



BID TO HOST THE PACIFIC MINI GAMES

2017

Saipan

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS



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The Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association (NMASA), the national sports organization and the Pacific Games Association for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, hereby submits its bid to host the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

In accordance with Regulation 20 of the Pacific Games Council Charter, NMASA offers the following information:

I. GENERAL BACKGROUND

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is comprised of 14 lovely islands in northern Micronesia. On our three main islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota, one experiences the unhurried, friendly lifestyle and warm, island hospitality that are as unforgettable as our magical Micronesian sunsets.

The population of the Northern Mariana Islands, as of January 1, 2011, is estimated at 50,000. Saipan, our largest island and the proposed site for the 2017 Pacific Mini Games, is the most developed of the Northern Marianas, and is home to most of our population. Saipan offers the visiting athlete an inviting combination of modern amenities, such as a thriving tourism district with world-class hotels, restaurants, and shops, and the beauty of a clean and quiet tropical island. Almost all major venues, including proposed Games villages, sports venues, and leisure sites, are located within a short walk or drive.

Attached hereto is a map of facilities proposed for the Games.

The Games Villages will be located at Marianas High School, Hopwood Junior High School, and if necessary, Saipan Southern High School. Athletes and coaches will be housed in dormitory-style accommodations in school classrooms. Double bunk beds, mattresses, and linen will be provided. Each facility will have shower and toilet facilities as required by the Charter. Each village will have its own cafeteria and other common use areas.

Games headquarters will be located at the Susupe Sports Complex.

- i. The accreditation center, press center, and telecommunications center will be located at the Susupe Sports Complex.
- ii. Lodging for the Pacific Games Council, technical officials, and news media will be at the Saipan Grand Hotel, a modern international-standard five-star facility located within a very short distance of the Susupe Sports Complex.
- iii. Competition sites and facilities are indicated on the attached maps. Most of the facilities are located within the Susupe Sports Complex.
- iv. Competition facilities will also serve as training areas. Recreational facilities at the Games Villages can also be used for training.
- v. Saipan International Airport, capable of hosting aircraft as large as a Boeing 747, is located within a 10-15 minute drive of the Susupe Sports Complex, the Games Villages, and all major hotels.
- vi. Saipan offers more than 2,500 hotel rooms, including several hotels of international five-star quality. Two major hotels are located within walking distance of the Susupe Sports Complex, and other major hotels are just a few minutes' drive away.

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Main Road

Coral Reef

2 mi
2 km

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Susupe Sports Complex

- Main Stadium • Athletics • Football
- Indoor Volleyball • Baseball
- Swimming

Marianas High School

- Games Village
- Indoor Volleyball

Saipan Grand Hotel

- Official Games Hotel

Hopwood Jr. High School

- Games Village

Oleai

Susupe

Susupe Lake

Chalan Kanoa

Chalan Piao

Chalan Tun Joaquin Doi

Beach Road

As Perdido Road

- Main Road
- Inside Roads
- Games Venues

1000 ft

500 m



II. DATA ON CLIMATE

The Games will be held during the last two weeks of June, 2017. The Northern Marianas enjoys one of the most stable climates in the world, with abundant year-round sunshine. Average year-round temperature is 84° F (29 degrees Centigrade), with average daily maximums of 88° F / 31° C and average daily minimums of 76° F / 24° C. Occasional passing rain showers and gentle prevailing northeast trade winds provide an environment that has been described by travel writers as “as perfect as it gets”. The dry season runs from January through June, and includes the period of the Games. While scattered showers can be expected, extensive periods of continuous rainfall would be unlikely. Relative humidity is high, approximately 84%.

III. SPORTS PROGRAM

- The proposed dates for the Games are during the last two weeks of June, 2017.*
- It is proposed that the following sports be included in the sports program for the Games.*

All sports will be offered for men and women, except as noted.

Athletics

Football (soccer)

Golf

Swimming

Tennis

Va'a

Beach Volleyball

Baseball (men only)

Sailing

Triathlon

Indoor Volleyball

Attached are letters of support from each National Federation, confirming its affiliation status with both the NMASA and the relevant International Federation.

IV. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Organizing Committee will be formed within 30 days after the award of the Games. The core of the Organizing Committee will consist of the Bid Committee, with additional persons co-opted as necessary. Members of the Bid Committee are as follows:

Michael A. White, President, Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, Chair

Hon. Benigno R. Fitial, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Co-Chair

Hon. Paul A. Manglona, President of the Senate, Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Hon. Eliceo D. Cabrera, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Connie Agulto, Acting Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of the Northern Mariana Islands

Esther S. Fleming, Special Assistant for Administration, Government of the Northern Mariana Islands

Jerry Tan, President, Tan Holdings

Perry John P. Tenorio, Managing Director, Marianas Visitors Authority

Dr. Rita A. Sablan, Commissioner of Education, CNMI Public School System

Rose L. Igitol, Secretary General, Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association

Bob Coldeen, Sports Director, KSPN News

Douglas Brennan, President, Saipan Chamber of Commerce

The Committee consists of the leadership of NMASA, the highest elected officials of the executive and legislative branches of our Government, the chief executive of the Government tourism agency, the chief executive of the Public School System, leading figures in the private economic sector, and other key government officials. The Northern Mariana Islands are united in our support for the Games.

Once established, the Organizing Committee will hire an Executive Director, who will be charged with day-to-day responsibility for carrying out the policy directives of the Organizing Committee.

The Hon. Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands and Co-Chair of the Bid Committee, has pledged the full and complete support of the Government for the Games. A welcoming letter from the Governor is included in this bid document.

The Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature has expressed its support for the games through the passage of an official resolution, a copy of which is also a part of this bid document.

V. PAST SPORTS EVENTS

Within the past ten years, the Commonwealth has hosted a number of major sporting events, including the following:

2006 Micronesian Games. These quadrennial multi-sport games, held in Saipan for the third time, involved nearly 1500 athletes, coaches, and officials from across the Micronesian region—Palau, Guam, Kiribati, Nauru, the Marshall Islands, and the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia (Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap), as well as the CNMI, competing in 15 individual and team sports ranging from underwater fishing to baseball and basketball. We previously hosted the Micronesian Games in 1969 and 1990.

2009 Oceania Basketball Tournament. This tournament featured men's and women's teams from Australia, New Zealand, Guam, New Caledonia, and the Northern Marianas, a total of almost 200 athletes, coaches, and officials. During the course of the tournament, we hosted the FIBA Oceania Congress, which was attended by the President and Secretary General of FIBA, as well as the Secretary General of FIBA Oceania and the representatives of basketball federations from across the Pacific. We received high marks from all those who participated.

2008 Oceania Athletics Grand Prix and Championships. Over 350 athletes, coaches, and officials from 21 countries and territories from across the Pacific participated in this event, including many Olympic and world-class athletes. Oceania Athletics officials were highly impressed with our preparation and administration, and indicated that our facilities and our organization were of the highest quality.

2005 Micronesian Area Athletics Championships. This event included 250 athletes, coaches, and officials representing seven countries and territories from across the North Pacific.

Tagaman Triathlon and XTerra Championships. On an annual basis, the CNMI hosts the Tagaman Triathlon and the XTerra Saipan Championships. The Tagaman is an Olympic-style triathlon, while the XTerra's bicycle and running legs are "off-road". These events are held on consecutive weekends, with the intervening week consisting of clinics and other athletic and social events. An average of 150 athletes

participate, including amateurs and professionals from Japan, the Philippines, Australia, the USA, the UK, Switzerland, Germany, Canada, and Austria, as well as around the Pacific.

Saipan Marathon. The Saipan Marathon, staged annually since 2005, attracts an average of 900 entries, including contestants from Japan, Korea, Guam, the USA, and the Philippines.

Marianas Cup Beach Volleyball Festival. This event, now in its 19th consecutive year, annually attracts several hundred professional and amateur athletes from the USA (including Olympic Gold Medal winner Phil Dalhausser), Japan, Korea, Guam, Italy, Australia, Papua New Guinea, and the Federated States of Micronesia. It is sanctioned by FIVB and the Asian Volleyball Confederation. The Festival lasts a week, and features tournaments in various formats as well as clinics for school children and the general public.

International Tennis Federation North Pacific Qualifying Event. The CNMI has hosted this event every three years since 1997. The event features 50 to 60 athletes, coaches, and officials from the countries and territories of the ITF North Pacific Zone.

Laguna Regatta. The CNMI has hosted this annual sailing event, which is our national open Hobie 16 sailing championship, every year since 1976. Sailors from Japan and Guam are regular participants.

2008 Asia Pacific Baseball Tournament. This event, sanctioned by Little League Baseball, Inc., featured approximately 200 players and 25 coaches from Guam, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and the CNMI.

2001 Mobil Games. This baseball tournament was contested by four countries: Palau, Guam, Pohnpei (FSM), and the CNMI, and involved about 100 players, coaches, and officials.

Underwater Fishing. Our spearfishing federation has hosted major regional competitions annually since 2007, attracting participants from across the Micronesian region.

VI. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

With the exception of football, we anticipate being able to provide an adequate number of technical officials in all sports to be offered. We will continue to assess our needs in this respect, in consultation with the IFs, and will call for off-island officials if needed.

VII. FACILITIES

1. Sports and Related Facilities

(i) Existing Facilities

Main Stadium Located at the Susupe Sports Complex, the main stadium consists of an internationally-certified athletics facility and a grandstand. The stadium is lit for night use. The grandstand currently seats approximately 1,000 people. We are planning to expand the grandstand to seat 2,500. The main stadium will be used for the opening and closing ceremonies of the Games.

Athletics will be held at the main stadium.



Susupe Sports Complex: Main Stadium and Track and Field

Football will be held at the main stadium, and a new facility to be constructed for the Games, approximately a 10-minute drive from the Susupe Sports Complex. Seating at the new facility will be temporary bleachers, capacity to be determined.



Susupe Sports Complex: Baseball Field

Baseball will be held at the Francisco T. Palacios field, located in the Susupe Sports Complex. The field is of international standard, and is used for spring training by college and professional teams from Japan and Korea and regional senior Little League Baseball tournaments. The grandstand seats approximately 500 people, but will be expanded to a capacity of 1000 for the Games.



Susupe Sports Complex: Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium



Susupe Sports Complex: Indoor Volleyball Court



Pacific Islands Club: Tennis Courts

Golf will be held at one or more of Saipan's four international-standard 18-hole golf courses.

Tennis will be held at the Pacific Islands Club, about a five-minute drive from the Susupe Sports Complex.

Beach Volleyball will be held at the Pacific Islands Club, in the southern portion of the island, the same hotel as will host the tennis competition.

Indoor Volleyball will be held at Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, located at the Susupe Sports Complex, and seating approximately 1,000 people. The Gymnasium will be air conditioned in time for the Games. Competition will also be held at the Marianas High School Gymnasium, an air-conditioned facility seating approximately 800. This gymnasium is located upon the grounds of Marianas High School, which is one of the Games Villages, and which is adjacent to the Susupe Sports Complex.

Va'a will be held in the lagoon, to the west of the Susupe Sports Complex.



Pacific Islands Club: Beach Volleyball Court



Sailing will be conducted in the lagoon, immediately to the west of the Susupe Sports Complex.

Swimming will be held at a new Olympic-standard facility to be constructed for the Games at the Susupe Sports Complex. If it is not possible to construct this facility, swimming will be conducted at one of two 25-meter pools, an existing pool situated on the grounds of the Marianas Resort in the north part of the island, and another currently under construction at Saipan Southern High School, one of the proposed Games Villages.

Triathlon The swimming leg will be held in the lagoon to the west of the Susupe Sports Complex, and the bike and running legs will be held on the roads located on the west side of the island.

Training will be held at the competition venues. Additional fields and other sports facilities (such as tennis courts, volleyball courts, and fields suitable for football training) are located around the island.

(ii) As noted elsewhere in this Bid Document, the only new sports facility to be constructed will be a 50-meter swimming pool. In addition, the grandstands at the main stadium and at the baseball field will be expanded, the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium will be air conditioned, and additional bathrooms and shower facilities will be constructed at the Games Villages. These new facilities will constitute an enduring legacy for the people of the Northern Marianas.

(iii) The international broadcast center and the main press center will be located at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, in the Susupe Sports Complex. The official hotel will be the Saipan Grand hotel, located close to the Susupe Sports Complex. The hotel is of international five-star standard.

2. Games Villages *(See Maps on Pages 6 and 7)*

The Games Villages will be located at Marianas High School, located adjacent to the Susupe Sports Complex; Hopwood Junior High School, approximately five minutes south of the Susupe Sports Complex; and if necessary, Saipan Southern High School, approximately 10 minutes southeast of the Susupe Sports Complex. Athletes and coaches will be housed in classrooms converted for use as dormitories, with double-deck bunk beds with approximately 16 to 20 persons per room. All rooms are air conditioned. We anticipate housing 700 athletes, coaches, and team officials at Marianas High School, 500 at Hopwood, and another 500 at Saipan Southern, for a total capacity of 1700. Each village will have shower and bathroom facilities as required by the Pacific Games Charter.

Conference rooms and meeting facilities will be provided at each Games Village, as required by the Pacific Games Charter.



Marianas High School: Campus (above); Cafeteria Courtyard (below)





Marianas High School: Gymnasium Exterior (above); Indoor Volleyball Court (below)



Each Games Village is located in close proximity to commercial development. Retail stores, supermarkets, and self-service laundry facilities are located within easy walking distance.

Each Games Village will have a fully equipped dining facility. Each village will also have a recreation area, including outdoor basketball courts and other facilities.

The Commonwealth Health Center, a modern 86-bed hospital, serves the island of Saipan. It is centrally located in Garapan. A full range of medical services, as offered by the Commonwealth Health Center, will be available to athletes, coaches, and officials.

A press center will be established at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium at the Susupe Sports Complex. Major banks serving the CNMI include the Bank of Hawaii and First Hawaiian Bank, both of which

have extensive correspondent relationships with banks throughout the Pacific. Additionally, the Bank of Guam and the Bank of Saipan also offer a full range of banking services. Bank branches are conveniently located around the island, and ATMs are located within easy walking distance of all Games Villages. The United States Dollar is the legal tender of the CNMI.

The CNMI is served by the United States Postal Service (USPS). The main post office is located in Chalan Kanoa, a five-minute drive from Marianas High School and less than two minutes from Hopwood Junior High School. The organizing committee will confer with USPS to determine if temporary branch facilities can be located at the Games Villages. It is anticipated that telephone and fax lines, as well as internet services will be made available at all Games Villages.

Saipan offers several travel agencies. Dry cleaning is available on the island.

Saipan offers a modern six-screen movie theater which operates daily. There are street markets several nights per week, two bowling alleys, several dance clubs, duty-free shopping, a wide range of water activities (including a submarine) and numerous historical sites for the enjoyment of our visitors.

3. Official Hotel

The official hotel of the Games will be the Saipan Grand Hotel. The hotel, of five-star international standard, is located in Susupe village, just a few hundred yards from the Susupe Sports Complex. Members of the Pacific Games Council, other officials of PGAs, technical officials, IF delegates and observers, and VIPs, will be accommodated at the Saipan Grand Hotel. To the extent that additional rooms are available, media representatives, the general public, and team followers will be offered accommodations at the hotel. The Organizing Committee hopes to negotiate a room rate which will not exceed US \$80.00 per room per night.

There are numerous other international standard hotels on the island of Saipan, at a broad range of room rates, all of which will be available to accommodate visitors and guests.

Saipan Grand Hotel



4. Distances

Saipan is a relatively small island, about 12 miles (19 km) long and 5 miles (8 km) wide. Most of our commercial development is located along the southwest coast, from Garapan to San Antonio Villages. Other than golf and possibly swimming, travel time between and among the Games Villages and all competition venues is ten to 12 minutes or less at all times. Most venues are within walking distance of each other, the main Games Village, and the official Games hotel.

5. Transportation Arrangements

Vehicles will be provided as required by the Pacific Games Council Charter. A broad range of rental vehicles is available from several major companies.

VIII. GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

- a. We propose to fix per diem at no more than US \$30.00 per day.
- b. No travel grant or subsidy will be offered.
- c. As noted above, the Commonwealth Health Center, a modern health care facility, is centrally located on the island of Saipan, and offers a broad range of medical care and services. Ambulance services are available if needed. First aid personnel will be on duty at all competition venues.
- d. Drug testing procedures have not yet been determined.
- e. All teams will be provided transportation between the Airport and the Games Villages. In addition to the vehicles to be provided as specified in Part VII.5, above, a free shuttle bus service will be provided between all Games Villages and all competition venues.
- f. Village services will include dining and entertainment facilities, as well as telephone, fax, and internet service.
- g. Saipan is served by Continental Airlines, Delta Airlines, and Asiana. These carriers offer several daily flights from Guam, Japan, and Korea. Guam has direct flights from Cairns and Nadi several times weekly, and daily flights from Honolulu, all with quick connections to an easy 35-minute flight to Saipan. Countries and territories with direct flights to Japan or Korea may transit through those countries. Quick and easy access to Saipan will allow participating PGAs to move their delegations in and out as needed.
- h. Our official languages are English, Chamorro, and Carolinian. English is spoken by nearly everyone.
- i. High-speed internet access and Wi-Fi are widely available throughout the island, allowing our visitors to keep in touch with friends and family during their stay.

XI. FINANCE

1. **Proposed Budget.**

We propose a total budget of \$990,000.00, broken down as follows: Meals and village services, \$675,000.00; transportation, \$50,000.00; security, \$20,000.00; competition expenses, \$50,000.00; ceremonies and medals, \$25,000.00; Bid Committee expenses, \$90,000.00; and all other, \$80,000.00. All capital costs for the construction and improvements of facilities will be obtained through United States federal grants, and are not included in the operating budget. All figures are in US Dollars.

2. **Sources of Income.**

Per diems, \$750,000.00; Government contributions \$150,000.00; and private sector and other contributions and sponsorships, \$90,000.00. Any operating profit will be returned to NMASA, as required by the Pacific Games Council Charter.

Because NMASA's President and Secretary General will be represented on the Organizing Committee, there will be no conflicts of sponsorship between the Organizing Committee and NMASA.

United States intellectual property laws protect market-related rights from unauthorized usage. In addition, NMASA and/or the Government controls the use of most of the competition venues, and the Organizing Committee will thus be in a position to prevent any unauthorized advertising at those venues.

X. GUARANTEES

1. NMASA and the Bid Committee confirm that, on the award of the Games, we will execute forthwith a contract as per the draft host contract specified in the Pacific Games Charter, to include the commitments of an organizing committee as set forth in the Protocols.
2. NMASA and the Bid Committee confirm that participants of all countries and territories affiliated to the Pacific Games Council will be invited to the Games.
 - (i) Entrance to the Northern Mariana Islands shall be free, including exemption of all entry and departure taxes, customs duties, and levies. We note that United States immigration laws apply in the Northern Mariana Islands, and some participants may be required to obtain United States visas, at their own expense.
 - (ii) Participants will be allowed to take part in the Games without any discrimination on the grounds of race, color, gender, religion, or politics.

3. There are no special laws, customs or regulations which should be drawn to the attention of those attending. United States and local laws govern the possession and use of controlled substances, similar to laws which may be found throughout the Pacific.
4. We acknowledge the Pacific Games Council guidelines with respect to the minimum requirements to be included in the draft contract, in particular as to the Games Village, media, marketing, and accreditation. We will incorporate these, insofar as they are relevant, in the plan for the Games.
5. We will make every effort to assure that the 2017 Pacific Mini Games are an enjoyable and memorable experience for all athletes, coaches, officials, and other visitors.
6. The use and possession of firearms is strictly controlled. We do not propose that any shooting sports be on the Games sporting program.
7. We understand and agree that international broadcast rights, including those for television and radio, are reserved under the sole jurisdiction of the Pacific Games Council. We are not aware of any domestic issues which should be considered by the Council in the negotiation of international broadcast rights.
8. We have not yet made any arrangements for a host broadcast signal.
9. We will work closely with SportingPulse to assure that all technical guidelines and standards necessary to support all Games functions will be met.
10. As noted above, the main press center and the international broadcast center will be located in the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium at the Susupe Sports Complex. We will work closely with local and international media representatives to make sure that their needs are met.
11. Photographers will be accredited as necessary, and photographic positions will be allocated within each venue.
12. At this time, we do not anticipate the need to enforce a mixed-zone enforcement protocol.

XI. SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please see IX, above. Additional details will be provided to the Executive Board as requested.

CONCLUSION

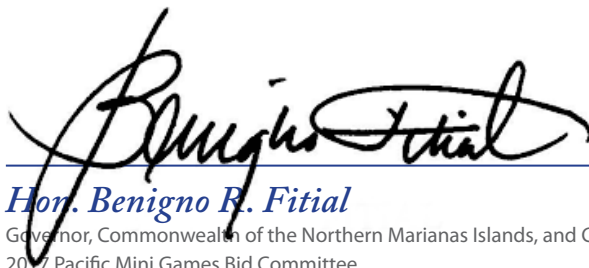
The Northern Marianas offers great sporting facilities and visitor attractions, good weather, and the tradition of warm island hospitality shared by our brothers and sisters across the Pacific. Our bid for the Games enjoys the strong support of both the public and private sectors. Working together in partnership, we are confident that the 2017 Pacific Mini Games in the Northern Mariana Islands will not only exceed expectations, but will be a truly memorable experience for all.

We appreciate your consideration of our bid, and we look forward to welcoming you to Saipan and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in 2017.



Michael A. White

President, Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, and Chair
2017 Pacific Mini Games Bid Committee



Hon. Benigno R. Fitial

Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, and Co-Chair
2017 Pacific Mini Games Bid Committee

Thank You

A P P E N D I X





COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Benigno R. Fitial
Governor

Eloy S. Inos
Lieutenant Governor

FEB 16 2011

Mr. Michael A. White
President
Northern Marianas Amateur
Sports Association
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Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. White:

On behalf of the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, I am pleased to formally convey my full support for the CNMI's bid to host the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

With more than 2,000 athletes, coaches, and officials, from 22 countries across the Pacific along with hundreds of media representatives, families, friends and sports tourists expected to participate; this will be an absolute opportune time for the Commonwealth to showcase its pristine beauty and warm island hospitality.

Our islands have been blessed with breathtaking scenic lookouts, internationally acclaimed golf courses and award-winning dive spots. With the addition of the peculiar island culture of our local community, I am confident that we can make the 2017 Pacific Mini Games a very pleasant and memorable experience for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benigno R. Fitial", written over a horizontal line.

BENIGNO R. FITIAL



*Seventeenth Legislature
of the
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THIRD DAY, THIRD REGULAR SESSION

January 28, 2011

Representative Ramon A. Tebuteb, of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Ramon S. Basa, Diego T. Benavente, Eliceo D. Cabrera, George N. Camacho, Trenton B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Frederick P. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Sylvestre I. Iguel, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Joseph M. Palacios, Raymond D. Palacios, Antonio P. Sablan, Teresita A. Santos, Froilan C. Tenorio, Stanley T. McGinnis-Torres, Edmund S. Villagomez and Ray N. Yumul) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following House Joint Resolution:

H. J. R. 17-23

A House Joint endorsing and supporting the bid by the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association to host the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

Referred to the House Committee: None
Standing Committee Report: None

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FEBRUARY 4, 2011;
without amendments in the form of H. J. R. 17-23 and transmitted to the Senate.

Referred to the Senate Committee: None
Standing Committee Report: None

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE ON FEBRUARY 22, 2011;
without amendments in the form of H. J. R. 17-23.
and returned to the House of Representatives.

**H. J. R. 17-23 was duly adopted by the 17th CNMI House of Representatives during
its 4th Day, Third Regular Session on February 4, 2011**

Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



*Seventeenth Legislature
of the
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

February 4, 2011

H. J. R. 17-23

A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Endorsing and supporting the bid by the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association to host the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Pacific Games were established with the review to creating bonds of
2 kindred friendship and brotherhood amongst the people of the countries and territories
3 of the Pacific region through sporting exchanges, without any distinctions as to race,
4 religion or politics; and
5 WHEREAS, the goal of the Pacific Games is to ensure the efficient promotion and
6 development of sports among the countries and territories of the Pacific region and
7 her peoples; and
8 WHEREAS, every two years, the Pacific comes together in friendship to celebrate the Pacific
9 Games or the Pacific Mini Games, a multi-sport event that is by its very design of and
10 for the Pacific, a celebration of sport and culture in common bonds acquired through a
11 shared physical geography and community;

b.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-23

WHEREAS, the Pacific Games and the Pacific Mini Games are the Pacific region's most important and prestigious sporting event, gathering together the athletes, coaches, and officials from across the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Games were first held in 1963, and since that date, have been held in various locations throughout the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Mini Games were first held in 1981, and offer the opportunity to host to those countries which do not have the capacity to host the full Games; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Mini Games will include athletes, coaches, and officials from across the Pacific, international sports officials from the Oceania region and around the world, as well as media, families of participants, and sports tourists; and

WHEREAS, thirteen countries have had the opportunity to host the Pacific Games or and Pacific Mini Games, but the Northern Mariana Islands has never had the opportunity to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association has expressed an interest in hosting the 2017 Pacific Mini Games in the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Pacific Mini Games will provide significant benefits to the Northern Mariana Islands, including but not limited to the economic impact of thousands of participants and visitors, the lasting legacy which will result from the development of sports facilities, and the sense of national pride and honor in staging the Games in a manner which will bring credit to our people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, the Senate concurring,

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-23

1 that the Legislature strongly supports and endorses the bid of the Northern Marianas
2 Amateur Sports Association to host the 2017 Pacific Mini Games in the
3 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and respectfully urges the Pacific
4 Games Council to award the 2017 Games to the Northern Marianas; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislature pledges the support of the
6 Commonwealth Government for the Games, and commits itself to allocate any and all
7 available resources which shall be necessary and appropriate to their success;


d.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall certify and the House Clerk and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter the House Clerk shall transmit a copy to the members of the Pacific Games Council, members of the Northern Marianas Olympic Committee, members of the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, Delegate to the United States Congress, 112th United States Congress.

*DULY ADOPTED BY THE SEVENTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE*

Certified by:


Speaker Eliceo "Eli" D. Cabrera
House of Representatives


President Paul A. Mangloña
The Senate

Attested to by:


Linda B. Muña
House Clerk


Senator Jovita M. Taimanao
Senate Legislative Secretary



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February 14, 2011

Mr. Vidhya Lakhan, President
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Re: Inclusion of Football (soccer) in the 2017 Pacific Mini Games


Dear Sirs,

The Northern Mariana Islands Football Association (NMIFA) strongly supports the inclusion of football (soccer) in the sports program of the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

The Northern Mariana Islands Football Association is a member in good standing of the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association and East Asian Football Federation.

Additionally, NMIFA is an associate member in good standing of the Asian Football Confederation.

Very Truly Yours,



Jerry Tan, President



Edward T. Salas, General Secretary

NMITF
P.O. Box 502370
Saipan, MP 96950



February 15, 2011

Vidhya Lakhan, President
David Boyd, Secretary General
Pacific Games Council
B. P. 333
98845 Noumea Cedex
New Caledonia

Dear Sirs:

The Northern Mariana Islands Triathlon Federation strongly supports the inclusion of Triathlon in the sports program of the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

The Northern Mariana Islands Triathlon Federation is a member in good standing of the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association.

Very truly yours,

/s/ President



REFALUWASCH GOLF ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 502216

Saipan, MP, 96950

Vidhya Lakhan, President
David Boyd, Secretary General
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Dear Sirs:

The CNMI Refaluwasch Golf Association (RGA) strongly supports the inclusion of Golf in the sports program of the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

The CNMI Refaluwasch Golf Association is a member in good standing of the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association (NMASA).

Very truly yours,


Antonio Rogollifol
President



Northern Marianas Athletics

P O BOX 502732 Saipan MP 96950

February 23, 2011

Mr. Mike White
President
Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association
Saipan MP 96950

Re; Bid for Mini-Games 2017

Dear Mr. White,

The Northern Marianas Athletics would like to register its full support for the CNMI through its governing sports body, Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association and Northern Marianas Olympic Committee, on her intent to bid for and hopefully host the 2017 Mini-Pacific Games. It is also our intent to seek the guidance of our area Athletics family, Oceania Athletics Association, to affect our athletics programs should an approval from the Pacific Games Council be granted. Please note that NMA is aware that our other regional athletics family may also be submitting proposal to the same intent herein.

Best regards,

Rep. Ray A. Tebuteb
President, NMA

287-0825, rtebuteb@yahoo.com

Cc: OAA President, Geoff Gardner



Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation
P.O. Box 503492
Saipan, MP 96950

February 11, 2011

Vidhya Lakhan, President
David Boyd, Secretary General
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Dear Sirs:

The Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation strongly supports the inclusion of Aquatics/Swimming in the sports program of the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

The Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation is a member in good standing of the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association and FINA.

Most Sincerely,

John Hirsh
President
Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation



Vidhya Lakhan, President
David Boyd, Secretary General
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98845 Noumea Cedex
New Caledonia

February 16, 2011

Dear Sirs:

The Northern Mariana Islands Kanu Racing Association strongly supports the inclusion of va'a (outrigger canoe) in the sports program of the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

The Northern Mariana Islands Kanu Racing Association is a member in good standing of the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association.

Very truly yours,

Gilbert J. Bimbrich
President
Northern Mariana Islands Kanu Racing Association

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February 12, 2011

Vidhya Lakhan, President
David Boyd, Secretary General
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New Caledonia

Reference: 2017 Pacific Mini Games

Dear Sirs:

The Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association (NMIVA) strongly supports the inclusion of both indoor and beach volleyball in the sports program of the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

The NMIVA is a member in good standing of the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, the Federation Internationale de Volleyball, Asiana Volleyball Confederation and the Oceania Zonal Volleyball Federation.

With kindest regards,

Laurie Peterka
President

xc: NMIVA Board Members



SAIPAN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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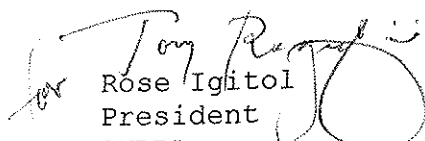
Vidhya Lakhan, President
David Boyd, Secretary General
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98845 Noumea
New Caledonia

Dear Sirs:

The Saipan Major League Baseball Association strongly supports the inclusion of Baseball in the sports program of the 2017 Mini Pacific Games.

The Saipan Major League Baseball Association is a member in good standing with the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association (NMASA) and the Baseball Confederation of Oceania (BCO).

Best Regards,


Rose Igitol
President
SMLBA



Over the Reef Yacht Club
Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands

Vidhya Lakhan, President
David Boyd, Secretary General
Pacific Games Council
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98845 Noumea Cedex
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Dear Sirs:

The Over the Reef Yacht Club strongly supports the inclusion of sailing in the sports program of the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

The Over the Reef Yacht Club is a member in good standing of the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association and the International Hobie cat Association.

Very truly yours,

Tony Stearns
Commodore



Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association

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Vidhya Lakhan, President
David Boyd, Secretary General
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Dear Sirs:

The Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association strongly supports the inclusion of Tennis in the sports program of the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

The Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association is a member in good standing of the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, International Tennis Federation and Oceania Tennis Federation.

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "JR", is written over a horizontal line.

JEFF RACE, President