

SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT



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2020 was like no other, we started out the year looking forward to a new Olympiad, until the Covid19 pandemic arrived, bringing an entirely new set of challenges. This meant responding and adapting to the circumstances of the pandemic.

ACTIVITIES IN 2020



2020 was an Olympic Year, of which Team PNG was supposed to attend the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games scheduled in July.

However, as the global spread of the virus became more eminent, a historic decision was made by the International Olympic Committee to postpone the games to 2021. This was done in order to safeguard the health of the athlete and hundreds and thousands of people involved in the games.

This meant Team PNG athletes vying to qualify for the Olympics had to adapt to the postponement of the Olympic Games and re-adjust their plans and focus to 2021.



PNGOC 2016-2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) is a values-based organisation. What this means is that we embody our values in our everyday actions.

Our values of **Honesty, Excellence, Respect** and **Openness** have been our moral compass throughout the duration of the strategic plan (2016 – 2020).

The organisation commenced its review of the 2016-2020 strategic plan during the downtime afforded from the global pandemic, which resulted in a drafted documentation shared with our member national federations and stakeholders for further feedback prior to the finalisation of a new Strategic Plan for the 2021 – 2024 term.

Also developed is the Team PNG Games Strategic Plan. Both documents are essential for our future operations as we evaluate the successes and shortcomings of this period with the future in mind.

- A new Strategic Plan forged for 2021-2024
- Team PNG Performance Strategy



ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

We were fortunate enough to hold our Annual General Assembly in June, in the midst of the lifting of the restrictions.

A limited number of attendees were required as per venue and government restrictions for public gatherings.

2020 was an important year for the PNGOC, which saw the election of new PNGOC Executive.

We farewelled Sydney Yates, Tamzin Wardley, Mel Donald and Emma Waiwai who have been corner stones of the PNGOC Executive for the large part of three decades.

On the same note, the changing of the guard saw the inclusion of Olympian Iammo Launa as Female Vice President, Tony Green as Senior Vice President and Kila Dick as Male Vice President whilst Michael Henao was elected Chairman of Fundraising and Faye Zina-Lalo re-elected as the Legal Advisor and Sir John Dawanincura maintaining his position as President for one final term.

In September we also welcomed the appointment of new Treasurer Peter Davani.





GAMES PLANNING WORKSHOP

Team PNG began its planning for the next four-year cycle of events with a Games Planning workshop, which was held in February 2020 in Port Moresby.

The aim of the workshop was to assist National Federations to develop Games preparation plans for respective Games from 2021 to 2024.

This was the first time the PNG Olympic Committee embarked on long term planning with National Federations.

The workshop assisted National Federations to set goals for the respective Games that they will be participating in as well as prioritizing the Games on their calendars.



Over 80 representatives from the different sports who will be participating in the coming Games in this cycle attended the workshop. They included athletes, coaches and executives. Also in attendance were representatives from High-Performance Sport PNG and the PNG Athletes Commission.

The workshop also provided a reflection on the Games Evaluation workshop that was held in September 2019 where a review and evaluation of the Samoa 2019 Pacific Games was done. The reason for that was to identify and understand the areas where Team PNG needed to improve on for the next Pacific Games in the Solomon Islands. One of the outcomes from that workshop was for athletes and teams to be better prepared by having a good plan in place to build from.

PNGOC's funding support to National Federations has been strictly guided by the plans that they have in place and provide to the PNGOC. This will continue with even more details required going forward which were discussed during the workshop. National Federations that do not have a plan will not get any funding support from the PNG Olympic Committee.

CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT OF NEW NATIONAL SPORTS POLICY

PNGOC and National Federations participated in various technical workshops throughout the year finalising the new National Sports Policy (NSP). It was imperative that the PNGOC and the National Federations while sharing Team PNGs' improving performance as a national effort with valued Government support, also sought reforms in ensuring Government support is guaranteed in the National Sports Policy 2020 - 2050. It is our confident hope that as the NSP 2020 - 2050 is rolled out Team PNG continues to excel as both the PNGOC and NFs steadfastly work in concert with the Government to advance sport and develop our people and nation through sport.



**PAPUA NEW GUINEA
SPORTS FOUNDATION**

Sports had the opportunity to hear from IOC recognized sports expert and coach, Dr. Peter Davis who was impressed with the workshop.

He has been engaged by the PNG Olympic Committee through Olympic Solidarity funding to assist with the development of the Team PNG Performance Strategy.



TEAM PNG OLYMPIC TRAINING CAMP

PARTICIPANTS AT THE TRAINING



A one-week Olympic Camp was held in Goroka at the National Sports Institute (NSI) from October 25th to November 02nd 2020.

The camp was made possible through the funding support of the PacificAus Sports Partnership Program which brought together 30 targeted athletes and coaches based in PNG from Athletics, Boxing, Rugby 7s, Shooting, Table Tennis, Tennis and Weightlifting vying to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Sailing is the only sport to have secured two spots for Team PNG in the Men’s Laser and Women’s Laser Radial events. Teariki Numa and Rose-Lee Numa are the athletes to have secured the spots after claiming the second Oceania quota at the Oceania Sailing Championships held earlier in the year.

Topics covered at the week-long camp included athlete screening and testing, high performance nutrition, anti-doping, athlete safeguarding, the prevention of the manipulation of competition, mental skills through sports psychologist Dr.Stephanie Harahan, basic first aid and strapping, goal setting and an athlete forum.

Most days were intense with early morning gym sessions followed by educational seminars and practicals.

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Athletes and officials were given the opportunity to fine tune their current training programs and preparations through the assistance of High Performance Sports PNG Strength and Conditioning Coaches as well as the medical team in Dr.Kapua Kapua and Dr.Ivan Ravu. With the postponement Conditioning Coaches as well as the medical team in Dr.Kapua Kapua and Dr.Ivan Ravu. With the postponement the games, athletes were also given the opportunity to refine their existing games targets and refocus their objectives before the close of 2020. Sailing is the only sport to have secured two spots for Team PNG in the Men’s Laser and Women’s Laser Radial events.





Launched of 2020 SP Sports Awards

SP SPORTS AWARDS



The SP Sports awards was launched in early February 2020 with SP Brewery, however, with the increasing risks brought on by COVID and the enactment of the restriction protocols, the Organising Committee had to cancel the event for the first time in its 28 year existence.

It was agreed that the future SP Sports awards consider the nominees for efforts in 2019 and 2020.

Recognising sporting excellence and sportsmanship in PNG since 1992

Since 1992, the achievements of PNG's top sporting personalities have been recognized through the annual SP Sports Awards.

The event takes its name from its major sponsor, South Pacific Brewery who began supporting the awards since its inception in 1992. Under this sponsorship the SP Sports Awards has grown in size and spectacle. There are 11 award categories ranging from Male Athlete and Female Athlete of the Year to Sports Administrator of the year and Sports Media of the year.

There is also the People's Choice Award where the public votes directly for the finalists of their choice from among the top four categories. This is done after the finalists have been announced.

<http://pngolympic.org/fundraising-sponsorship/spsportsawards>

TRUKAI FUN RUN



The Annual Trukai Fun is held annually attracting a lot of runners from children, to women, youth and even the elderly from most urban centers in PNG



The Trukai Fun Run, which is an annual fundraising event on the PNGOC calendar, was also postponed to 2021 due to the prevailing climate and uncertainty brought about by the global pandemic. Being a not-for-profit organisation, we rely heavily on our fundraising events such as the Trukai Fun Run to raise much needed funds to help send Team PNG to compete overseas, be that the Olympics, Commonwealth or Pacific Games.

The fun run t-shirt has become a key part of many Papua New Guineans wardrobe and you will see it being worn year-round.

The major sponsor donates the t-shirts to the PNGOC, who then conducts auctions for them in Port Moresby and Lae. Corporate houses are invited to attend the auctions where they bid for the local schools.

Following the auction, successful bidders are then given their t-shirts for printing of their company's name and logo on the t-shirts before handing them over to their respective schools.

The schools then sell the t-shirts to students, parents and friends to raise money for school projects

<http://pngolympic.org/fundraising-sponsorship/trukai-fun-run>



HERO ACTIVATION 2020

The acronym HERO stems from the core PNGOC values of Honesty, Excellence, Respect and Openness.

TEAM PNG HEROES TRAINING PROGRAM

In the final week of November we held the Team PNG Athlete Ambassador Program, known as the HEROes training program.

The acronym HERO stems from the core PNGOC values which are Honesty, Excellence, Respect and Openness.

The training program attracted a total of 31 participants from 17 different sports, which also included para-sports.

Providing the training week and opportunity to our athletes is valuable as it focuses on areas such as career transitioning, leadership development, values identification and development, goal setting, public speaking, athlete safeguarding, gender equality, gender-based violence and sport for development programs.

Thanks to our partner ExxonMobil PNG, we were able to deliver and make an impact through such a significant program to equip our athletes for the everyday challenges in life.

Athletes should not only be seen as role models in their respective sporting arena but also in their communities.



31 participants from 17 different sports underwent the Team PNG Heroes Training.

Sports HEROes are ambassadors that are empowered with knowledge and skills to inspire and promote sporting messages and values in the communities in PNG.



PRIME MINISTERS CORPORATE GOLF CHALLENGE



Lae Golf Club was the first destination to kick start our fundraising efforts on October 11th as part of the Prime Ministers Golf Challenge amidst the lifting of the restrictions. A total of 36 teams registered and participated, which was a record turnout of teams for this event in Lae.

Port Moresby turned up in numbers for the Primes Ministers Golf Challenge on October 30th as 57 teams registered and participated, the largest ever and a record for the event.

Prime Minister James Marape teed off the proceedings and also participated with the PM's Team in what was a much needed fundraising boost for Team PNG.

Champions of 2020, Melson Trading from Mount Hagen who quite surprisingly were the first ever dual Lae and Port Moresby Champions for the Prime Ministers Golf Challenge.

- The Annual Prime Minister's Golf Tourney is held every year in the cities of Port Moresby & Lae.

The Prime Minister's Corporate Golf Challenge began in 1998 at the Port Moresby Golf Club. In 2005 the event spread to Lae and today sees the event happening in PNG's two largest centres each year.

To cater for both the more experienced golfer and the weekend hacker, the challenge uses an Ambrose format with special handicap provisions applied in some instances.

With the draw of playing a round of golf alongside the Prime Minister, corporate sponsors have eagerly signed up over the years to participate in the enjoyable and worthwhile event.

<http://pngolympic.org/fundraising-sponsorship/prime-ministers-corporate-golf-challenge>

PRIME MINISTER'S CORPORATE GOLF CHALLENGE
 ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TOWARDS TEAM PNG TO THE 2022 OLYMPIC GAMES

LAE MAY 24th, 2020 | **PORT MORESBY** MAY 31st, 2020

REGISTRATION
 OPEN: MARCH 09th, 2020 - CLOSES: APRIL 24th, 2020

COMPETITION DATES
 LAE - MAY 24th, 2020
 PORT MORESBY - MAY 31st, 2020

• LAE - K3,000 REGISTRATION FEE
 • POM - K4,000 REGISTRATION FEE
 • 4 PERSON TEAM
 • 18 HOLE AMBROSE COURSE

Prizes include:

1. Return ticket for 4 to Sydney with Air Niugini
2. Return ticket for 4 to Brisbane with Air Niugini
3. Return ticket for 4 to Cairns with Air Niugini
4. Accommodation for 4, at 5000

The 1st person to score a Hole-in-One on the 9th hole in LAE and the 10th hole in POM will win a Forster's 4x4 and 2x4x4 respectively from Ela Motors.

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PHOTOS -TEAMS IN IN ACTION



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OLYMPIC DAY/WEEK

To mark Olympic Day in June 2020 this year, the PNGOC and Australian High Commission, through High Commissioner Jon Philp, announced a new partnership to provide PNG athletes world-class preparation in their bid to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics.

The support of AUD\$250,000 brings the PNG-Australia Sports cooperation to a new level, and we are truly indebted to the support shown by the Australian Government.

Australia and PNG have a strong history of partnership throughout the years, and we are thankful for their support of our Olympic dreams.

In addition to the celebrations of the Olympic Week, the PNGOC hosted two film nights at Port Moresby Arts Theatre and the University of Papua New Guinea's New Lecture Theatre.

The film night at the Port Moresby Arts Theatre fell on Olympic Day (June 23rd) which was the main feature of the Olympic Week Celebrations.

The night was attended by PNGOC's Corporate Sponsors, National Federations, Olympians, friends from the Japanese Embassy and staff of PNGOC. A significant highlight of the night was the recognition of PNG Olympians through the presentation of their Olympian Certificates from the World Olympian Association, formally by Vice Minister of Sport, Honourable Wesley Raminai.

The other film night at the University of Papua New Guinea was attended by over 150 university students.

A series of panel discussion was conducted in between the different short films showcased.

The panel included Olympians, Team PNG athletes and staff of PNGOC, with conversations around the Olympic Values and the contribution of sport in developing national pride and integral human development.



OLYMPIC DAY/WEEK ACTIVITIES



PNG Olympian Association members during the Olympic commemoration week.



OLYMPIC WEEK 2020



OCEANIA SPORT EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Sport is one of the most powerful platforms for promoting gender equality and for empowering women and girls.

With this in mind, the Gender Equity Commission (GEC) of the PNGOC planned and delivered a series of workshops, made possible through Olympic Solidarity World Programmes Grant.

Forty four (44) females and 78 males participated in 4 Workshops delivered in Lae, Port Moresby and Goroka. The workshop covered topics on equal opportunity for all, sharing of resources, identifying safe spaces for females & children suffering gender-based violence, creating healthy relationships and identifying men and boys that champion the fight against gender-based violence.

There were elite athletes, executives, teachers, professional working-class people) and volunteers, amidst Covid 19, representing 50% of sports - Cricket, Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Rugby League, Rugby Union,

Paralympics, Athletics, Australian Rules Football, Netball, Swimming, Squash, Karate, Wushu, Boxing, Touch, Football, Gymnastics, Kick-boxing, Judo, Papua New Guinea Sports Foundation, Government and school teachers. This reaches sports and tertiary student bodies across the nation.

At least 56% of the 15 – 49 year-old female population has experienced physical violence with 28% sexual violence according to .

Member of the PNGOC GEC and past elite athlete in the Pacific Games 2015, Raphaela Baki shared the purpose and experiences of her Project “Kamapim Boxin Meri (translation Raising Up Women in Boxing).

It is primarily in response to the growing trend of gender-based violence and raises awareness while empowering young girls and boys.

Raphaela works closely with the Police National Family Sexual and Violence Unit identifying victims of violence and linking them up with help.

A total of eight (8) Oceania Sports Education Program (OSEP) community level courses were delivered in Port Moresby, Lae and Manus.

There were 4 Sports in Communities Administration courses (CLA001) with 55 participants (20 females) and 4 Community Coach & Official Coach courses (CLC002) with 48 participants (21 females).

There is progressive increase in female participation and NFs are responsible in providing and leading in selecting equal gender candidates to all OSEP courses.

These courses are foundational to administration and coaching career pathways for capacity building and in high demand across PNG. There is opportunity to share content, knowledge, skills and experiences among the participating volunteer coaches, athletes and administrators.

OSEP courses also integrate and address common community issues such as gender equity and gender-based violence which has been

another issue prevalent in PNG and abroad.

21 National Federations were represented with a face-to-face Sports in Communities Administration course offered solely to 12 (2 females and 6 males) Athletics PNG. Swimming PNG had 6 participants while there were 1 – 2 from other NFs.

These were Gymnastics, Boxing, Karate, Rugby League, Rugby Union, AFL, Touch, Athletics, Wushu, Fencing, Netball, Cricket, Hockey, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Football, Squash, Karate and Para-sports – Athletics.

A much-needed boost has been the introduction of the e-OSEP Building Management training course offered on an online platform.

This new platform offers NFs opportunity to participate in available OSEP courses online while the face-to-face courses remain with virtual meetings and workshops another option being considered.

JUSTIFICATION COMMITTEE NEW TIMELINES

In September, briefings were held with National Federations on the new Justification Committee (JC) time lines where NFs were required to justify their sport for 2023 Pacific Games three (3) years out from the Games, and justify their sport and officials for the 2022 Commonwealth Games and Pacific Mini Games.

Tokyo Olympic sports were also required to justify their targeted athletes and officials. JC Meetings with each sport were held from 28th September to 2nd October.



ATHLETES FORUM



The Athletes Commission of the PNGOC was active in 2020 delivering forums in Lae and Goroka.

Their role is important in advising the athletes on important topics such as athlete safeguarding, athlete well-being, and how the Athletes Commission can help athletes overall.

The Athletes Commission's work is vital in informing the PNGOC about the current and potential issues that are affecting our athletes so that together we can work on addressing them with their respective National Federations.

The Athlete Forums also provided the opportunity to look at the Athletes Commission Charter and Strategic Plan and gather feedback from the participating athletes in the different regions to ensure that the current activities of the Commission are relevant to the athletes and aligns with that of the PNGOC.

The PNG Athletes Commission was established in 2000 under the umbrella of the PNGOC as required by the Olympic Charter. The original Athletes Commission was appointed by the PNGOC Executive and the members consisted of former and current athletes who were involved with their sports in some way or another.



Each Athletes Commission term lasts for four years with elections coinciding with the Pacific Games.

The current group of Athletes Commission members was elected at the 2019 Pacific Games and became the fifth group of athletes to represent the views of their fellow elite athletes.

With the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson sitting on the executive board of the PNGOC and other AC members involved in the committees of the PNGOC, the AC plays a critical role in ensuring the well-being and performance of PNG's elite athletes are looked after and provides advice and recommendations from an athlete's perspective on issues of significance.

<http://pngolympic.org/commissions/athletes-commission>



ONLINE WEBINARS AND WORKSHOPS

We are continually learning and adapting with the changes under the new normal operating business requirements.

A lot of our in-face meetings and workshops were conducted virtually in 2020.

It was pleasing to see and hear about the experiences from our international colleagues through our participation in online webinars, workshops, annual general meetings and other various meetings.

The PNGOC was fortunate to participate in Pacific Connect Virtual Dialogue in November thanks to the International Centre for Democratic Partnerships.

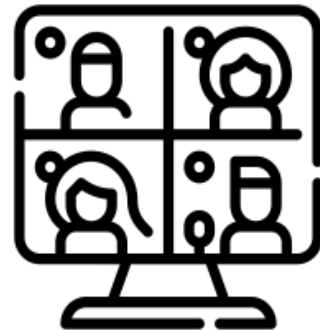
The dialogue allowed participating Pacific Island nations to talk about current issues in Sports and how these issues can be addressed with the technologies of today.

Other notable mentions were the training opportunities afforded through online webinars and workshops for our prospective Tokyo bound athletes from the International Olympic Committee.

Locally, we are able to see, hear and attend some of our sporting member’s annual general meetings.

Member National Federations (NF) were able to host their annual general meetings using online platforms to report to their members on their NF activities, whilst others were fortunate to hold a small meeting within the established COVID19 protocols.

It was certainly pleasing to see and hear about the willingness of members to conduct their Annual General Meetings despite the current circumstances.



OLYMPIC VALUES EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Olympic Values Education Program is an outreach program run by athletes who have undertaken the HEROes ambassador training program.

The program enables athletes to travel to other towns and provinces and provide educational and interactive awareness raising programs on the Olympic Values of Excellence, Friendship and Respect to the younger people and their communities.

Areas visited in 2020 included, Goroka, Kikori, and Lae.



IBSU – ATHLETES EXCELLENCE FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS



The Athletes Excellence for Life Scholarships sponsored by the Institute of Business Studies University in partnership with PNG Olympic Committee provided an opportunity for Team PNG athletes to further their education. Seven current and former athletes who were recipients of the scholarship graduated in 2020.

Julius Piku from the sport of Karate was awarded dux in Certificate VI in Business. Denniene Bray (Basketball) was awarded dux in Certificate III in Business and was runner up in Certificate IV in Business.

The other athletes who completed and graduated in their respective courses were Madako Suari (Squash), Miriam Stanley (Karate), Roland Bala (Football), Anrika Garena (Volleyball) and Junior Jason Chapau (Karate).



PNG SPORTS HALL OF FAME



Our last major event for 2020 that we successfully held at the Port Moresby Arts Theatre was the 6th PNG Sports Hall of Fame.

This year's inductees were Takale Tuna from Athletics, and inductee number 18; Wavala Kali, also from Athletics, and inductee number 19; and the late Robert Stewart, from Shooting, who was inductee number 20.

Present at the event was the Minister for Higher Education & Sports, Honourable Wesley Raminai, who conveyed the importance of sports being a powerful vehicle that can inspire and unite Papua New Guinea.

Despite the event filled back end of 2020, it was imperative that we finished the year by closing off with the Hall of Fame as we felt it was our duty to maintain and honour, and preserve the sporting achievements of those who excelled and represented Papua New Guinea in the past by giving them the recognition and in the process inspiring the current and next generation of Team PNG athletes.



Takale Tuna



Wavala Kali



Late Robert Stewart (left-right)

OBTUARIES OF 2020

2020 was also a sad year for some of our sporting federations, communities and fraternities as some of our sporting icons and passionate people associated with the development of our professional sporting codes were farewelled from this life, into eternity.

Weightlifting lost stalwarts Iwila Jacob and Douglas Mea, while our volleyball community farewelled Bala Babaga-Liveras and Athletics and the sporting community in Lae, lost Olympian Elanga Buala.



Elanga Buala- PNG Athletics



Bala Babaga-Liveras- PNG Volleyball



Iwila Jacobs- PNG Weightlifting



Douglas Mea-PNG Weightlifting

PLUS 1% DATABASE TRAINING



Through the Commonwealth Games Federation we are privileged to have access to the Plus One Percent (Plus 1%) online database platform.

Utilising this online database platform we have started adding data on previous and future games with the vision of having it accessible for our athletes and administrators to conveniently update data via a web browser on any internet connected device.

We would like to acknowledge the Commonwealth Games Federation and Richard de Groen for his continued assistance with our team regarding the access, training and use of Plus 1%.

The COVID19 afforded downtime allowed the organisation to update its electronic filing systems.

The internal file naming convention was developed and allows for uniformity across the organisation, ease of access, and the avoidance of duplication for multiple versions whilst leveraging the cloud-based business applications available through our Microsoft Office 365 licensing agreement.



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PNGOC PARTNERS



Brian Bell Group, joined our pool of sponsors in 2020.

OUR NEW SPONSORS IN 2020



The majority of our programs, events and goals for 2020 would not have been achieved without the great support from our family of sponsors including Trukai Industries, Air Niugini, Capital Insurance, ExxonMobil PNG, SP Brewery, Brian Bell Group, The National, Coral Sea Hotels, IBSU, Theodist, Blue 7 Team, Media Partners and Trophy Haus.

What has been a difficult period in 2020, we were fortunate to maintain the majority of our sponsors intact. Even more resounding was their commitment to back Team PNG and the PNGOC in 2021. Their commitment to supporting Team PNG is truly immeasurable and is a reflection of the strong relationship built over the many shared years together.

We were also blessed to have Brian Bell Group and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) through the PacificAus Sports Program join us in 2020 with their support towards Team PNG and its preparations for the Tokyo Olympics.

The International Olympic Committee and Oceania National Olympic Committee through the Olympic Solidarity Program continued to provide much needed support for athlete/coach development programs and scholarships, and NOC initiatives. This included a Special Grant support from the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) to assist NOCs operations and response to the pandemic.

CONCLUSION

In summary, 2020 proved to be one of the most challenging years, it slowed us down but it certainly didn't stop us.

I am proud of our team's commitment and contribution both individually and as a team ensuring majority of our key objectives for 2020 were achieved.

I am also grateful for the support and stewardship that the Board members and Committees provided throughout the past year.

Having a dedicated team with the passion and vision is what this organization thrives on in building a rewarding future for sports as we embark a new strategic term.

We recognize the ongoing challenge of the pandemic but there is one thing that remains constant, we are stronger when we work together. It is this that will drive us forward to 2021 during these extraordinary times.

