

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
The Papua New Guinea Sports Foundation  
AND  
The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee**

Together, in Partnership Leading Sport in Papua New Guinea

**PREAMBLE**

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED ORGANIZATIONS, being the core stakeholders working together for the development of sport and the use of sport for development in Papua New Guinea:

**Recognising the complementary roles of both the development of sport and the use of sport for development, will actively support** the commitments, policies and strategic plans made at the national government level in PNG- and relevant international documents-.

**Recognising the autonomy of sports organisation**, in line with the principles enshrined in a Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly adopted in New York in October 2014 (A/RES/69/6) which recognises sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace and also supports the independence and autonomy of sport as well as the mission of the International Olympic Committee in leading the Olympic Movement.

**Affirming the Status of the Foundation as per the PNG Sports Foundation Act 2006**

- i. The PNGSF shall maintain the supreme and controlling authority of all sports organizations in Papua New Guinea,
- ii. This shall be without prejudice to the jurisdiction, exclusive responsibilities and autonomy of non-government sports organisations as determined in the Olympic Charter and in their respective Constitutions, and as otherwise specified in this MOU;

**Affirming the role of the PNG Sports Foundation as set out in the PNG Sports Foundation Act 2006 to**

- i. provide leadership in the development of sports in Papua New Guinea;
- ii. encourage increased participation and improved performance by Papua New Guineans in sport;



- iii. provide resources, services and facilities to enable Papua New Guineans to pursue and achieve excellence in sport which will also further their educational and vocational skills and other aspects of their personal development;
- iv. improve sporting abilities of Papua New Guineans generally through the improvement of the standard of coaches;
- v. foster cooperation in sports between PNG and other countries through provision of access to resources, services and facilities related to sport; and
- vi. encourage the private sector to contribute to the funding of sport to supplement assistance by the Government of PNG;

**Affirming the role and competencies of the PNG Olympic Committee** as the National Olympic Committee, Commonwealth Games Association and Pacific Games Association of Papua New Guinea as defined in PNGOC constitution, the Olympic Charter, Commonwealth Games Federation Charter and Pacific Games Charter, are among other things, to:

- i. develop, promote and protect the Olympic Movement in the country, in accordance with the Olympic Charter;
- ii. promote the Fundamental Principles and values of Olympism in their country, particularly in the areas of sport and education, by supporting Olympic education programmes at all levels in schools, sports and physical education institutions and universities, and encourage the creation of institutions devoted to Olympic education, such as national Olympic academies, Olympic museums and other programmes, especially cultural ones, linked to the Olympic Movement;
- iii. ensure compliance with the Olympic Charter in the country;
- iv. represent the country, select and enter the athletes at the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Pacific Games (and for the other regional, continental or global games and multi-sport competitions with IOC, CGF and PGC patronage), in coordination with the national sports federations;
- v. protect the Olympic, Commonwealth Games and Pacific Games properties in the country;
- vi. encourage the development of high performance sport and sport for all;
- vii. help with the training of sports managers by organising courses and ensuring that these help to spread the Fundamental Principles of Olympism;
- viii. maintain advocacy and take appropriate actions against all forms of discrimination and violence in sport;
- ix. adopt and implement the World Anti-Doping Code;
- x. encourage and support measures linked to medical care for, and the health of, the athletes;






- xi. where applicable, work with governmental and nongovernmental organisations in order to accomplish its missions, without involvement in any activity which might be contrary to the Olympic Charter;
- xii. preserve its autonomy and resist all pressures, including, but not limited to, political, legal, religious or economic pressures which might prevent it from complying with the Olympic Charter.

**Affirming the role and powers of National Sports Federations (NFs)** as the custodians of their respective sports in PNG through affiliation with their respective International Federations in line with the rules of the Olympic Charter, the statutes of their respective IFs and their own statutes; to develop and promote their sport, to conduct competitions in accordance with their IF rules, to bid and host international competitions in collaboration with the PNG Sports Foundation, amongst others.

**Reasserting a mutual commitment** to lead and develop Sport in Papua New Guinea, we **HEREBY AGREE AND COMMIT** to collaborate in the development of sport and use of sport for development in PNG, to work together in partnership with our local, provincial, regional, national, international partners and stakeholders to maximise access to sport by all Papua New Guineans, to maximise the potential of our sporting talent at all levels including international, and to maximise the opportunities to use sport for development.

To meet this commitment, we hereby agree the following specific terms and conditions to govern and manage the structure of sport in PNG:

### **Glossary of terms**

HP	High Performance
HPS	High Performance Sport PNG
IOC	International Olympic Committee
Minister	The Minister of Sport
MOU	this Memorandum of Understanding
NF	National Sports Federation
OSEP	Oceania Sports Education Programme
The Parties	PNGSF and PNGOC
PNGSF	PNG Sports Foundation
PNGOC	PNG Olympic Committee
PNGSADO	PNG Sports Anti-Doping Organisation
SDT	Sports Disputes Tribunal
UN	United Nations




## **1. Recognition of the Autonomy of (Non-Governmental) National Sports bodies**

- 1.1 The structure of relations amongst the Parties, described in this MOU, will respect the right of sports bodies to their autonomy and independence from government.
- 1.2 The autonomy of sports organisations is a basic principle of the Olympic Movement which results from the specific nature of sport. Autonomy is not an end in itself, but a necessary means of ensuring the universality of sport, its values and its rules, and the integrity of sports competitions.
- 1.3 Autonomy as stated in the Olympic Charter in particular paragraph 5 of the Fundamental Principles of Olympism is: Recognizing that sport occurs within the framework of society, sports organizations within the Olympic Movement shall have the rights and obligations of autonomy, which include freely establishing and controlling the rules of sport, determining the structure and governance of their organizations, enjoying the right of elections free from any outside influence and the responsibility for ensuring that principles of good governance be applied.
- 1.4 Autonomy of sports organisations does not mean that such organisations act in isolation, outside the national context in which they are established. On the contrary, sport and sports organisations are fully part of the framework of the local society and context, whilst respecting the universal values which characterise them. This is the principle of unity in diversity.
- 1.5 The PNGOC and National Sporting Bodies, although autonomous still rely on the PNG Sports Foundation and the Private sector for technical and/or financial support to pursue their activities and sport within our country, which includes the development of sport and the construction of sports facilities.

## **2. The relation between the Ministry of Sport, PNGSF, PNGOC and NFs**

- 2.1 The Parties agree to have regular, constructive and inclusive dialogue between these partners in supporting and complimenting their respective roles and mandates.
- 2.2 The Parties commit to working together to advance and achieve outcomes in agreed areas of cooperation.



### **3. AREAS OF COOPERATION**

#### **3.1 Sports Facilities and Equipment**

- a) PNGSF shall guarantee priority access to sport facilities at minimal cost through set rates to NFs.
- b) PNGSF shall circulate information and audit of sports facilities and equipment to the Partners in the MOU.
- c) PNGSF shall ensure free use of sports facilities to National Teams as per the MOU with HP.
- d) PNGOC and PNGSF through their international networks shall provide advice and information on international best practice related to sports facility and equipment when requested.
- e) NFs shall provide necessary information and shall work with the PNGSF to ensure the minimum international standards for facilities and equipment necessary for hosting competitions are in place.

#### **3.2 Sport Education**

- a) The Parties recognise the existing OSEP MOU and agree to work within its boundaries to deliver OSEP courses in PNG.
- b) The Parties commit to leveraging resources to support sport education courses.
- c) The Parties will explore partnerships with tertiary institutions to deliver sports based curricula.
- d) The Parties will work with the Department of Education and other relevant parties to see physical education and sports related learning resources included in the national curricula and implemented in schools and tertiary institutions.
- e) The Parties will look to provide opportunities for athletes to pursue their education through scholarship programs.
- f) NFs shall be responsible for identifying and developing sports specific training pathways for their respective sports, which are aligned to their IF accreditation structure.
- g) NFs shall be responsible for identifying officials within their sport to undertake professional development or accreditation courses, which will lead to sport specific development pathways and certification/ qualification.





### **3.3 High Performance**

- a) The Parties will work towards finalising a MOU on Elite Sport which guides the working relationship between the two organisations
- b) HP support to NFs from PNGSF will be guided by the HPS Strategy and the HPS/NF MOUs
- c) HP support to NFs from PNGOC will be guided by the Team PNG Performance Strategy 2016-2020
- d) PNGSF provides HP support to PNGOC and NFs in line with the individual high performance strategies and plans of PNGOC and NFs.

### **3.4 Sports Disputes Tribunal**

- a) All sports related disputes shall be referred to the Sports Disputes Tribunal
- b) PNGSF through the Minister shall ensure the SDT legislation is passed and established through the National Court.
- c) The Parties and NFs recognise the legitimacy of the SDT as the dispute resolution body for sport in PNG
- d) The Parties and NFs shall make provisions in their rules, regulations and agreements to refer all appeals and disputes to the SDT.

### **3.5 Sports Integrity**

- a) Anti-doping – The Parties recognise PNGSADO as the National Anti-Doping Organisation under WADA as being responsible for all anti-doping related matters in PNG.
  - i. PNGSF to act on behalf of the Government to fulfil their obligations under the UNESCO convention on anti-doping
  - ii. PNGOC to ensure it is compliant with WADA code
  - iii. NFs to ensure they are compliant with the WADA code
- b) The Parties and NFs recognise the Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance for Olympic and Sports Movement as the minimum standard of good governance practice.
- c) The Parties and NFs recognise the major threat of match-fixing to the integrity of sport and agree to a zero-tolerance approach to match-fixing and illegal gambling.
- d) The Parties will work together to develop relevant policies on areas related to Sports Integrity.



### **3.6 Sport for Development**

- a) The Parties recognise the role of sport in the development of the nation and will work in partnership with other stakeholders to see sports used to contribute to development outcomes in areas including but not limited to education, health, gender equality, social inclusion and law and justice.
- b) The Parties recognise the role of International Development Partners and Civil Society Organisations for the part they play in sport for development.

### **3.7 Sport for All and Sport Participation**

- a) The Parties commit to ensuring their programmes and initiatives adhere to the principles of inclusivity, gender equality and non-discrimination.
- b) The Parties recognise their responsibilities in promoting participation in sport and physical activity through their respective programmes and initiatives.
- c) The Parties commit to working with NFs to deliver sport for all programmes and initiatives that are sustainable, strategic and have an impact regionally and nationally.

### **3.8 PNG Games**

- a) The Parties recognise PNGSF as the custodian of the PNG Games.
- b) The Parties recognise the PNG Games MOU which guides the working relationship and obligations of the two organisations.
- c) The NFs will provide the technical support for the delivery of the competitions.

### **3.9 Hosting of International Competitions**

- a) PNGOC and NFS must consult with PNGSF and other relevant Government authorities before bidding to host International Games in Country.
- b) The Parties recognise that PNGOC bids for International Games with support from Government.
- c) The Parties recognise that NFs bid for sports specific competitions through their IFs. The Parties may provide support to NFs in their bidding process where agreed or required.
- d) The Parties recognise that PNGSF is responsible for the participation of PNG at the Melanesian Games and University Games/ FISU events.

### **3.10. Team PNG**



- a) The Parties recognise that National Sporting Bodies will be responsible to select and nominate to PNGOC their athletes and officials.
- b) The Parties recognise that the PNGOC is the sporting body responsible for screening, endorsing and entering of athletes, known as Team PNG, to the International Games.
- c) PNGSF shall seek Government funding to support Team PNG preparation and participation at the International Games.

### **3.11. National Federation Support**

- a) PNGSF shall solicit Government support to assist NFs with implementation of their strategic plans.
- b) PNGSF shall collaborate with PNGOC to implement a National Talent Identification Program in partnership with National Federations.
- c) The Parties shall provide NFs with working space and resources to assist with the running of their sport in PNG.
- d) PNGOC shall support National Federations by providing support to agreed elite athletes and officials through its Olympic Solidarity and other programs.
- e) The Parties agree to share information on support provided to NFs to maximise and rationalise resources.
- f) NFs will be required to comply with PNGOC constitutional requirements and PNGSF Governance Guidelines to be eligible for support.

### **3.12. National Sports Policy (NSP)**

- a) The Parties recognise the need to have a National Sports Policy that guides the efforts of stakeholders involved in sport and physical activity in PNG.
- b) The National Sports Policy shall promote sport as a tool for national development. It shall make reference to the STaRS, the Vision 2050, the Principle of Inclusivity, Gender Equity, Child Protection, Anti- Corruption best practices, Water, Sanitation and Health, Violence Against Women, Non-discrimination and other relevant national policies. Additionally, including relevant international key declarations including the Berlin Declaration, the Beijing Declaration and the UN Resolution (A/RES/69/6) and the Olympic Charter.
- c) The Parties shall convene annual reviews of the NSP in October and invite key stakeholders as part of its monitoring and evaluation process.
- d) The Parties shall convene National Sports Policy Conference every five years which shall include the participation of key stakeholders from Government, the





NFs, the Media, the Church, other NGOs and relevant international organizations and agencies.

### **3.13. Sports Research**

- a) The Parties shall work together to share information on sports research and development pertaining to the promotion and development of sport.
- b) The Parties shall support sports research efforts related to sports medicine, physical education, sports science, nutrition, etc.

### **3.14 Sports Medicine**

- a) The Parties shall share best practice and evidence based applied practice information on sports medicine.
- b) The Parties recognise Sports Medicine PNG and shall support efforts to grow and develop expertise and knowledge in sports medicine.
- c) In addition to the above identified areas of cooperation, The Parties agree to collaborate on any other areas as and when they emerge.

## **4. Funding**

- 4.1 The Parties shall convene an annual meeting in February to develop a budget submission in line with the first annual Budget Circular of that year as part of the Government's annual National Budget Process
- 4.2 The Parties shall independently endeavour to secure funding from donors, non-government organisations, private sector and other Government institutions
- 4.3 The PNGOC must channel their requests for Government support through the PNG Sports Foundation.

## **5. Accountability and Transparency**

- 5.1. The Parties agree to undertake annually an independent financial audit and to produce and share a public annual report including financial statements. PNGOC shall do this in accordance with its Constitution and PNGSF shall do this in accordance with the Public Financial Management Act.

## **6. Annual Review of MOU**

- 6.1 The Partners agree to meet formally together in October each year to review progress in implementation of this MOU, and to agree new actions for the future.



Signed in Port Moresby on 9th May 2019 for and on behalf of:

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