



BASKETBALL

COMPETITION MANUAL

8TH MICRONESIAN GAMES

July 20-29, 2014

POHNPEI MICRONESIAN GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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BASKETBALL

Dates:	July 20-30, 2014
Venue:	Main Gymnasium, College of Micronesia - FSM (COM-FSM), National Campus, Paliker, Pohnpei, FSM
Technical Meeting	1:00pm, Sunday, July 20, 2014
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COMPETITION DETAILS

1. Officials

- 1.1 Floor officials for the tournaments will be drawn from accredited referees nominated by the participating islands. All islands entering teams are expected to send one suitable referee per team. Referees will be assigned to games and evaluated under the supervision of FIBA Oceania. Table officials will be supplied and assigned by the host country, in consultation with FIBA Oceania. All officials must attend the official clinics to be presented by the Representative of FIBA Oceania.

2. Protests and Appeals

- 2.1 The Basketball Technical Committee will deal with all technical matters and protests as laid out in the Charter of the Micronesian Games, and to the extent not provided for therein, as per the Rules of the International Basketball Federation.
- 2.2 A Jury of Appeal will be appointed by the Technical Committee, as provided for in the Micronesian Games Charter. All decisions of the Jury of Appeal are final as to matters within its jurisdiction.

3. Practice Schedule

3.1 This will be determined at a later date and distributed to all teams when they arrive.

4. MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

4.1 BASKETBALL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Annie LA FLEUR Chairwoman	Development Manager, FIBA Oceania
Castro JOAB	Tournament Director (Pohnpei)
Loatis SENERES	Assistant Tournament Director (Pohnpei)

One representative from each participating island.

4.2 SPORT MANAGEMENT

Castro JOAB	Tournament Director
Loatis SENERES	Asst: Tournament Director
OBC Representative	
Senator Aurelio JOAB	President, FSM Basketball Association
Bollie LUDWIG	Secretary General, FSMBF

4.3 VENUE MANAGER

Castro Joab	Sports coordinator COMFSM
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5. CONDUCT OF THE TOURNAMENT

5.1 Dates and Venues

The 8th Micronesian Games Basketball Tournaments for men and women will be held at the FSM-China Friendship Sports Centre, Paliker, Pohnpei, FSM from July 20-30, 2014.

5.2 Events

The competition will be comprised of two tournaments: A Men's Division and a Women's Division.

5.3 Basketball Technical Committee

5.3.1 The tournaments will be overseen by the Technical Committee for Basketball.

5.3.2 The Basketball Technical Committee will select the Jury of Appeal.

5.3.3 The Basketball Technical Committee will act in accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter and the Rules of the International Basketball Federation.

6. Eligibility

In order to be eligible to compete at the Micronesian Games, an athlete must comply with one of the following criteria:

(1) The athlete must have been born in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council -- that is, Palau, Guam, the CNMI, Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, or Kiribati -- and must have lived in any of those states, countries, or territories for a period of (3) three years up to and including the start of the Games; OR

(2) The athlete must be the child of at least one parent, or two grandparents, who were born in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council (see above), without regard to residence; OR

(3) The athlete must have resided in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council (see above) for a period of (3) three years up to and including the start of the Games, AND, resides in the state, country, or territory for which the athlete will compete, as of the start of the Games, without regard to ancestry.

The temporary absence of an athlete from the territory of a member of the Micronesian Games Council for purposes such as education, sports, training, military service, and health care, or other legitimate absences of a similar kind, are not considered as interrupting a previously-established residency.

In addition, athletes must:

(a) Complete all necessary entry and participation forms;

(b) Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by any relevant authority;

(c) Comply with all relevant rules and regulations of the Micronesia Games Council, the MGC Constitution, and the World Anti-Doping Code.

It is the responsibility of each participating state, country, or territory to ensure that all competitors comply with these requirements.

These requirements apply only to athletes. There are no eligibility requirements for coaches or technical officials.

Entries by name must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start of the Games. Late entries will not be accepted. At the close of entries, the Pohnpei Organizing Committee will communicate a list of all named competitors to each competing state, country, or territory. Each competing state, country, or territory will have ten days to challenge the eligibility of a competitor. A \$50 bond is required for each challenge. The bond is refundable if the challenge is successful, but is forfeited if the challenge is unsuccessful.

The burden of proof of eligibility is on the sponsoring state, country, or territory, rather than the challenging state, country, or territory. In the event of a challenge, the sponsoring state, country, or territory must submit documents proving eligibility.

Challenges to athlete eligibility are made to the Micronesia Games Council Executive Board, not to the Pohnpei Organizing Committee, which will refer them for decision by a Disputes Tribunal, consisting of three persons appointed by the Micronesia Games Council Executive Board. All challenges to eligibility shall be decided at least 10 days prior to the start of the Games. The decisions of the Disputes Tribunal are final and may not be appealed.

A state, country, or territory whose athlete is successfully challenged and is deemed ineligible to compete will be liable for a penalty in the amount of \$100. Failure to pay the penalty means that the state, country, or territory will not be allowed to compete in the sport in which the ineligible athlete was registered.

The contents of this section are a summary of the relevant provisions of the Micronesia Games Council Constitution. While every attempt has been made to assure the accuracy of this summary, in the event of any inconsistencies between this summary and the provisions of the Micronesia Games Council Constitution, the provisions of the Constitution shall be controlling.

7. Participation

7.1 The tournaments will be conducted with nine men's and seven women's teams. Each island may enter only one team in the men's tournament and one team in the women's tournament.

- 7.2 The format of each tournament shall be single round-robin, so that each team play each other team once. The top four teams will advance to the medal playoffs, with the first-place team playing the fourth-place team, the second-place team playing the third-place team, the losers playing for the bronze medal, and the winners playing for the gold and silver medals.
- 7.3 THE FORMAT OF THE TOURNAMENTS IS LARGELY DICTATED BY THE NUMBER OF TEAMS WHICH THE MEMBER ISLANDS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL ENTER. IF THERE IS A DIFFERENT NUMBER OF TEAMS WHICH APPEAR FOR THE COMPETITION, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO REVISE THE COMPETITION SCHEDULE. IF THERE ARE EIGHT OR MORE TEAMS IN THE MEN'S OR WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT, THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE CONDUCTED AS POOL PLAY, WITH ADDITIONAL CROSSOVERS ADDED AT THE END TO ASSURE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GAMES WHICH CAN REASONABLY BE SCHEDULED.
- 7.4 A team will be comprised of a maximum of 12 accredited players and two coaches, who must be confirmed at the Basketball Technical Committee meeting on the appropriate form.

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

8. General Rules

- 8.1 The basketball tournaments will be played in accordance with the latest published rules of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA). All competition will be four 10 minute quarters. In any dispute, the English Version of the Rules will be regarded as authoritative.
- 8.2 The Technical Committee will settle dispute over technical issues in accordance with the Micronesian Games Charter and International Basketball Federation rules and regulations. Decisions of the Technical Committee may be appealed to the Jury of Appeal. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal are final as to matters within its jurisdiction.

9. Participating Teams and Uniform Color

- 9.1 All athletes are required to wear uniforms appropriate or required for their sport or event. Teams are required to have two sets of uniforms, one of a light color (preferably white) and the other of a dark color. Each player must wear the same number throughout the tournament. The uniforms must be numbers 4-15. FIBA Rules apply to uniforms.

10. Basketball Schedule

PROPOSED BASKETBALL SCHEDULE, 2014 MICRO GAMES. Team Draw will be completed during the Micronesian Games Council meeting in Pohnpei on March 10-11, 2014. A preliminary schedule will be provided to each country after the draw. The final schedule will be approved during the technical meeting.

	MON 21	TUE 22	WED 23	THU 24	FRI 25	SAT 26	SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28
9:00 AM									
11:00 AM									
1:00 PM									
3:00 PM									
5:00 PM									
7:00 PM									

- 10.1 Please note that the Pohnpei Men's and Women's team will play its games in the evenings for marketing reasons. With this exception, we have endeavored to make the schedule as balanced as possible.

11. Match Procedures

- 11.1 The following is an example of the procedures to be adopted for each match in the competition.
- 11.2 Team managers are asked to ensure that all of their players and officials are aware of and comply with these procedures:
- Minus 35 Minutes – Teams arrive at the venue.
 - Minus 20 Minutes – Teams enter Play Zone.
 - Minus 20 Minutes – Referees enter Play Zone.
 - Minus 7 Minutes – Announcement of all Players, Officials and Referees.
 - Minus 1 Minute: 30 seconds - Teams to team benches for final instructions.
 - Minus 30 Seconds – Starting 5 players on court ready to start game
 - 0 - Game Time
 - (Plus 90 Minutes) - End of game.

- Plus 95 Minutes - All team personnel and referees to have left the court and cleared the team bench area of bags, towels, etc.

11.3 The match schedule provides for up to three sessions of two games per session per day, with games scheduled for 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, and 7 pm. Notwithstanding this, teams shall be afforded at least 20 minutes warm-up time between successive matches.

12. Technical Committee Meeting

12.1 A General Meeting for all team managers and coaches will be held on Sunday, July 20, 2014 at 1:00 pm, and a Technical Committee Meeting will follow immediately thereafter at the COM-FSM National Campus Main Gymnasium. The meetings will be held in the FSM-China Friendship conference room. During the General Meeting, the FIBA Oceania Representative will draw numbers to determine the playing schedule for all teams other than Pohnpei.

13. Final Rosters

13.1 **Final rosters are due at the Technical Committee meeting.** Only those persons who are eligible to compete in the Micronesian Games and who have been accredited by the Organizing Committee may participate in the tournaments. Except as noted below, after the Technical Committee Meeting, no further changes can be made to the team roster for the duration of the 8th Micronesian Games.

13.2 When an athlete is injured after being included in the final roster, a substitute may be nominated on production of a medical certificate signed by a doctor designed by the 2014 Micronesian Games Sports Director, provided this nomination is made before the opening event of the tournament in which the injured athlete is entered. The substitute must have been accredited for that sport.

14. Media Exposure

14.1 Team managers should insure that the team coaches and players are aware that they may be requested to attend a press conference at the competition venue 10 minutes after the end of each game. Your cooperation is appreciated.

15. Micronesian Games Office

- 15.1 The Micronesian Games Office located at the Games Village at PICS High School located in Kolonia, Pohnpei, will be open and manned during regular business hours by a full staff and manned by a skeleton crew during late evenings and early mornings.
- 15.2 The Games Office is the formal communication center for the receipt and distribution of all sports information and results.
- 15.3 A set of daily results will be prepared, and will be distributed to each Chef de Mission at a daily morning meeting. Only the Chef de Mission is authorized to request or take away any information from the Games Office. However, there will be a bulletin board in the Gym on which basketball tournament results.

16. Medals

- 16.1 The awards of the 2014 Micronesian Games shall be provided by the 2014 Pohnpei Micronesian Games Organizing Committee and shall consist of medals only, distributed as follows for each of the men's and the women's tournaments:
- First Place: Gold Medal 12 medals – athletes only
 - Second Place: Silver Medal 12 medals – athletes only
 - Third Place: Bronze Medal 12 medals – athletes only

17. Transportation

- 17.1 Transportation will be provided for teams upon request to the games venue.
- 17.2 A sign displayed in the front window will identify shuttle buses. Only athletes, coaches and officials wearing accreditation cards will be permitted to use this service. These buses will be at the Games Village every hour. Designated buses will take athletes from venue to venue and return to the Games Village.

ATHLETES VILLAGES

18. Accommodations

- 18.1 Athletes and coaches will be housed at the Games Villages, PICS High School.

19. Meals

- 19.1 Meals will be provided at each Games Village cafeteria upon presentation of an accreditation card. Only accredited persons will be provided meals. Meals will be served on the following schedule:

Breakfast:	6 am to 9 am
Lunch:	11:30 am to 2:30 pm
Dinner:	5:30 pm to 8: 30pm

- 19.2 The meal schedule is subject to change. Teams may request meals to be delivered to the Gym when they are competing during meal hours. Requests will need to be made through the Chef de Mission at least 24 hours in advance.

20. Laundry

- 20.1 Laundry is the responsibility of the individual. A list of Laundromats will be included in the welcoming kit.

21. Medical

- 21.1 Primary care medical facilities (first aid) will be available, without charge, on a 24-hour basis at each Games Village, and at all sports venues during competition. More advanced care will be on call. Care other than primary care is the sole responsibility of the individual, and will be made available on the same basis (including cost) as it is to the general public.

22. Media and Results

- 22.1 The Media Center, located in the Athletes Village, will have results and personnel available to assist authorized media personnel, coaches and heads of delegation in obtaining necessary information.

23. Security

- 23.1 Security will be provided on a 24-hour basis at each Games Village, and at each sports venue while competition is in progress.

24. Doping Control

- 24.1 Athletes are advised that random drug testing will be conducted for the duration of the 2014 Micronesian Games.
- 24.2 It is the responsibility of the athlete to check the status of all medications and refrain from using prohibited substances. Any athlete that tests positive for a prohibited substance will be disqualified from the 2014 Micronesian Games.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Basketball players, coaches, managers, and team officials are expected to adhere to the highest standards of conduct as representatives of their home islands. The use and consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and betel nut in or around any Games facility is prohibited.

The conduct of all shall be of the highest standards reflective of national pride and the spirit of the 2014 Micronesian Games. All participants shall appreciate the goodwill and regional unity that are the objectives of these Games.

Good Luck to all the Teams!!!!