



AFC ANNUAL AWARDS

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ACTIVITY REPORT

SUBMITTED BY THE:
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL TEAM PERFORMANCE



**EAFF U15 WOMEN'S
CHAMPIONSHIP 2024**
AUGUST 15-23, 2024 | DALIAN, CHINA PR



**AFC U20 ASIAN CUP
2025 QUALIFIERS**
SEPTEMBER 20-27, 2024 | SALMIYA, KUWAIT



**AFC U17 ASIAN CUP
2025 QUALIFIERS**
OCTOBER 23-27, 2024 | SALMIYA, KUWAIT

Our Men's and Women's National Teams proudly represented the NMI in multiple international competitions organized by the East Asian Football Federation and the Asian Football Confederation, demonstrating both skill and determination on the field. These tournaments provided valuable exposure and experience for our young athletes, allowing them to test their abilities against world-class opponents.

Competing at this level continues to elevate the standards of our development programs and training efforts, and this allows our organization to further enhance our staff capabilities to better serve our players at home.

The performances of our national teams continue to inspire young players and reinforce our commitment to inspiring a competitive and supportive football environment.

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

EAFF U15 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Macau	2	-	1	NMI
NMI	0	-	0	Mongolia
Hong Kong	8	-	0	NMI

AFC U20 ASIAN CUP 2025 QUALIFIERS

NMI	0	-	6	Kuwait
NMI	0	-	13	UAE
Korea	10	-	0	NMI

AFC U17 ASIAN CUP 2025 QUALIFIERS

Australia	19	-	0	NMI
NMI	0	-	10	Indonesia
Kuwait	9	-	0	NMI



HOSTING OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

COMPETITIONS	PERIOD	CATEGORY	TEAMS PARTICIPATED
LPK Cup (Friendlies)	July 18, 2024	Women's U21	NMI, Chelsea FC, Shonan Bellmare FC, Tuloy FC
Three Nations Cup	July 21-28, 2024	Women's	Guam, Mongolia, NMI
Marianas Cup	August 3-4, 2024	Men's U20	Guam & NMI
Marianas Friendlies	December 21-22, 2024	Men's	Guam & NMI

In 2024-2025, the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association successfully hosted a series of international friendly competitions for both our Men's and Women's National Teams. These high-caliber events provided a platform for our athletes to compete at an elite level while also fostering camaraderie and sportsmanship among our partner clubs and associations.

We also had the privilege of hosting training camps, giving our national teams the necessary preparation and conditioning to elevate their performance. These camps featured intensive training sessions, tactical workshops, and friendly matches that allowed players to refine their skills and team dynamics. The opportunity to host international teams from Guam, Hong Kong, Philippines, and Mongolia benefited our players and strengthened our reputation in our regional football community.



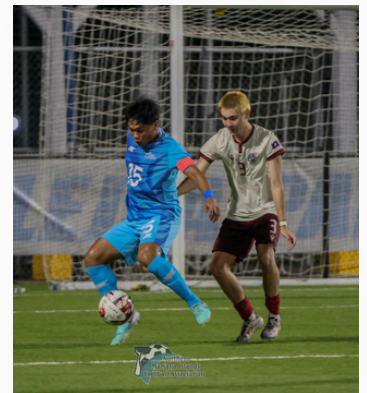
LPK CUP
JULY 2024



THREE NATIONS CUP
JULY 2024



MARIANAS CUP
AUGUST 2024



MARIANAS FRIENDLIES
DECEMBER 2024



DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR COACHES & REFEREES

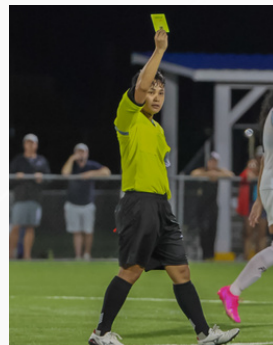


In pursuit of our priorities to raise the standards of football development in the NMI, the NMIFA implemented multiple training and licensing initiatives for coaches and referees throughout the year. These programs were designed to strengthen their knowledge and techniques across multiple age levels and competition tiers.

These courses included the AFC Grassroots Kids Leader Course, NMIFA D License Course, and the AFC C License Course for coaches, which included classroom sessions and practical applications. These courses continue to contribute significantly to our community of qualified and confident coaches, capable of guiding our players through every stage, from grassroots to the national level.

We also continued to prioritize the development of our referees, focusing on both certification and refresher training to develop and maintain our officiating standards. This included the Introductory Referee Course, Referee Systems Course, and the Youth Single Referee Systems Course where participants were provided the fundamentals of being a referee, with an overview of the Laws of the Game, practical decision-making, and technical knowledge of their tools. These programs have produced a growing number of trained officials, who are equipped to officiate various competition levels.

PROGRAM	PARTICIPANTS
AFC Grassroots Kids Leader Course	13
NMIFA D License Course	14
AFC C License Course	9
Introductory Referee Course	30
Referee Systems Course	30
Youth Single Referee Systems Course	30
TOTAL	126



DOMESTIC LEAGUES



DOVE WOMEN'S LEAGUE
A DIVISION | B DIVISION | MASTER'S DIVISION

In the 2024–2025 season, the NMIFA's domestic leagues delivered a full calendar of matches, showcasing the depth of local talent and reinforcing our commitment to developing football from the grassroots to elite levels.

The Marianas Soccer League remained a highly competitive platform, bringing together competitive teams of experienced and emerging players. The league hosts the competition for NMI's premier men's teams, and promotes the development of younger players in the national team. It also hosts recreational competitions for intermediate and masters players where they compete in friendly matches, providing a platform to develop their skills and stay active throughout the year.

The Dove Women's League continued its growth, providing a competitive and recreational platform for women of all ages and skill levels. This year, the league was organized into three divisions: A, B, and Masters, where elite, intermediate, and beginner players compete in a supportive environment designed to develop the skills of all its participants.

The foundation of our organization lies in our TakeCare Youth Soccer League, which engaged hundreds of young players across multiple age divisions. Boys and girls took part in weekly matches and training, supported by certified and passionate volunteer coaches. The league features two divisions: the Competitive Division for advanced players to refine their talent and teamwork, and the Non-Competitive Division, which provides a fun, supportive environment for beginners to learn and enjoy the sport.

FALL 2024	PARTICIPANTS
TakeCare Youth Soccer League	813
Dove Women's League	311
Marianas Soccer League	261
TOTAL	1,385

SPRING 2025	PARTICIPANTS
TakeCare Youth Soccer League	822
Dove Women's League	339
Marianas Soccer League	302
TOTAL	1,463



MARIANAS SOCCER LEAGUE
DIVISION 1 | DIVISION 2



TAKECARE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
NON-COMPETITIVE: U6, U10, U12 COED | COMPETITIVE: U12B, U14G, U14B, U17G, U17B

GRASSROOTS PROGRAM



PROGRAM	PARTICIPANTS
U6 Grassroots Festival	144
Interscholastic Soccer League	652
AFC Grassroots Football Day	404
President's Cup	500
TOTAL	1,700*

***PARTICIPANTS REPRESENT 19.7% OF STUDENTS AGES 5-17 IN THE NMI**

The NMIFA's Grassroots Football Program continues to thrive, with a range of well-attended and meaningful activities organized throughout the year for youth across multiple age groups, offering accessible, age-appropriate pathways into the sport.

An important part of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League, the U6 Grassroots Festival, brought hundreds of our youngest players together in a celebration of football, teamwork, and fun. These festivals featured games, technical drills, and group activities designed to promote participation and enjoyment over competition.

In collaboration with the CNMI Public School System, the Interscholastic Soccer League was organized throughout the school year for teams in Elementary Coed, Middle School Girls, Middle School Boys, High School Girls, and High School Boys. These school-based leagues provided structured competition, fostered school pride, and highlighted young talent across the islands.

As part of our commitment to the AFC football family, NMIFA proudly celebrated AFC Grassroots Football Day, engaging over 400 third-grade students in a morning of fun, beginner friendly football drills. Additionally, the President's Cup saw the participation of more than 500 young players ranging from U8 to U17, making it one of our largest annual youth events.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



PROGRAM	PARTICIPANTS
Interscholastic Soccer League	652
PE Support Program	500
After School Program	125
4-H Camp Maga'lahi	200
TOTAL	1,477*

*PARTICIPANTS REPRESENT 27.5% OF ALL STUDENTS AGES 5-12 IN THE NMI

At the NMIFA, we value the importance of our social responsibility and are committed to contributing positively to our community through football and beyond. In 2024–2025, we strengthened our collaboration with our youth and schools, through a variety of initiatives that extended football's reach into new and meaningful areas.

These collaborations allow for shared resources, integrated programs, and alignment with educational and youth development priorities. Through the CNMI Public School System, football has become a part of regular physical education, with the assistance of our PE Support Program, and interscholastic competitions for elementary, middle, and high school students through the Interscholastic Soccer League. The Saipan Soccer School contributes coaching support, especially in the After School Program for children ages 6 to 12, available all school year. 4-H Marianas brings a unique community development lens, helping bridge football with positive youth development for children ages 5 to 12, through the 4-H Camp Maga'lahi.

Our Junior National Academy (Under 12), also demonstrated our commitment to environmental stewardship through a two-day beach clean-up for Micro Beach and Marine Beach. This activity, held as a part of their training camp, encouraged our young players to take care of our environment. Together, they collected over 10 bags of trash each day, making the beaches cleaner and safer for everyone.



JUNIOR NATIONAL ACADEMY
TRAINING CAMP 2025 | BEACH CLEAN-UP

