



Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation

# NEWSLETTER

THE COMPETITIVE EDGE ~ AUGUST 2022

## Bermuda Football Association



Under 14 Male National Team

### CFU U14 Boys Challenge Series

The Bermuda U14 Boys took part in the CFU U14 Boys Challenge Series from August 13-21 in the Dominican Republic. Bermuda were placed in (Tier 2) Group 1, with Barbados, Dominica, French Guiana, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Groups 1-3 in Tier 2 will play four matches

in the group phases. Bermuda placed third in the group stage.

#### The scores were as follows:

- Dominica 0-9 Bermuda
- French Guiana 2 – 1 Bermuda
- St. Vincent 1 – 0 Bermuda
- Bermuda 2 – 0 Barbados**

### Bermuda U17 Squad for Concacaf U17 Qualifiers

The Bermuda Football Association (BFA) is proud to announce the traveling Bermuda U17 Boy's squad for the upcoming Concacaf U17 Qualifiers (CU17Q) that will take place from August 30th – September 8th in Bradenton, FL, Santo Domingo,



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Dominican Republic, and Managua, Nicaragua.

Head Coach Cecoy Robinson calls out for support of the young team as they attempt to qualify for the Concacaf U17 Championship (CU17C) in 2023. "This is a very talented group of players," he said. "All the boys have shown great commitment and determination in preparation for this tour. We need the Island to get behind our young Gombey Warriors and show support for the next generation. I am confident they will make everyone proud."

Bermuda was drawn into Group A of the CU17Q in June with Guyana, Bahamas, Bonaire, Saint Martin, and the British Virgin Islands. Group A matches will be played at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, FL. After round-robin play, the group winner will advance to the CU17C held in Guatemala, in February 2023. All matches will be live on Concacaf GO, with the match day highlights on the Concacaf YouTube channel.



## Bermuda Hockey Federation

Bermuda Hockey has had another successful summer in the lead up to the 22-23 season in September.

As last season wrapped up with a spectacular finish from the CAC qualifiers, summer hockey kicked off with a flurry of orange. Sportways graced our pitch once more holding a week long camp for all ages. The Dutch coaches, Noud and Bert hosted an inspirational, dynamic and fun camp. Coaching sessions were held for ages 5-14 to introduce children to hockey and develop skills, sportsmanship and the culture of hockey. Coach the coaches sessions were held using classroom education and on pitch demonstrations for current coaches, school teachers and some new to hockey.

In other coaching news, the BHF is proud to announce the return of Kovin Moodley to continue the journey to the CAC games being held in July 2023 in the Dominican Republic. He will be working with the U21 and adult national teams. Kovin's drive and passion has been instrumental in the success at the qualifier event held in Bermuda over Easter. The event and success from both men and women's team has ignited Bermuda hockey and showcased the culture of hockey. It has also proven Bermuda Hockey is competent at hosting and competing on the world stage. We can't wait to see what the future will bring

A new season and new challenges lie ahead. Pre-season will resume on 11th September and the league to start in October. If you are interested in playing please contact [secretary@bermudafieldhockey.com](mailto:secretary@bermudafieldhockey.com)

## The Bermuda match schedule is as follows:

### Bermuda vs British Virgin Islands:

Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – 12:00pm ADT

### Saint Martin vs Bermuda:

Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – 10:00am ADT

### Bonaire vs Bermuda:

Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:00am ADT

### Bermuda vs Bahamas:

Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am ADT

### Bermuda vs Guyana:

Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> – 12:00pm ADT

## The Bermuda U17 squad is as follows:

**Goalkeepers:** Keyan Webb, Nathaniel Swan

**Defenders:** Jutorre Burgess, Malachi Henry, Luke Fulton, Nijae Aberdeen, Machai Davis, Keiaron Bean, Kaej Stovell

**Midfielders:** Jaidyn Robinson, Jannis Roberts, Daion Swan-DeSilva, Qur'an Raynor, Enoch Joseph, Bakari Furbert

**Forwards:** Hayden Dill, Xahvi DeRoza, Malachai Belboda, Paris Robinson, Chance Eve



Above and Below: Sports Ways Hockey Camp







Officials: Dueane Cox Chaquita Simmons Nolette Webb and Oscar Lightbourne

## Bermuda Sanshou Association Bermuda Wushu San da Judges make Grade in Brazil

Four members of the Bermuda Wushu Team achieved the highest grade possible of “A” during the Pan American Wushu Federation (PAWF) Wushu Sanda Judges Course that was held during the 13<sup>th</sup> Pan American Wushu Championships in Brasilia, Brazil from July 17 – 24<sup>th</sup>. Oscar Lightbourne, Technical Director of the Bermuda Sanshou (Wushu) Association and member of the PAWF Technical Committee, led the Bermuda contingent of Nolette Webb, Chaquita Simmons and Dwayne Cox through the 4-day intensive course. The course consisted of san da scoring, hand signaling, and verbal commands. The participants were made to execute san da punching, kicking and throwing techniques as well as practice live scoring using video as well as in person sparring matches. The final test consisted of a one on one exam before the course instructors and Technical Committee. Consequently, the newly qualified judges officiated for all san da matches during the championships while Lightbourne served on the Arbitration Panel. The certification is valid through 2026.

All four members achieving an A passing grade is a testament to the work the national sports governing body is carrying out as they continually develop the various elements. Notably missing from the newly qualified judges is Talia Iris who was unavailable for the course. Iris has served as center referee for a number of the local



San da officials at 13th PAWC

san da and kickboxing matches. With Lightbourne also serving as Bermuda Boxing Commissioner, Iris has been a regular in the center during bouts. Cox is one of the busiest amateur boxing referees on island and along with Simmons has gained valuable experience in the ring. Webb has served as a scoring judge for a number of local events. The experience they have gained certainly served them well during the exam and puts Bermuda in a great position to judge at future international events and possibly host events here on local soil.



## Bermuda Volleyball Association

Over the course of two weekends in August, Bermuda sent two teams to compete in the CAZOVA U23 Men's and Women's Beach Volleyball Tour.

### WEEKEND 1

Leg 1 took place from August 19th to 21st in Trinidad and Tobago. The women were represented by Amber Simons and Kaylee Trott while the men were represented by Connor Somerville and Ben Barnett.

The women began the tournament on Friday beating Jamaica (21-14, 10-21, 15-12). Day two saw them defeated by Trinidad and Tobago 1 (14-21, 21-9, 12-15) but still securing them a spot in the semifinals.

In the semi-finals on Sunday, the women sadly lost to Trinidad and Tobago 2 (14-21, 7-21) moving them into the Bronze Medal match where they fought back to take Cayman to 3 sets and ultimately win (15-21, 21-14, 15-9) and place third.

The men were the only non-Trinidad and Tobago team to compete in the tournament. They won one set and played extremely well. Due to weather, they were unable to play their final match on Sunday and were placed 5th overall.

### WEEKEND 2

Leg 2 took place from August 26th to 28th, also in Trinidad and Tobago. The women

were represented by Megan Hands and Natalie Gazzard.

This time around the women were the only non-Trinidad and Tobago team to compete and began the tournament undefeated for the first two days. They won their first three games, all in two sets (21-11, 21-4 /21-10, 21-19/21-13, 21-13).

In the semifinals, they fought back after losing a set, scoring 21-12, 17-21, 15-8 and securing their spot in the finals. They ended up losing to a very strong team in the finals but ultimately placed 2nd and claimed silver.



Women's Silver Medalist: Megan Hands and Natalie Gazzard



Women's Bronze Medalist:  
Amber Simons and Kaylee Trott



U23 Mens: Connor Somerville and Ben Barnett



## Bermuda Equestrian Federation Preparing for Upcoming 2022/2023 Competition Season!

Bermuda equestrians and organizers are gearing up for the start of the 2022/2023 equestrian season which runs annually from 1st September to 31st August. After the challenges faced due to the global pandemic, you could say that Bermuda equestrians are now “champing at the bit” to return to a full season of competition.

Schooling shows and opportunities to train with clinicians are scheduled to take place during the month of September and October thus ensuring that Bermuda’s equestrians will be fully prepared to compete in this year’s 2022 CEA Mini Jumping Challenge, CEA Regional Jumping Challenge, CEA Dressage Challenge as well as other local competitions.

Numerous junior members have taken the summer holiday opportunity to attend USA riding camps and to have an opportunity in overseas summer competitions.



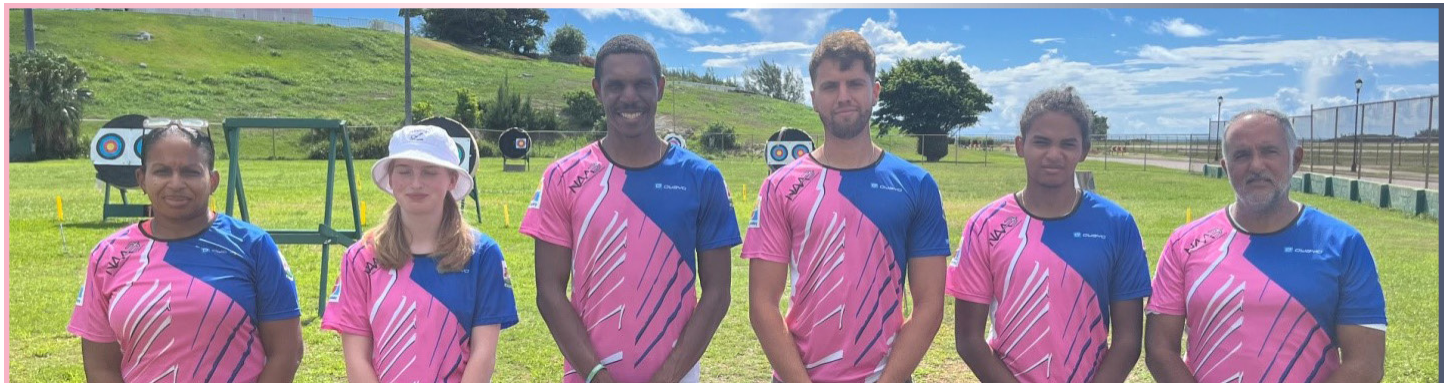
Candyce Martins and MI's Where's the Party

Kiwon Waldron



## Harness Drivers Achievement World Records at Overseas Competitions

Although harness racing is not held, locally, during the summer months, two Bermudian harness drivers continue to compete overseas and continue to make quite a name for themselves on the show circuit. In fact, both Kiwon Waldron and Candyce Martins have achieved World Records! Racing in Quebec in May 2022, **Kiwon Waldron** raced **BA Show Stopper** to achieve the **Gelding World Record** on a quarter mile track. Equally as exciting and competing at the Nappanee Raceway in Indiana on 16th July, **Candyce Martins** and **MI's Where's the Party** broke their previously held record in a new time of 1:00.4 thereby securing a **NEW Mare World Record**.



Left to Right: Trina Roberts (coach) Robin Selly, Bernard Wade III, Camerin Pickering (Captain), Jaydon Roberts, Ross Roberts (Head Coach)

## National Archery Association of Bermuda

*This has been a busy summer as our archers continue to compete weekly in the Belgium Icenation shoots (online) and attending World Ranking and Qualifying events in the Americas.*

Senior archers, Bernard Wade III and Camerin Pickering along with junior archers Jaydon Roberts and Robin Selley will be travelling to Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic with coaches Ross & Trina Roberts to participate in the VIII Copa Merengue Tournament. Bermuda has secured one spot in the 2023 Central American and Caribbean Games which will take place in El Salvador. This next event is a second opportunity for the team to secure additional

spots. The group will be departing on 4 September 2022 for the event start on 6 September 2022. Camerin, Bernard and Jaydon will be entering the Men's Recurve Division shooting 72 arrows at 70 meters and the Men's Olympic Recurve Team Shoot. Robin will enter the Female Olympic Recurve Division shooting 72 arrows at 70 meters. There is also an opportunity at this event for a Mix Team position (male and female) which will be determined after the completion of all the archers' qualification rounds.

Thus far it has been an exciting year of competition for our archers along with strategically planned training and development.



## **Bermuda Triathlon Association Commonwealth Games 2022 Recap**

The Commonwealth Games 2022 was held in Birmingham, England. Bermuda was represented by 3 athletes in the Individual Triathlon event, Flora Duffy, Erica Hawley and Tyler Smith. They were joined by Tyler Butterfield to allow us to enter the mixed team relay.

As the reigning Commonwealth and Olympic champion there were great expectations on Flora's shoulders and she didn't disappoint. She came out of the water in second place, at the heels of Beth Potter of Scotland. And closely followed by Georgie Taylor -Browne. All 3 had swift transitions and headed out on their bikes, with the follow pack close behind. Very quickly Flora and Georgia made a break from the follow pack that proved too swift for the others to keep up with. Four laps of the Sutton Coldfield Bike course saw them extend their lead. Flora had a slick bike to run transition and made a few valuable seconds on Georgia which she extended over the following 2 lap run route.

Erica Hawley also had an impressive race. After a strong swim some technical issues on the bike meant she couldn't capitalise on her normally strong bike leg, but despite this she finished strong coming in 16<sup>th</sup>, an impressive 4 places above her race ranking.

The men's race was bittersweet for New Zealand's Hayden Wilde, who after putting in an incredible swim and bike leg had to let Alex Yee run by in the closing stages of the race due to a penalty sustained in the transition zone. Alex claimed the Gold while Hayden was able to hang on and get the silver. Bermuda's Tyler Smith, fresh off the back of a broken wrist put in a career best performance finishing in 13 place and first athlete from a smaller nation to cross the line.

After a rest day, our individual athletes were joined by Tyler Butterfield for the Mixed Team Relay. Butterfield, who competed in the inaugural Commonwealth Triathlon in 2002 has done what few athletes have done, by competing in 5 Commonwealth Games. In a career spanning over 20 years he has competed in the 2002, 2006, 2014, 2018 and 2022 games.

Despite a strong start by Bermuda, a breakaway group was formed that proved too fast for the Bermuda team to challenge. The team raced to Seventh place finish, the best showing for a small island.

The Bermuda Triathlon Association Board and all those involved in Triathlon in Bermuda are incredibly proud that our small island has produced 4 world class triathletes who can form a relay team that compete at this level.



Tyler Smith, Erica Hawley, Tyler Butterfield and Flora Duffy



## Gymnastics Federation of Bermuda

Historically Women's Artistic Olympic Gymnastics has been a sport dominated by white athletes with Russia and Romania being the dominant nations. In the 1990s the USA began to challenge for the Olympic podium and shortly thereafter young Black women were competitive. In 2012 Gabby Douglas rose to fame as Olympic champion and in 2016 Simone Biles took the title and is now the greatest gymnast of all time. In 2022 kids/athletes of all backgrounds are encouraged to compete in gymnastics around the world. In fact, at the 2022 USA Championships the top 3 gymnasts were Black /bi-racial athletes.

The Gymnastics Federation of Bermuda promotes diversity and equal opportunity across the sport. The summer saw our competitive gymnasts continue to train focusing on conditioning with Pre-season starting up in Mid-September. Both clubs Quality Gymnastics & Bermuda Gymnastics Association offered camps throughout the summer for all. The fall term brings along with Traditional Gymnastics, Trampoline, Parkour, and Functional Training. Gymnastics is a great sport that compliments an athlete's main sport through strength, flexibility, injury prevention, coordination and air/body awareness. Athletes are welcomed from all sports, as well as former and future gymnasts!

Visit our website to see what is happening in gymnastics <https://gymfedbda.bm/>



Simone Biles and Gabby Douglas

## Bermuda Rugby Football Union

This past weekend, Rugby Americas North (RAN) brought together female representatives from across the RAN region who work in a variety of leadership roles within their local rugby communities. The goal of the conference was to provide the women hands-on and in-depth knowledge around the key elements needed to successfully manage and grow their associated rugby programs' performance. Gillian Cross, attended on behalf of Bermuda Rugby Football Union. Gillian sits in the board for the BRFU as the women's representative.

The forum gave insights towards the organizational requirements to facilitate development of athletes and recognized the importance of constant evolution of the athletes' support team. The content then rolled into team management and went into scenarios where the conference members had to work together to see how they would manage certain situations, using the knowledge they learned throughout the day paired with personal

experiences. The content explored technical elements as well, such as budget consideration, player welfare, and how to make a run-sheet.

The conference culminated in event planning workshops ran by Heriberto Lachica, Federación Mexicana de Rugby's event coordinator, and Brandy Melville, USA Rugby's general manager of commercial and events. They introduced the group to different tools and techniques to use for effective event management paired with examples on how to directly apply them. Lachica went into the processes attendees can use to plan a comprehensive event, he also helped bring forward some event elements that tend to be overlooked such as space for Head Injury Assessment (HIA) and requirements around the number of ambulances on-site during a game. Melville gave more insight to the logistical elements that need to be taken into consideration around the event's venue and facilities. She gave useful insight into how organisations can approach



BRFU Woman's Forum

broadcasting, marketing, and general event promotion with tips around how to get the most out of sponsorship and the importance of community engagement.

Overall, the conference was a success as attendees had the opportunity to interact, network, and ultimately recognized how much an event like this was needed. Moving forward, RAN staff will check-in with the group to see how they've implemented some of their learnings from the conference into their local rugby programs. Gillian recognized the value of the information shared in the conference and thanks the BRFU for nominating her to attend.





### **Bermuda Basketball Association**

The Bermuda Basketball Association held its annual Youth Summer Basketball camp from August 8-12 at Warwick Academy gymnasium. Last year's camp featured a morning session for 10-13 year olds and the afternoon session for 14-17 year olds. Due to low numbers, we were forced to cancel the afternoon session.

Participants were divided into groups determined by their age and skill level to maintain a fair, but competitive, environment. Each day, coaches taught the basketball fundamentals of **ball handling, passing, shooting and individual defense**. Coaches were able to make daily evaluations of players to ensure that they were progressing. Throughout the camp, players were challenged daily with competitive drills and games.

Thanks to **Caelin Peters** and **Seth Hardtman** for their assistance as coaches. The BBA hopes to make a bigger push to increase numbers for next year's camp. On the rescheduled Bermuda vs Jamaica card, Bermuda did not have any competitive athletes however a demo team made up of BSA President Garon Wilkinson and star athletes Krista Dyer, Kaelin Cox and Kallan Todd put an exhibition of Wushu Taolu as well as san da. The well received performance of open hand southern form, chain whip, monkey vs drunken sword, 2 man fighting set, san da pad work and exhibition sparring kicked off the night of boxing action that followed.

BSA is now in their final preparation for the 13th Pan American Wushu Championships taking place July 21-25th in Brasilia, Brazil.

Bermuda Basketball Association Youth Summer Camp



## Bermuda Netball Association Summer League Standings for Women and Coed

### Women's league

Team	Wins	Loses	Draws	GF	GA	DF	Points
Tigers	9	1	0	317	176	-141	27
BHB Angels	7	3	0	221	173	48	21
Stars	6	4	0	216	206	10	18
PHC	5	5	0	170	187	-17	15
NVCC Lady Rams	2	8	0	188	262	-74	6
St. Georges	1	9	0	174	285	-111	3

### Top Goal Scorers

1st Diara Benjamin – Tigers - 115 Goals

2nd Jahtuere Trott – Tigers - 107 Goals

3rd Darrika Simons – NVCC and Frederica Samuels - Stars both with 103 Goals

### Coed League

Team	Wins	Loses	Draws	GF	GA	DF	Points
Storm Chasers	5	1	0	174	99	75	15
NVCC	3	2	1	137	133	4	11
BHB Angels	2	3	1	132	146	-14	8
PWC	1	5	0	78	129	-51	3

### Top Goal Scorers

1st Antoine Williams – Storm Chasers - 104 Goals

2nd Darrika Simons – NVCC- 98 Goals

3rd Sheldon Bahadosingh – BHB Angels - 70 Goals

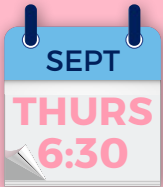


Women's League Champions Tigers





# 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS



**Bermuda Triathlon Association**  
**BTA Thursday Night Supersprints** happening every Thursday night at 6:30pm at Clearwater Beach Bermuda. Sign up for the one or all of them here:  
<https://runsignup.com/Race/BM/StDavids/BTATHursdayNightSupersprints>



**World Triathlon Championship Series – 5-6 November 2022.**  
Visit <https://bermuda.triathlon.org/> to Register

