



# Newsletter

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## Newsletter Spotlight

“Look ahead to ensure that we will be able to take our Divisional Championships to the next level”

## Are you Ready? | #GoFijiGo

Greetings to you all as we begin another year with all its' challenges, we realize that there will be obstacles ahead but with the support from each other and God, we will be able to surmount them.



Therefore, from the office, we would like to sincerely wish you all a successful and blessed 2017.

**Health is Wealth!** He who has health has hope; and he who has hope, has everything.

**SPORT IS NOT ENOUGH!** Participation in sport does not necessarily mean that children meet the recommended levels of physical activity. We also need to encourage physical activity through everyday activities.

## Confirmed Dates for Divisional Competitions & Entries Due Dates

The dates for the Divisional Championships are as follows:

**Northern: Thursday – Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. Entries Due: Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

**Western: Friday – Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. Entries Due: Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

**Central: Friday – Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. Entries Due: Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

Ms. Cheer (Trisa) will be managing all entries. All divisions' president/secretaries are requested to liaise with Trisa in this regard. She can be contacted on mobile number +679 9294885 and her email address is [tiacheer@yahoo.com](mailto:tiacheer@yahoo.com)

All divisions are responsible for the running of their respective meets. Team Managers from the different districts will need to be in touch with their respective president/secretary in regards to their concerns.

### Key Points to Remember:

1. Uniforms: Co-Sponsor logos are allowed, as long as they do not produce the same products as FMF and we must ensure that the FMF Chow Games logo is the dominant logo.
2. Competition Rules & Guidelines: Ensure that your division stay as close as possible to the National Rules & Guidelines

Please click Like on our FB page. If you need the Uniform format, copy of the Rules & Entry Forms?

Download from our FB page: Fiji Primary Schools' Athletics



U14 Girls' Shot Putt; 2016 FMF Western Chow Games Chief Field Official, Mr. John Iroa doing a last minute technical briefing to athletes on proper throwing technique.



Track Officials at the 2016 Western FMF Chow Games going through final briefings before the start of the U14 Boys' 800m finals.

## 2017 Workshops

The key to a successful meet is advanced planning and utilizing the right resources. The FPSAA president, Mr. Cavu emphasized in his annual report during the AGM last year, the need to always strive for excellence.

In its effort to take the Chow Games to the next level, it was unanimously decided that we will need to enhance the skills of our officials by organizing workshops for the following areas:

Training officials in the use of the following two (2) softwares: Meet Manager and Team Manger. It was noted that the schools and districts that were able to use the software in 2016 discovered that besides cutting out on a lot of time and effort in the preparation of the overall program, it was also a great benefit as it allowed them to be accurate; removing the constant issue in regards to cheating.

Officiating: Knowing the rules of the meet with its events and being able to administer them correctly. We are still having athletes unfairly judged by officials who are not fully conversant with the rules. This session will be planned in conjunction with Athletics Fiji.

Coaching: Again, this session will be planned in conjunction with Athletics Fiji. It is very encouraging to note the increasing interest in this area of coaching from all Divisions.

**Dates are to be advised.**

## Insurance

A similar coverage to 2016 is anticipated for this year's Divisional Championships. Districts must ensure that all their athletes and officials are covered. The team will be covered from when they leave their base up until they return to their base. To have the athletes covered we must have their proper names submitted with the entries. The names must be the names that appear on their birth certificates. This applies to both athletes and officials.

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## Support from the Ministry of Education

We need to have your District and Divisional Championship dates finalized so that we can make a single request for all of Divisions to the MOE. This we will be submitting by mid-February at the latest. Once your dates are finalized, please do not change them as this causes so much inconvenience; not only for the MOE, but also for the participating schools, parents and children. We must make every effort to be consistent.

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## Chow Games 2017 & to the Future

Yet again, we thank FMF LTD for their commitment to sponsor the Primary Schools' Athletics competition for this year 2017, and for the next two years.

This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> year of sponsorship and FPSAA is extremely grateful that through this continued support, we are able to promote and broadcast the principles of participation in sports in the area of track and field.

Our sponsors, FMF Chow, also appreciated the coverage that they recieved on social media because of the mileage they received. We all agree that this is what our sponsor deserves for the tremendous support given by them to materialize this event annually.

Fiji Times and TV1 gave the biggest support that we have ever received from a co-sponsor. It was just overwhelming to witness the continuous detailed coverage on almost a daily basis. Fiji Water was not able to commit, as much as was given for the 2015 National Finals, however, they still were able to support.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

The Annual General Meeting 2017 will be held as follows:

- **Date:** Saturday, 22 April 2017. This will be on the first weekend of the Term 1 holidays.
- **Time:** 10am to 12md.
- **Venue:** FASANOC Boardroom, 17 Bau Street, Flagstaff.

## FPSAA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

### PHOTO FINISH OPERATOR

Love computers? Have a keen eye for detail and accuracy? And are you up to the task of being committed to the end? The association is looking for those who are interested in learning the skills of operating the photo-finish equipment.

**Requirements:** Volunteers will need to be computer literate with a database background. What is also important is that the interested candidate will need to have an eye for detail and is accurate in his skills and observations.

The photo-finish area is a critical one if we want to maintain this service for all the Divisions. We are hoping that we will receive a number of interested volunteers. It is so rewarding to see how much the athletes appreciate receiving an official electronic timed result. To those of you who have the skills, please come forward and make the difference to the lives of the many up-and -coming athletes of Fiji. We are also hoping to incorporate the scoreboard this year.

Email in your applications to Mr. Patrick Bower at [pbower@kidanet.net.fj](mailto:pbower@kidanet.net.fj)

## Preparations – ensure that the “ball” is already rolling

Congratulations to all the athletes and officials that participated in last year's Divisional Championships. In addition, we need to sincerely thank each Division's organizing team. Besides having to stage the event, you also had to deal with so many other pressing issues. From all reports, you were able to forge ahead to ensure the athletes and officials were given the best for their tremendous effort and sacrifice. Not only were you able to deliver the championships, but you were able to submit your acquittals on schedule. You are truly commended for your excellent leadership and for a job well done!



**FPSAA Secretary, Patrick Bower**

1. **The Annual General Meeting will be held as follows:** Saturday, 22 April 2017 from 10am to 12md at the FASANOC Boardroom, 17 Bau Street, Flagstaff.
2. **Dates for the Divisional championships:** Realizing the urgency of formalizing our dates to ensure that we will be able to secure our venues.

God's rich blessings to you all for a great start to the year.

**FPSAA Secretary, Patrick Bower**

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# 2016 National Championship flashback!

## Snippets from the various Divisional Championships

