's worth of time because the plane might only fly in on a Monday and out on a Friday. 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 Oceania's and Pacific Games.

Equipment:

The Niue national powerlifting gym is now complete and ready for the upcoming Oceania championships. Currently it houses second hand Ivanko bars and weights, plus a power rack and bench, a competition set of Elekio weights and has received more bars, benches and associated equipment via the Commonwealth Games Federation through the Game Changers Project. The gym is now the premier location for Powerlifting and Weightlifting on Niue thanks to the support of the IPF.

The images below are the final stages of fit out our showing Mr Tony Edwards president of the Niue Powerlifting Federation.





Member nations: 12

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 (they continue to show interest but as yet have not made a formal application).

Regional championships:

2022 Oceania Bench Press and Powerlifting Championships: Are scheduled to be held in Niue between 10th – 12th April 2023 due to issues of covid 19 lockdown. The accommodation has been confirmed as the 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

Pacific Games 2023: Planning is well underway with tenders for equipment soon to go out. The Games has been run slightly differently this time with the technical directors being sent a spreadsheet that was used previously and asked to confirm equipment requirements as compared to before. There has been some miscommunication, but it appears to have been sorted out.

The IPF has nominated the ORPF treasurer Prof. Gordon Thorogood to fulfill the role of technical delegate. He will be required to travel to the Solomon Islands in the first half of 2023 for 5 days once the equipment has been acquired to make sure it is correct, and that the venue is fit for purpose.

Future Regional championships.

We are planning on holding the following events in these locations.

Oceania's 2024, New Caledonia.

Oceania's 2025, Nauru has shown interest but this needs to be confirmed.

Oceania's 2026, Tahiti (In preparation for the games)

Pacific Games 2027, Tahiti

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:

The only transaction for the year were related to the equipment for Niue.

We have many nations that have not paid their fees and despite being contacted our member nations have not paid. They have been informed that this will affect their athlete's ability to compete at the Oceania's and the Pacific Games.

Due to the low activity on the account, we have made the decision to audit the books after the Oceania Championships so that it can be presented at the General Assembly in the Solomon Islands.

On behalf of the Executive of the ORPF

Prof. Gordon. J. Thorogood.