



2022 PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITY REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The year 2022/2023 has seen changes in the General Secretariat and Technical Department with the resignation of Peterson Evariste as Strength and Conditioning Coach, the resignation of Zekeyah Hall, and the hiring of Jerisha Durham and Monae Gooden as Clerical Assistants to the Secretariat. Despite these changes, a streamlined and uniform strategy continued in the approach to promote and develop the Academy, our National Teams, and Youth Programs progressing through 2023 and beyond.

In April 2022, our local government removed most Covid- 19 restrictions that ceased the possibility of large gatherings and activities without social distancing and weekly testing of players, coaches, and all other football stakeholders. This allowed the Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association's (TCIFA) National Teams, Grassroots Programs, and all Football related activity and learning outreach programs to progress during the 2022- 2023 season.

Despite the progression that the novel Covid-19 pandemic had stagnated, The TCIFA saw much promise with the return of most players, members, and stakeholders to the association, who were excited to return to normal operations and an eventful calendar year in January 2022.

This year, TCIFA's Senior Women's National Team succeeded in competing in the World Cup Qualifiers; our Men's National Team competed against the U.S Virgin Islands, Sint Maarten, and Bonaire in the Concacaf Nations League; The TCIFA successfully trained 15 "C" License coaches, and currently has six local Match Commissioners in training and actively participating in the local Women's Premier League (WPL) and the Provo Premier League (PPL).

Although 2022 marked the first full term year back to normal operations, The Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association, Members, and Stakeholders' dedication and commitment to the development of football and football education in the Turks and Caicos Islands made it another remarkable year of progress.

The season closed in anticipation of the coming year and the potential to build upon the skills, experiences, and wisdom learned as the TCIFA continues to rebuild post-pandemic.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee continues to work diligently throughout the year. The Executive Committee following the 2022 Congress consisted of:

- President – Sonia Fulford
- 1st Vice President – Paul Slattery
- 2nd Vice President – Lisa Garland
- Director of Finance – Ryan Blain
- Executive Member – Steve Kendrew
- Executive Member – Paula Garland
- Executive Member– Patrice Senior
- Executive Member – Tamara Hall
- Executive Member- Michael McDonald-
- Executive Member- Ira Baptiste

Ira Baptiste and Michael McDonald were successful candidates in the 2022 Congress election replacing Idrani Saunders and Benneth Williams. We would like to thank Mrs. Saunders and Mr. Williams again for their dedication, commitment and contributions over these many years, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

At the same time, we would like to once again welcome Mr. Baptiste and Mr. McDonald to the Executive Committee and look forward to their contributions during their respective terms.

Ms. Lisa Garland and Mr. Ira Baptiste continue in their role as the Head of Women's Football and Men's Football respectively and Patrice Senior maintains her role in providing invaluable contributions as Head of Referees

General Secretariat

Oliver Smith continued as General Secretary. Candia Ewing continued as Office Manager with shared responsibility in Media, Communication and Marketing. Zekeya Hall, unfortunately, demitted her office due to her relocation and again, thank her for her services and wish her all that is good in her new homeland.

President Sonia Fulford continues to serve as the Female Member of the Concacaf Council and significantly continues to serve as a Member of the FIFA Council. Our President is also an original member of the FIFA Foundation Committee. Additionally, President Fulford serves as an ex-officio Member of the Caribbean Football Union.



Oliver Smith continues to serve on the FIFA Appeals Committee and currently acts as the Chairman of the CFU Legal Committee.

Technical Department:

- Dane Ritchie – Technical Director
- Yunelsis Rodriguez Baez – Director of Women’s Football
- Omar Edwards – Head Coach of the Head Coach of U15 Boys National Team as well as the U17 Girls National Team
- Aaron Lawrence – Goalkeeper Coach
- Olivia Graveley – Assistant to Director of Women’s Football

New:

- Damion Singh- joined the TCIFA in November 2022 as Talent and Development Coach/ Assistant Coach
- Jerisha Durham joined the TCIFA in December 2022 as a Clerical Assistant
- Monae Gooden joined the TCIFA in November 2022 as Clerical Assistant.

FUNDRAISING/SPONSORSHIPS/EVENTS

Fundraising:

- Due to the setbacks caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic, fundraising events were curtailed. We look forward to resuming in 2023 with the return of our Run/Walk/Ride event in June of this year.

Partnerships:

We continue to appreciate the work and contribution of our perennial partners. They are critical to our work and assist massively in our goal to develop football in the Turks and Caicos Islands. As such, we would like to use this forum to mention their names in recognition of what they have done for the TCIFA over these many years:



- Fortis TCI
- Digicel
- Grace Bay Rental
- Global Capital
- DnB Autos
- Intercaribbean Airways
- Caribbean Cruising
- Missick and Stanbrook

Events:

- The TCIFA's Women's Football Department celebrated International Women's Day on March 8, 2022, in collaboration with CFU in a virtual "Online Conference." President Sonia Fulford was honored as the keynote speaker and participants spent the afternoon listening to empowering stories of perseverance and empowerment for girls and women.
- Girls Football Festival was hosted on the Island of Grand Turk on November 11-12, 2022, and brought together over 100 young girls from the small Island to play football in the U12- U16 age categories. This was a historic occasion both in terms of the initiative and the number of attendees. The young ladies engaged in various activities focusing on different football skills and match-playing styles. On November 12, 2023. The girls gave back to the Grand Turk community in partnership with the Girls on A mission (GOAM) Foundation and Cargo Express to host the first "Pick Up For Progress" initiative to support the cleanup of the "Beautiful By Nature" Island.
- The Women In Sports Annual Awards Gala and Awards ceremony took place in December 2022 in honor of the significance and contribution of women in the Turks and Caicos Islands in the advancement of local sports.
 - Amongst the Honorees were Ms. Paula Garland, TCIFA Executive Director and Chairman of Events and Olivia Graveley, TCIFA Assistant to the Director of Football, and Ms. Keimari Simons, Women's U17 National Football Team Player.
 - Keimari Simons received the Player- Women in Sports Athlete of the First Quarter Award.



NATIONAL ACADEMY

The TCIFA is continuing in its quest to improve and upgrade our facilities to a state whereby we will have a complete all-purpose football facility. The following works are completed as part of the FIFA Forward Project and other initiatives:

- **National Team Accommodations:**
 - We continue to maintain rented accommodation in South Dock to house our Youth and Senior Team National Players. The leasing of this facility remains critical for us as it continues to allow our players, coaches, and other ancillary staff from the Outer Islands and those traveling from other international locations to partake in the training sessions, events, and activities held in Providenciales. With this success and until our dormitory project has been completed, we have renewed the lease for 2023

- **Construction and Installation of TCIFA Infrastructure Project**
 - The TCIFA Infrastructure project (that includes the construction of the Futsal Pitch, Grass Pitch renovation and Irrigation System, Installation of Additional Seating, and LED Score-Board) pending the submission of our Final Report to be filed during the week of April 24, 2023, has been declared completed by the FIFA Forward Regional Office. Of note also is the introduction and use of the LED Scoreboard at the TCIFA National Academy during the Concacaf Nations League Match 85: TCA vs USVI.

- **The TCIFA Dormitory Project**
 - We broke ground on Phase One of this game-changing project in August 2022. Currently, the project is at 35% completion and on target for the completion of Phase 1 (essentially the Ground Floor consisting primarily of the Gym, Conference Room, Dining and Kitchen facilities) by August of this year. Additionally, we are in dialogue with FIFA Forward to move to Phase Two without halting the Project. We remain optimistic that we can achieve this.

COACHING AND COACHING EDUCATION



We continue in our quest to upgrade the quantity and quality of our Coaches and Staff in general. Courses held in the 2022/2023 include:

- FIFA Guardians Safeguarding in Sport Diploma (2 years): mandated under the FIFA Forward Development Program, Member Associations and Confederations are required to “take measures to protect and safeguard children and minors from potential abuses and to protect their well-being within football.”
 - Andrew Edwards, Zekeya Hall, Yunelsis Rodriguez Baez, and Dane Ritchie were nominated for this course.
 - First course: FIFA Guardians: Safeguarding Essentials became open on January 28, 2021, and was completed by all participants by February 5, 2021. A FIFA Webinar was held on February 25, 2021, to introduce the course and provide an outline of how the course will progress.
 - The course was officially completed in 2022.
- The TCIFA hosted a Concacaf “D” License course from March 25- 27, 2022.
- Concacaf Executive Mentorship Program: In the words of Concacaf President Victor Montagliani, “Effective leadership and good governance must be our daily priority as we make the right long-term decisions to grow football across our region.”
 - TCIFA’S Executive members- President Sonia Fulford, Tamara Hall, Lisa Garland, Paul Slattery, Ira Baptiste, Michael McDonald, Patrice Senior, Ryan Blain and Paula Garland participated in the course. Also in attendance was General Secretary Oliver Smith
 - The two-day workshop was delivered in the form of a webinar where Executive Members discussed and learned more about the roles and responsibilities of the “Executive Committee, guidance on Good Governance, and Ethical and Financial responsibilities. Action plans were discussed concerning; crisis management, operational structures, administrative operations, and good governance.
 - All participants successfully completed the program.
- Concacaf Women’s “C” License course: that was held during the dates of November 24- 27th, 2022 with the participation of all female coaches (plus one Male in the form of Lenford Singh) and staff and was led by local Coaching Educators, Damien Grant, and Dane Ritchie and assessed by Coaching Educator Lenny Lake. The TCIFA successfully trained 15 C license coaches in the program.



GRASSROOTS

- Approximately 695 kids registered in the program at the start of 2022; 70 in North Caicos, 75 in South Caicos, 100 in Grand Turk, and 450 in Providenciales. Twice weekly training sessions are conducted with “free play” for the players on Saturday mornings. The Grassroots program remains one of our most critical activities as it not only provides the initial engagement and introduction to the sport but it continues to be the primary source of feeding talented and elite players to our Youth National Teams (male and female).

REFEREES’ DEPARTMENT

- The Referees’ Department continues to provide tremendous support even though faced with immense challenges in terms of its limited numbers. Recruiting is constant and I would like to utilize this forum to reach out to our Members to support this Department by nominating candidates from your club or entity to train and become match officials. Despite this issue, the Referees provided yeoman service to all our competitions. Weekly training sessions are held and the TCIFA, in our goal to provide the Referees with continuous training, has supported and facilitated the participation of our Referees in overseas training courses, most recently those conducted by our sister Member Association, the Bahamas.

MATCH COMMISSIONERS’ DEPARTMENT

The TCIFA has a small cadre of committed Match Commissioners. But there is a need to increase these numbers; again, there is an outreach to our Members to assist with candidates in this regard.

- Currently, there are five active Match Commissioners: Damona Taylor, Tamara Hall, Sabuton John, Uriel Gilbert, and Giselle James-Wright. These individuals worked diligently throughout 2022 to elevate the level of football within the TCI, providing structure and procedures to pre-match protocols and match preparations.
- Match Commissioners Welcome Seminar: This was initiated in a drive to attract additional individuals to this field. It was held on October 29, 2022; The day was utilized to introduce applicants to the roles and responsibilities of Match Commissioners during the various domestic and international events.
- The TCIFA Match Commissioner’s Department began internal training workshops in February 2023 to appoint new Match commissioners at our local PPL and WPL Matches. This process is



a combination of online and in-person seminars. Included are observation sessions where the Candidates would attend games to assist and observe the trainers in a realistic environment. Currently, there are 6 Match Commissioners in training.

- Tamara Hall and Damona Taylor are still active Match Commissioners with Concacaf and were assigned in the past year to various Concacaf tournaments. Additionally, Chris Bryan remains active as a Match Commissioner with Concacaf with frequent assignments to the Concacaf Club-related tournaments.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

The following are the highlights concerning Youth Football for the Reporting Year:

TCIFA U17 Boys Invitational Friendly- July 7-10, 2022.

- The TCIFA hosted and participated in a series of International Friendly Games between our Boys U17 team and the Boys U17 team from Anguilla. These games were held in July 2022. These games were held in preparation for the upcoming U17 World Cup Qualifiers. Matches took place over three days. The following were the results:

TCI vs ANGUILLA – 3-0

TCI vs ANGUILLA – 2-1

Elite Fortis League

Fortis TCI continues to be a great partner with their sponsorship of the Fortis Youth Leagues over all the islands, along with the Fortis Elite League, a co-ed league for our most talented U17 Players. The Youth League is critical as it provides much-needed competition for players in our program in Providenciales and is equally important for our players in the sister islands.

The Fortis Elite League was launched on Saturday, May 21, 2022, with 127 players from across the TCI participating from May to July. The league consisted of 8 Teams (1 South Caicos Team, 1 North/Middle Caicos Team, 2 Grand Turk Teams, and 4 Provo Teams). Fifty-six matches were played throughout the league, with the Provo Lions winning the 2022 Fortis League Championship.

This is our most ambitious league for our youth players, given the number of participants and the involvement of all the islands. It provided much-needed weekly competition for over three months. It



helps our players not only on the field but also with the off-the-field logistics associated with traveling to and participating in a tournament.

Concacaf U15 Girls Championship – July 31-August 3, 2022

The TCIFA's Girls U15 participated in the Concacaf Girls U15 Championship Series in Tampa, Florida, from July 31- August 2021, competing against Guyana, Nicaragua, and the Cayman Islands. The results were as follows:

- o Guyana vs TCI – 2-2
- o Nicaragua vs TCI – 4-0
- o Cayman vs TCI – 1-0
- o Guyana vs TCI – 3-1

This was another development tournament for our young players, who performed credibly despite the results. We look forward to seeing how they transition to the U17 level in the World Cup Qualifiers this Summer.

CFU Boys U14 Challenge Series – August 13-21, 2022

The TCIFA's Boys U14 participated in the CFU Boys U14 Challenge Series in August 2022. These games were held in the Dominican Republic, with the team competing against Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands, St. Maarten, and USVI. This was a very young team, with at least 50% of the players Under 12. But for one player in the squad and the friendly games, this was the first taste of international competition for the young boys. They performed credibly, drawing two games and losing the other two by very tight margins.

- o TCI vs Anguilla – 0-1
- o BVI vs TCI – 0-0
- o TCI vs St. Maarten – 0-0
- o USVI vs TCI – 2-2



Concacaf U17 Qualifiers- August 31- September 4, 2022.

The Squad was led by visiting Coach Sam Okpodu. We could not field our full squad due to measures that the TCIFA was forced to take in relation to some of our players. These games were held in Nicaragua and despite these challenges and though we would have hoped for better results, the team performed well and gained much-needed experience.

MEN'S FOOTBALL

Senior Men's National Team:

Concacaf Nations League – June 3rd, 2022, June 14th, 2022

In June 2022, The TCIFA Men's National Team (MNT) participated in 4 matches in League C of the 2022 Concacaf Nations League Championships. We played against Bonaire, The US Virgin Islands and Sint Maarten with the following results:

- o TCI vs Bonaire – 1- 4
- o USVI vs TCI – 3- 2
- o Sint Maarten v TCI - 2- 8
- o TCI vs Sint Maarten – 0-2

At the end of this round of games, Junior Paul was voted by Concacaf as a Member of the League C select team.

Concacaf Nations League – March 25, 2023, and March 29, 2023.

The Nations League resumed in March of 2023. Under the leadership of new Coach Hayden Mullins, the MNT competed in 2 matches against the U.S. Virgin Islands in Providenciales, Turks and Caicos, and Bonaire in Bonaire. The MNT showed tremendous improvement by achieving the following results.

- o TCI vs USVI – 1- 0
- o Bonaire vs TCI 1- 2

The team missed the opportunity of being second in the group by a single point. Billy Forbes was named to the select team for League C.



Men's League

Provo Premier League:

Our top Men's League continues to benefit from the new 2 round format introduced last season.

- The Apertura (1st and 2nd Rounds of the Provo Premier League) commenced on November 5th, 2022, with finals taking place on February 12, 2022. Five teams participated in this competition series: SWA Sharks FC, Teachers FC, Beaches FC, Flamingos FC, and Academy Eagles, with SWA Sharks FC being named champions of the Apertura segment on February 18, 2022.

• Final Standings of the 2022 Apertura Round:

| Apertura Standings (Round 1 & 2) | | | | | | | | | |
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| Pos. | Teams | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | PTS |
| 1 | SWA Sharks | 12 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 37 | 9 | 28 | 32 |
| 2 | Academy Eagles FC | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 38 | 14 | 24 | 22 |
| 3 | Teachers FC | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 41 | 35 | 6 | 18 |
| 4 | Flamingo FC | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 20 | 43 | -23 | 10 |
| 5 | Beaches FC | 12 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 13 | 48 | -35 | 4 |
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- The Clausura section of the PPL is ongoing, with SWA Sharks leading the tables at the time of this report. The general brand and position of the PPL is as good as ever, with high and constant traffic to Gilley's Enterprises Provo Premier League Facebook page. With an increase of 150 followers for the 2022 season, the League has a current 1,100 followers/likes for 2022, mainly due to TCIFA's marketing and media coordination and the continued development of the TCIFA website. This is coupled with the work and dedication of our Competitions Committee.
- Thanks to Patrice Senior and the rest of the Referees' Department for all their hard work, training, and report writing, without which the PPL would struggle to maintain their records. They continue to be professional in their approach to the games, and it is great to see a fourth official and the use of electronic communications between Referees and Assistants.
- Thanks also to the TCIFA Match Commissioners team for their service, dedication, and commitment to ensuring the PPL remains structured, elite, and professional at all times.



- The dedication and efforts of all representatives of the Provo Premier League and Women's Premiere League allow the leagues to excel.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Women's National Team:

Kudos must be given to the growth of the TCI Women's National Team (WNT). This team was non-existent a few years ago but thanks to the Director of Women's Football, Dr. Yunelsis Rodrigues Beax, we have seen a massive rejuvenation of the program. The numbers and quality of the players have increased significantly. Our WNT squad is still a very young one, with the majority of the players aged under 17.

This group participated in FIFA World Cup Qualifiers for the first time in over a decade. The team competed against Nicaragua, Dominica, Trinidad and Guyana. They were unsuccessful in these games but showed remarkable improvement, foreshadowing a successful future.

Women's League:

The growth of Women's Football in the TCI is evidenced by the growth of the Women's League. They have now moved from a 7 v 7 6 team tournament to 9 v 9 games with the participation of 4 teams: SWA Sharks, Teachers, Flamingos, Cheshire Hall, Academy Eagles, and Revolutions FC.

The League now has both an Apertura and Clausura round. The teams consisted of players of different ages with the participation of a team of coaches. The tournament proved incredibly motivating for the participating teams, with Cheshire Hall FC winning the Apertura segment on November 18, 2022, and Sharks FC winning the Clausura segment ongoing.



BEACH SOCCER

The TCIFA has recognized our improvement in this form of the game and has taken steps to do what it can to fast-track the development of this sport.

In June 2022, two Beach Soccer Men's National Players, through the auspices of our Coach Matteo Marrucci facilitated the travel of Herby Magny and Makenson Cadet to train alongside the Pisa Beach Soccer team, which is ranked top of the Italian Serie AON. This was an amazing experience for these players, which showed in their subsequent play.

Bahamas Women's Beach Soccer Cup- October 21- 23, 2022.

In October 2022, The TCIFA Women's Beach Soccer Team competed in the Bahamas Beach Soccer Cup against Bahamas and Trinidad and Tobago. The Team came prepared by having a series of Beach soccer training and fitness sessions ahead of the matches. In the end, Team TCI won 1 out of 2 matches.

- TCI vs Bahamas 3- 2
- TCI vs Trinidad and Tobago- 0-8

TCI Mens Beach Soccer Friendlies- October 28- 30, 2022.

In October 2022, The TCIFA organized a series of Beach Soccer Friendlies with Canada Beach Soccer. These matches were organized to increase the exposure and experience of our MNT and to further assist in the team's preparation for the 2023 Concacaf World Cup Qualifiers. Over the period of three days, the tournament ensued. It was an amazing weekend with excellent performances from the TCIFA.

- TCI vs CAN – 5-7
- TCI vs CAN – 6- 5
- TCI vs CAN – 5- 4



CONCLUSION

2022/2023 was a year of forward progression post- Covid-19. The excitement and joy of the TCIFA Teams and Grassroots Academy returning to football were truly inspiring. Our National Teams began their preparations for international competitions and represented well throughout the year. Emphasis was placed on the continued expansion and improvement of our infrastructure while simultaneously seeking to grow our technical resources and improve and elevate of officiating staff.

With the aid and support of our Stakeholders and Partners, we remain optimistic that the 2023/2024 season will be better than 2022 in terms of our growth and development.

I close by thanking our Sponsors, Stakeholders, Player, Parents and our diligent staff. Without the combined efforts, we would not have been able to take make these forward steps. I encourage you all to keep growing with us at the TCIFA.

Sonia Fulford
President
May 2023