

#### Independence Stadiu REPORT ON ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO AUGUST 2020

Between January and August 2020 covering before and after the Government of the Gambia declared a State of Public Emergency (SoPE) affecting a wide range of public life including sporting activities occasioned by the CoronaVirus Pandemic, the GCA Board engaged in various in-house programmes and activities.

These activities were aimed at putting in place concrete structures for the newly elected Board and for continual engagement with Member Clubs, potential new ones, Government Sporting Regulatory Bodies namely the National Sports Council and Ministry of Youth & Sports, the Continental Body ACA and the ICC.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> Declaration and now, the SoPE has been reviewed a few times with some relaxations but continues to be in force.

Coming into office, the newly elected Board felt it obliged to implement salient Sections of the Adopted Constitution with establishment of Sub-Committees namely:-

- 1. Organizing Sub-committee
- 2. League Sub-committee
- 3. Development & Training Sub-committee
- 4. Finance Sub-committee
- 5. Coaches sub-committee
- 6. Umpires Sub-committee
- 7. Disciplinary Sub-committee
- 8. Appeals Sub-committee (formed on an Ad-hoc basis as and when necessary)

The Board felt it necessary to establish a Secretariat for the smooth and effective day to day coordination of activities of the Association with the back-up of a Management Sub-committee.

Other areas of particular importance in relation to the above were constitutional guidelines for Terms of Reference for a few elected offices which were an oversight by the Constitution, Review and Adopt All Competition Rules & Guidelines and the Adoption of the Anti-Doping and Anti-Corruption Policy by Member Clubs.

#### **DEVELOPMENT MEETING.**

In February, we held a development meeting with all development Officers, Umpires and Scorers for the start of the 2020 cricket season. The points of discussion were as follows:

\*Senior domestic Leagues male and female

\*School Leagues in Three Regions, Municipality Council and West Coast Region

\*Umpiring and discussion on the new Playing Conditions for all our leagues

\* Development officers code of conduct and new format of their coaching schedule

\*Playing grounds for all our leagues

\* Other developmental Issues were discussed, then questions from development officers and answers were given to all questions.



**COACHING CLINIC SECOND INFANTRY BATTALION FARAFENNI. (NORTH BANK)** 

In January a second tour was undertaken to follow up to the first tour in December 2019. This time around the officers were a new batch that took over from the ones trained in December 2019. This new batch the total was about 268 Officers, we also conducted an introductory Coaching Course for Twenty-Five (25) officers, and every participant was given a coaching manual, they were all trained in the basic fundamentals of the game, with a basic scoring and Umpiring Course.

#### **CLUB REGISTRATION – MALE**

At the beginning of the Year the call for Renewal of Club Registration and invitation for New ones attracted 10 (ten). However as at this report only 8 (eight) have fully complied with the other 2 falling behind with Procedures and Processes for completion.

#### FEMALE

As at the time of this Report 4 (four) clubs have complied. The other 4 will be drawn and made up of combined senior secondary schools and 1 Tertiary Institution.

#### <u>SCHOOLS</u>

All processes and procedures for the registration exercise for schools are still suspended due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

#### <u>3 YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN</u>

The Association has already finalize the Plan using the SWOC methodology (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges) as the basis for a comprehensive document.

#### ACA LEVEL 1 COACHING COURSE

The ACA conducted a Level 1 Coaching course for Africa, and each country should filed in Five Participants, the course was on zoom and the instructors were all from South Africa. The course covered the following sessions;

\*Fundamentals of Batting, (The Grip, Stance, Backswing, foot work, various types of stokes).

\* Fundamentals of Bowling. (The basic technics of the grip. The line and length of the ball, the various Bowling Actions, The various swings of the ball., Injury prevention, Foot placement etc.

\* Basic Fundamentals of Wicket Keeping, Stance, close to the wicket or far back.

\*Fielding Technics and Skills, \*Captaincy, \*Session Planning

\* LTAD: Key factors, Concept, Performance etc:

The five-day Coaching course ended with an Exam, and the next stage will be the practical's, which will be conducted as soon as the lockdown is lifted for the participants who passed the exam to be Certified.



## **TRAINING**

11 (ELEVEN) Scorers, Umpires and coaches took part in a one-day training on new scoring methodology organized by CricHeroes.

# BRIKAMA CRICKET CLUB KOMBO CENTRAL: WEST COAST REGION

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## **BRIKAMA CRICKET ACADEMY T-10 TOURNAMENT 2020**

We thank God the almighty for making it a success for the year 2020 T-10 academy tournament held in Brikama

Brikama successfully conducted an academy cricket tournament in Brikama. This took place from the  $2^{nd} - 6^{th}$  January 2020 at Brikama Jamisa cricket field

The competition which was sponsored by The Gambia Cricket Association supported by individual coaches of Brikama

The aim of this T-10 competition is to gear towards the grass root development of cricket sports and also creating a competition were talents for the next generation can be spotted and harnessed

Four (4) academies took part in the competition which was played in a T-10 format to ensure that all academies have enough games amongst themselves

The academies involved were:

- 1. Jamisa sobehya academy
- 2. Nyambai academy
- 3. Kabafita Rohan academy
- 4. Satayba boys academy

In the finals of the competition between jamisa sobehya academy and kabafita Rohan academy. Jamisa sobeh academy the toss and elected to bat sending kabafita rohan academy to field

Jamisa sobehya academy scored 68 runs all out for the loss of four (4) wickets in ten (10) overs

In the second inning, kabafita rohan academy successfully chase down runs and scored the required total 72 runs for the loss of three (3) wickets in 9.3 overs

Kabafita Rohan academy won by four wickets and crowned champions

Presentation of a cash prize and a trophy was done by The Gambia Cricket Association treasurer Malamin Fofona

Dignitaries present were, west coast regional sports coordinator Madam Aminata Barry, media personal from The Gambia Radio and Television Services through telephone interview and many others

It is the first of its kind in the history of west coast region, if not The Gambia in general to embark on such a competition

## **MEETINGS**

Outside the usual monthly Board & Sub-committee Meetings, the GCA held a Preseason Technical meeting with Development Officers to discuss pertinent issues centered on upgrading pitches, players indiscipline, players progression from junior to senior level and Development Officers/ National Coaches welfare matters.

The meeting also addressed incidents and lapses of the previous season with proposals for the Board's attention.

We would also mention the Conference call with Justin who conveyed decisions on A) Mapping of Schools, B) Female league criteria and the consequences of failure to meet the 8 team female league, C) new criteria for future submission of documentary evidences as back-ups for Associations' Data and Annual Reports, and D) provide some explanation on Pathways.

Side by side with these activities, is the several phone calls and e-mail correspondences with the RDM and her offices regarding the GCA's submission of 2019 Data and Annual Reports.

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