



RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GUYANA BASKETBALL FEDERATION AND THE GUYANA OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

The Guyana Basketball Federation (GBF) has a long-standing positive relationship with the Guyana Olympic Association (GOA) and shares the fundamental Olympic spirit of advancing the ideals of sportsmanship, fair play, and global athletic excellence. This partnership not only strengthens the development of basketball but also promotes international cooperation, unity, and the pursuit of sporting excellence on the world stage. This positive relationship is pivotal in advancing the global influence of sports, fostering athletic excellence, and promoting values that transcend borders. Through collaboration and mutual support, both entities contribute to the growth, development, and promotion of sport as a force for positive change in society.

Shared Mission and Values

Commitment to Excellence: Both the GBF and the GOA share a common commitment to excellence in sports. We uphold values such as integrity, respect, and solidarity, which are essential for promoting fair competition and sportsmanship worldwide.

Olympic Movement: The GBF contributes to the Olympic Movement's objectives of promoting sport as a tool for social change, education, and peace, aligning its activities with the Olympic values of friendship, respect, and excellence.

Athlete Development and Support

High Performance Programs: The GOA provides support and resources to the GBF to develop high-performance programs for athletes and coaches. This includes funding for training, coaching, sports science, and access to specialized facilities.

Athlete Representation: The GBF collaborates with the GOA to ensure that athletes are represented and supported at national and international levels, fostering their development from grassroots participation to elite competition.

Olympic Games Participation

Qualification and Preparation: The GOA work closely with the GBF to ensure that athletes meet qualification standards and participate in the Olympic qualifying competitions. This collaboration includes coordinating team preparation, logistics, WADA training and ensuring compliance with the IOC and FIBA regulations.

Promotion of Olympic Values: Through participation in the Olympic qualifying competitions, the GBF promote the values of excellence, respect, and friendship to a global audience, inspiring future generations of athletes and fostering international understanding.

Governance and Integrity

Ethical Standards: The Olympic Committee sets ethical standards and guidelines that the GBF adhere to, ensuring transparency, accountability, and integrity in governance and decision-making processes.

Anti-Doping Measures: Collaborative efforts in anti-doping initiatives and education programs (WADA's Anti-Doping Education and Learning Platform – ADEL) that promote clean sport and uphold fair play principles, safeguarding the integrity of competitive sports endorsed by both the GBF and the GOA.



GBF representation on the GOA Committees

- GOA Executive Committee - Assistant Treasurer – Mr. Michael Singh (GBF President)
- GOA Council Members – Mr. Patrick Haynes (GBF Secretary General)
– Ms. Sileena Arjune (GBF Technical Director)
- GOA Women in Sports Committee Member – Ms. Sileena Arjune
- GOA Finance Committee Member – Mr. Michael Singh

Global Impact and Diplomacy

International Relations: The partnership between the GBF and the GOA promotes diplomatic relations and cultural exchange through sports diplomacy initiatives. This enhances global cooperation and understanding, transcending political and cultural boundaries.

Promotion of Sport: Together, the GBF and the GOA advocate for the benefits of sport in promoting health, education, and social inclusion, leveraging the universal appeal of sports to create positive societal impact worldwide.

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