



**Belau Independent Interscholastic
Athletics Association**

Year One

2015-2016

Philosophy

- ▣ Schools have the responsibility to educate the whole child.
- ▣ Physical activity helps develop healthy lifestyles
- ▣ Participation in interscholastic athletics benefits the students in a variety of ways
- ▣ Studies show that students involved in interscholastic athletics are more positive students and perform better in their studies

Structure

- ▣ All high schools in Palau are invited to be members of BIIAA
- ▣ School principals are the individuals who compose the Board of Directors and are responsible for the school membership and participation
- ▣ The organization has registered as a non-profit organization with the Attorney Generals Office
- ▣ The Board of Directors develops the rules, regulations, and schedules of the league activities

Progress and Status

- ▣ Incorporated during the summer of 2015
- ▣ Began athletic activities in August 2015 with Coed Cross Country, and Girls' Volleyball (Varsity and Junior Varsity)
- ▣ Current activity is Boys' Basketball (Varsity and Junior Varsity)
- ▣ Second semester sports will include Girls' Basketball, Boys' Volleyball, and Coed Track and Field

- ▣ Almost 300 students have participated in the program during the first and second quarters.
- ▣ Every high school in Palau has participated in at least two of the three leagues so far this year
- ▣ The support of the PNOC and Sports Federations have been strong
- ▣ The Palau Track & Field Association officiated our cross country meets
- ▣ The Palau Volleyball Association officiated our volleyball matches
- ▣ The Palau Basketball Association is currently officiating our basketball games
- ▣ Full schedules of meets and games have been prepared, distributed to members, and maintained
- ▣ League championships are determined by a playoff format for each sport
- ▣ Individual students are recognized by “All Island Awards” at the conclusion of the league

Cross Country 2015



Cross Country League Champions 2015



Cross Country All Island Team 2015



Volleyball Championship Match



Volleyball Championship Team



Volleyball All Island Team



Future Goals and Opportunities

- ▣ Make the program as inclusive for students as possible while maintaining high standards of conduct and academic progress
- ▣ Develop a culture of healthy lifestyle, activity and sportsmanship in the student body of all schools
- ▣ Continually observe and evaluate the success of the program and look for opportunities to improve and expand offerings as opportunities become available
- ▣ Improve the understanding of the players about teamwork, sportsmanship, healthy lifestyles, and develop their playing skills
- ▣ Develop coaching knowledge and skills to enable the students to reach their fullest potential
- ▣ Maintain high standards of officiating

- ▣ Improve our training and playing equipment and provide quality uniforms for the students
- ▣ Improve and maintain our athletic facilities to provide safe and comfortable environments for the students to use
- ▣ Strengthen and expand our relationships with the Athletic Federations to utilize the expertise within those organizations to develop our players and coaches

Challenges

- ▣ Provide athletic activities to as many students as possible without asking them or their parents to pay to play
- ▣ Provide the best coaches possible with the training to develop their skills and knowledge
- ▣ Provide the equipment and facilities for the students to use
- ▣ Provide the finest officiating possible for the activities

What BIIAA Needs

- ▣ The continued participation of school principals
- ▣ The continued support of PNOC and the Sports Federations
- ▣ Financial assistance to compensate coaches and officials
- ▣ Financial assistance to purchase equipment for the students to use
- ▣ Financial assistance to improve and maintain the athletic facilities for the students to use

