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The PNG Olympic Committee sets a strict deadline and outlines critical requirements for participation.

PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA - The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) is urging all sports targeting participation in the upcoming November 2023 Solomon Islands Pacific Games to meet their requirements by the September 6th deadline.

While many athletes and teams have already received provisional endorsements and are undergoing training, attending national championships, and participating in international events, they must still adhere to the Justification Committee's benchmark requirements. This ensures their preparedness and potential performance levels are up to standard for selection onto Team PNG.

All athletes, officials, coaches, and team managers are reminded to complete three obligatory online courses this month on Anti-Doping, Athlete Safeguarding, and the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competition

Additionally, coaches and team managers yet to be certified under the Oceania Sports Education Program (OSEP) must fulfill pre-course requirements before attending the Development Coach, Strength and Conditioning, and Team Managers Courses in early September.

Secretary General, Auvita Rapilla, emphasised the significance of these pre-requisites, stating, "These courses are compulsory. Athletes and officials who don't complete these requirements cannot participate in the games."

In a recent update from the PNG Olympic Committee Justification Committee, the sports of Judo, Sailing, and Rugby League 9s were excluded from Team PNG and will not be participating in the 2023 Solomon Islands Pacific Games for failing to meet the required benchmark and justification deadlines and criteria. Rugby League 9s was the only sport that appealed the decision to the PNG Sports Dispute Tribunal who ultimately upheld the decision of the Justification Committee.

The Olympic Committee continues to focus on ensuring that Team PNG represents the best of the country's athletes and aligns with the high standards set for international competition.

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About the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee

The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation committed to inspire and unite Papua New Guinea through sporting excellence and success. The PNGOC is a believer of sport as an enabler for sustainable and inclusive development. It is our responsibility to select, send and fund Team PNG to the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Pacific Games. This is achieved by working with our member national sports federations and with the support of our sponsors and partners, through fundraising events and with the backing of the Government. To find out more visit our website www.pngolympic.org.pg

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