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Remarks President



Football has always been more than a game. In Belize, it is a powerful force that unites communities, inspires young people, and represents the hopes and pride of our nation. The year 2025 demonstrated once again how football continues to grow as a platform for opportunity, development, and national identity.

As President of the Football Federation of Belize, I am honored to reflect on a year that strengthened our foundations and reaffirmed our commitment to the future of the sport in our country. The activities presented in this report represent the collective dedication of our players, coaches, referees, administrators, volunteers, partners, and supporters who work tirelessly to advance football across Belize.

One of the most significant moments of the year came with my re-election to the Concacaf Council as Vice President representing Central America. This achievement reflects not only the confidence of the region in Belize's leadership, but also the growing voice of our nation within international football governance. It is a responsibility that I carry with great pride, as we continue advocating for the development of football across Central America and throughout the Concacaf region.

Throughout 2025, the Federation continued to strengthen its governance structures and institutional capacity. Our Congress successfully adopted important statutory amendments and approved key strategic and financial initiatives that will guide the Federation's growth in the years ahead. These efforts ensure that football in Belize continues to be managed with transparency, accountability, and a long-term vision for development.

On the field, our national teams proudly represented Belize in regional competitions across multiple age categories. From the Jaguars competing in international fixtures to the continued development of our youth national teams, every match and every training camp serves as a step toward building stronger, more competitive teams capable of representing Belize with pride.

Equally important has been our continued investment in the next generation of footballers. Through youth championships, High Performance programs, and expanded national competitions, the Federation is building the foundation for a stronger football future. These initiatives allow young Belizean players from every region of the country to develop their skills, pursue their dreams, and one day represent Belize on the international stage.

Women's football also continued to make meaningful strides during the year. The growth of the Premier Women's League of Belize and the increasing participation of female players reflect the Federation's commitment to ensuring that football opportunities are accessible to all who wish to play the game.

Beyond competition, football continues to serve as a powerful instrument for social development. Through community outreach initiatives, youth engagement programs, and partnerships with government and corporate stakeholders, football is helping to create opportunities, inspire young people, and strengthen communities across Belize.

As we celebrate the progress made during 2025, we are reminded that the journey of football development is ongoing. The Football Federation of Belize remains committed to building stronger structures, expanding opportunities for our players, and positioning Belizean football for greater success in the years ahead. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I extend my sincere appreciation to our Member Associations, clubs, sponsors, partners, and the passionate fans who continue to support football throughout Belize. Together, we will continue to grow the game, inspire our youth, and represent Belize with pride on every field where our flag is carried.

REMARKS GENERAL SECRETARY



The development of football requires more than what happens on the field. It demands strong institutions, effective governance, and a commitment to building systems that support the growth of the sport for generations to come.

The year 2025 represented an important period of institutional progress for the Football Federation of Belize. As General Secretary, I am proud of the work accomplished by our staff, technical departments, and partners as we continue strengthening the structures that support football development across the country.

Throughout the year, the Federation focused on reinforcing governance, improving operational systems, and ensuring that our administrative and financial practices align with international standards. Participation in FIFA governance and financial management workshops provided valuable opportunities to enhance our internal systems and ensure that the Federation continues to operate with transparency, accountability, and professionalism.

These improvements are critical as we work to build a federation capable of delivering sustainable football development programs that benefit players, clubs, and communities throughout Belize.

On the technical side, 2025 was a year of continued growth and participation. Belize's national teams competed in several regional competitions, gaining valuable international exposure and experience. These opportunities are vital in strengthening the competitiveness of Belizean football while preparing our players for higher levels of international competition.

Youth development remained a central priority for the Federation. Through national youth tournaments, High Performance programs, and regional competitions, hundreds of young players from across Belize participated in structured competitions designed to identify talent and support player development pathways. These initiatives form the backbone of the Federation's long-term strategy to build stronger national teams and elevate the overall standard of football in Belize.

Domestic competitions also continued to expand, with the Premier League of Belize, the National Amateur Interdistrict Championship, and the Premier Women's League of Belize providing important platforms for players to compete and develop within organized football structures.

The Federation also made significant strides in capacity building, with staff and technical personnel participating in international seminars and training programs focused on football administration, player transfers, women's football development, and club licensing. These investments in education strengthen our ability to manage the sport effectively while ensuring that Belize remains aligned with regional and global football standards.

Equally important has been the Federation's continued collaboration with government ministries, corporate partners, and regional stakeholders to support football development initiatives and infrastructure opportunities that will benefit the sport for years to come.

The progress achieved during 2025 reflects the dedication of many individuals working together with a shared vision for football in Belize. I extend my sincere appreciation to the Executive Committee, our Member Associations, staff, partners, and the many volunteers who contribute their time and expertise to the advancement of the game.

As we move forward, the Football Federation of Belize remains committed to strengthening its institutional capacity, expanding development opportunities, and ensuring that football continues to serve as a positive force for unity, opportunity, and national pride.

Together, we continue building the future of Belizean football.

GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES

Football Federation of Belize President Sergio Chuc is re-elected to the Concacaf Council as Vice-President for the Central American Region!

In 2025, Belizean football achieved an important milestone on the regional stage as Sergio Chuc, President of the Football Federation of Belize, was re-elected to the CONCACAF Council as Vice President for the Central American region. The election took place on March 15, 2025, in St. Lucia during the Concacaf Congress, representing a significant moment of recognition for Belize within regional football leadership.

President Chuc's re-election reflected the confidence of football leaders across the region in his leadership and commitment to advancing the game. In his role on the Concacaf Council, he continues to collaborate with regional stakeholders to strengthen football development, expand opportunities for players and federations, and support key initiatives aimed at growing the sport throughout Central America and the wider Concacaf region.

This achievement marked a proud moment for Belizean football, reinforcing the country's growing presence in regional football governance and its ongoing commitment to the development of the sport at all levels.



GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES AND MEMBER AFFAIRS

On March 29th, 2025, the FFB held the XIX Congress which was chaired by Interim General Secretary Mr. Ian Jones. In attendance were FFB President Mr. Sergio Chuc, Vice President Mr. Onan McLean, Executive Committee Members Mr. Shane Orio, Mr. Marlon Kuylen, and Ms. Jacqueline Pelayo, along with 19 of the 21 voting delegates representing FFB's member associations.

The Federation was also honored by the presence of the Hon. Anthony Mahler, Minister of Tourism, Youth, Sports, and Diaspora Relations.

During the session, the 2025 Annual Budget and 2024 Activity Report were formally presented and unanimously approved. Additionally, significant statutory amendments were tabled and ratified by the delegates in accordance with the FFB Statutes, marking an important step in the continued development and governance of football in Belize.

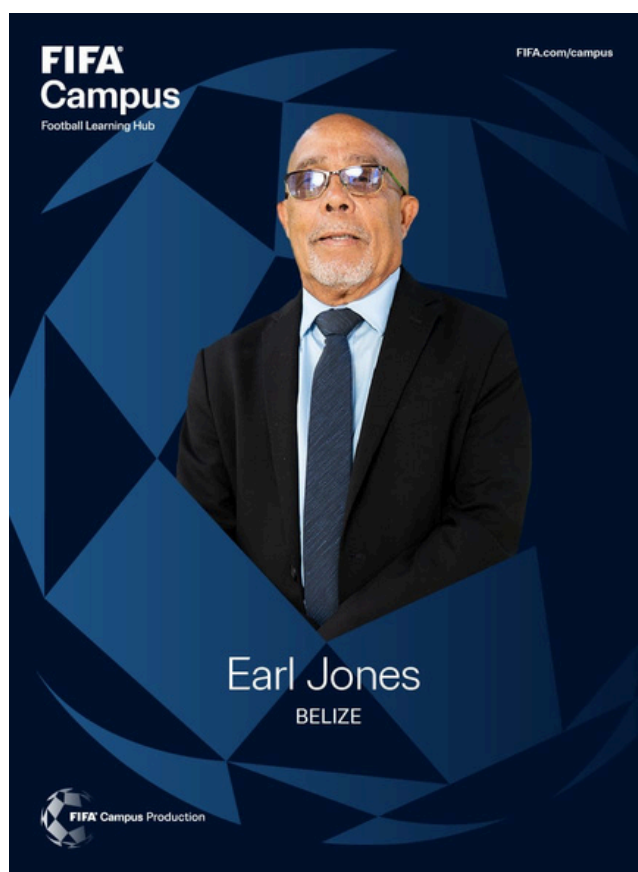
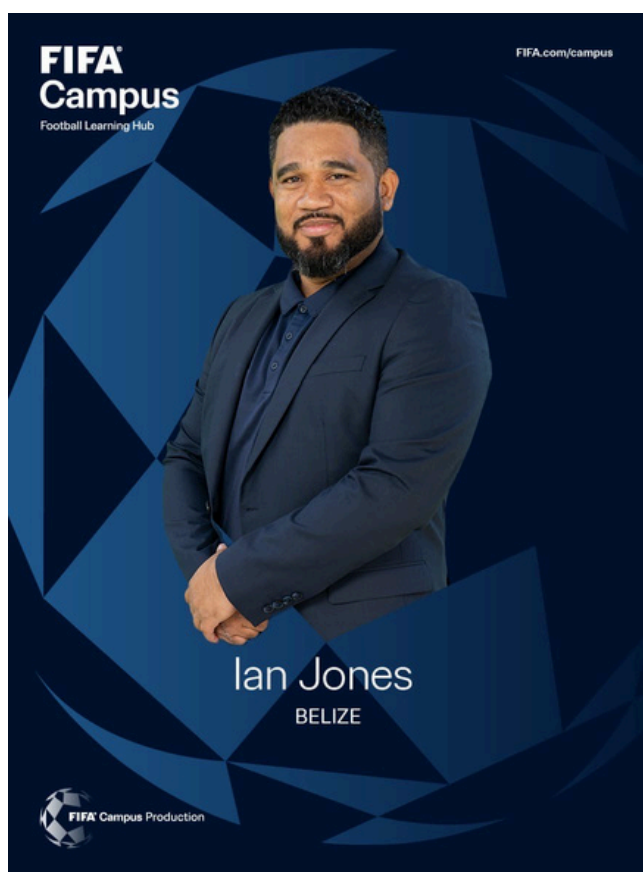


Interim General Secretary Ian Jones and FFB's Head of Legal, Governance, Compliance and FIFA Forward Development Program attend FIFA Finance Governance Workshop in Guatemala

As part of our ongoing collaboration with Member Associations and in line with the key pillars of the FIFA Forward Programme, particular emphasis was placed on strengthening financial management and oversight. This area is vital for the effective planning and execution of daily operations and long-term developmental initiatives.

To support this goal, representatives from the Football Federation of Belize were invited to participate in the FIFA Financial Governance Workshop, held from February 12 to 14, 2025, in Guatemala City, Guatemala. The workshop, organized for MAs in Central America and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, covered critical topics such as accountability procedures, strategic financial planning, and systems oversight. Participants engaged with subject matter experts, including auditors from the Central Review team and specialists in financial systems. Additionally, bilateral meetings were arranged for select MAs to address their specific challenges and outline actionable steps to enhance development efforts.

This initiative underscores FIFA's commitment to strengthening governance structures within its member associations and supporting transparent, impactful football development.



FFB STRENGTHENS NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH HON. DR. OSMOND MARTINEZ AND MINISTER ANTHONY MAHLER TO ADVANCE FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT IN BELIZE

In 2025, the Football Federation of Belize strengthened its collaboration with national leaders to align football development with Belize's broader social and economic priorities. A key milestone came on July 30, 2025, when Osmond Martinez, Minister of State in the Ministry of Economic Transformation and Area Representative for Toledo East, visited the Federation's headquarters in Belmopan for strategic discussions with FFB President Sergio Chuc, General Secretary Ian Jones, Technical Director Philip Marin, and Sports Psychologist Sharon Palacio.

The meeting focused on football infrastructure development, investment opportunities, and the sport's potential role in national growth. One of the most significant outcomes was the resolution of a long-standing lease issue delaying the completion of a five-a-side synthetic pitch in Punta Gorda. During the meeting, Minister Martinez facilitated immediate approval for the lease, allowing the project to move forward. In response, President Chuc reaffirmed the Federation's commitment to completing the facility for the Toledo football community while also pledging support for a proposed football project in Bella Vista aimed at expanding youth participation through the development of another synthetic pitch.

The collaboration reached another milestone on August 15, 2025, when the Federation officially received the finalized lease for the Punta Gorda site. In a formal handover ceremony,

Minister Martinez was joined by Anthony Mahler, Minister of Tourism, Diaspora Relations, Youth and Sports, to present the documents to FFB leadership. The approval marked the green light for the long-awaited completion of the Punta Gorda facility, which will provide a modern and accessible football space for the people of Toledo. Throughout the discussions, both ministers also reaffirmed their commitment to supporting football as a tool for youth empowerment, community engagement, and economic growth, including exploring opportunities to strengthen sports tourism and infrastructure investment. These partnerships highlighted how collaboration between government and sport can create lasting impact—expanding opportunities for young athletes, strengthening communities, and advancing the development of football across Belize.



Football Federation of Belize Congratulates Earl Jones, FFB's Head of Legal, Governance, Compliance and FIFA Forward Development Program on Completing FIFA Diploma in Football Law

The FIFA Diploma in Football Law is a prestigious program designed to provide football professionals with in-depth knowledge of football law, governance, and compliance, strengthening legal expertise in the sport at an international level.

In a statement, he expressed his deep gratitude to the Federation and its Executive Members for supporting his journey through this transformative program. He highlighted how the diploma has

equipped him with essential legal and governance skills and pledged to use this expertise to enhance Belize's football administration, particularly in legal, compliance, and governance matters.

The FFB recognizes this achievement as a significant milestone not only for our former General Secretary but also for the continued development of football governance in Belize. His dedication to professional growth reflects our collective commitment to excellence and integrity in football management.

As Belize's football landscape continues to evolve, the FFB remains committed to investing in education and leadership that will drive our sport forward. We once again congratulate Mr. Earl Jones on this remarkable achievement and look forward to his contributions to the progress and success of football in our country.



NATIONAL TEAM ACTIVITIES





In 2025, the Football Federation of Belize continued to advance the development and competitiveness of Belize's national football programs across multiple age categories. The year saw the senior men's national team, the Jaguars, participate in key regional competitions and international fixtures, including matches within the CONCACAF calendar and preparation activities aligned with the region's qualification pathways. These engagements provided valuable competitive exposure for Belizean players while strengthening the team's tactical development and international experience.

Throughout the year, the federation also placed significant emphasis on youth development, with national teams at the U17 and U20 levels actively participating in regional tournaments, training camps, and friendly matches. These initiatives formed part of the federation's broader strategy to expand the national talent pipeline and provide young athletes with opportunities to compete at the international level. Several emerging players gained valuable experience during these campaigns, highlighting the continued growth of Belize's football development system.

In addition to competition, the federation invested in strengthening technical preparation, player development programs, and national team operations. Training camps, international friendlies, and collaborative technical activities helped build cohesion within the squads and provided opportunities for coaching staff to further refine tactical approaches.

Overall, 2025 represented an important year of progress and preparation for Belizean football. Through continued participation in regional competitions, the integration of emerging talent, and a commitment to long-term development, the Football Federation of Belize remained focused on building a stronger national team program and positioning Belize for future success on the international stage.

U17 NATIONAL TEAMS

In early 2025, Belize's U17 national teams represented the country in the Concacaf U17 World Cup Qualifiers, gaining valuable international exposure. The Belize U17 Men's National Team began its campaign with two international friendlies against the Honduras national under-17 football team on January 15 and January 18 at Estadio Morazán in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, where Belize fell 5–0 and 3–0. The team continued its preparations with additional friendly matches in Coroneo, Mexico, before entering the 2025 Concacaf U17 Men's World Cup Qualifiers, held February 6–16 across six host countries. Belize competed in Group C at the Sede Central de la Federación Mexicana de Fútbol in Toluca, Mexico, alongside Mexico national under-17 football team, Nicaragua national under-17 football team, Dominica, and Barbados. Belize opened strongly with a 7–0 victory over Dominica, before falling 1–0 to Nicaragua, 3–0 to Mexico, and 4–3 to Barbados in a closely contested match.

Meanwhile, the Belize U17 Women's National Team competed in the 2025 Concacaf U17 Women's World Cup Qualifiers, held January 27 to February 1 across four host countries. Belize was placed in Group B alongside Honduras women's national under-17 football team, Trinidad and Tobago women's national under-17 football team, and the US Virgin Islands, with all matches played at Ato Boldon Stadium in Couva, Trinidad & Tobago. Belize fell 2–0 to Honduras and 2–0 to Trinidad & Tobago, before closing the tournament with a 3–0 victory over the US Virgin Islands, finishing with one win and two losses.

Preparation for the women's qualifiers began in October 2024, with players training together regularly and participating in friendly matches as part of a program focused on technical, tactical, physical, and psychological development. Both national teams represented Belize with pride while gaining valuable experience on the regional stage.



U20 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

The Belize U20 Women's National Team competed in the 2025 Concacaf U20 Women's World Cup Qualifiers, held from February 20th to 25th 2025.

Belize was placed in Group A alongside Haiti, Guyana, and host nation Antigua & Barbuda. All group matches were held at the ABFA Technical Centre in St. John's, Antigua & Barbuda. The team kicked off their campaign with a hard-fought 0-0 draw against Guyana, followed by a 4-0 loss to Haiti and a competitive 5-3 match against Antigua & Barbuda. Belize closed out the tournament with one draw and two losses, gaining important international exposure.

The team departed Belize on Monday, February 17th, and returned on Thursday, February 27th, carrying with them not only the experience of international play but also the pride of representing their country on a regional stage.

2025 QUALIFIERS MATCH SCHEDULE

QUALIFIERS						
VENUE	THU Feb 20	FRI Feb 21	SAT Feb 22	SUN Feb 23	MON Feb 24	TUE Feb 25
Estadio Felix Sanchez Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	M5 PUR v VRI 16:00 (15:00)	M7 PAN v CUB 16:00 (15:00)	M3 HON v PUR 16:00 (15:00)	M9 HON v PAN 16:00 (15:00)	M25 HON v VRI 16:00 (15:00)	M11 CUB v HON 16:00 (15:00)
	M2 SLV v HON 19:00 (18:00)	M6 DOM v HON 19:00 (18:00)	M4 VRI v SLV 19:00 (18:00)	M8 CUB v DOM 19:00 (18:00)	M26 PUR v SLV 19:00 (18:00)	M12 DOM v PAN 19:00 (18:00)
Estadio Nacional de Futbol Managua, Nicaragua	M3 JAM v VIN 15:00 (14:00)		M5 SKN v JAM 15:00 (14:00)		M7 SKN v VRI 15:00 (14:00)	
	M4 NCA v SKN 18:00 (17:00)		M6 VIN v NCA 18:00 (17:00)		M8 JAM v NCA 18:00 (17:00)	
ABFA Technical Center St. John's, Antigua		M9 GUY v BEL 18:00 (17:00)		M11 BEL v GUY 18:00 (17:00)		M13 HAI v GUY 18:00 (17:00)
		M10 HAI v ATO 15:00 (14:00)		M12 ATO v GUY 15:00 (14:00)		M14 BEL v ATO 15:00 (14:00)
Ato Boldon Stadium Port of Spain, Trinidad	M5 CRC v ARJ 16:00 (15:00)	M11 CAN v GHA 16:00 (15:00)	M17 CAY v CRC 16:00 (15:00)	M23 BER v CAN 16:00 (15:00)	M29 CAY v ARJ 16:00 (15:00)	M35 BER v GHA 16:00 (15:00)
	M6 GUA v CAY 19:00 (18:00)	M12 TRI v BER 19:00 (18:00)	M18 ARJ v GUA 19:00 (18:00)	M24 DMA v TRI 19:00 (18:00)	M30 CRC v GUA 19:00 (18:00)	M36 CAN v TRI 19:00 (18:00)

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D	GROUP E	GROUP F
Haiti (HAI)	Puerto Rico (PUR)	Dominican Republic (DOM)	Jamaica (JAM)	Canada (CAN)	Costa Rica (CRC)
Guyana (GUY)	El Salvador (SLV)	Panama (PAN)	Nicaragua (NCA)	Trinidad & Tobago (TRI)	Guatemala (GUA)
Belize (BLZ)	Honduras (HON)	Cuba (CUB)	St. Kitts & Nevis (SKN)	Bermuda (BER)	Cayman Islands (CAY)
Antigua and Barbuda (ATG)	US Virgin Islands (VRI)	Bonaire (BON)	St. Vincent & the Grenadines (VIN)	Dominica (DMA)	Aruba (ARU)

*NO TIMES ARE DISPLAYED IN LOCAL (ET) FORMAT



SENIOR MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

In 2025, the Football Federation of Belize continued its efforts to strengthen the Belize national football team, combining international competition, strategic development initiatives, and community engagement to advance the program both on and off the field.

Gold Cup Preliminary Round

A major highlight early in the year was Belize's participation in the 2025 Concacaf Gold Cup Preliminary Round, where the Jaguars faced the Costa Rica national football team in a two-leg series during the March FIFA window. The first leg took place on March 21, 2025, at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan, where Belize hosted Costa Rica in front of a sold-out crowd that showcased the growing national support for the team. Despite a 7-0 defeat, the match generated a vibrant atmosphere, highlighted by the energetic support of students from Belmopan Comprehensive School.

The return leg was played on March 26, 2025, at the Estadio Nacional in San José, where Belize fought hard but fell 6-1, with Carlos Bernárdez scoring Belize's lone goal. Costa Rica advanced to the Gold Cup with a 13-1 aggregate victory.

Project Mexico-Belize and World Cup Qualifiers

As part of its long-term strategy to improve the national team's competitiveness, the federation launched Project Mexico-Belize, an initiative designed to strengthen the team's preparation ahead of the FIFA World Cup Qualifiers in June 2025.



The project brought international expertise to Belize, including renowned Mexican coach Enrique Meza Sr., along with Enrique Meza Jr., Daniel Bartolotta, and Diego Bartolotta. Working alongside Head Coach Charlie Slusher, Senior Advisor Daniel Bartolotta supported tactical preparation and overall team development.

The initiative included a full-time national team training camp, weekly player stipends, professional-level fitness and mental conditioning, and mentorship opportunities for local coaches. With an investment of over \$300,000 BZD, the program represented a significant step toward raising the standards of the national team while building a sustainable development pathway for Belizean football.

The Jaguars later concluded their 2025 World Cup Qualifiers campaign in June, facing Montserrat on June 4 before hosting the Panama national football team on June 7, 2025, at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan. Although Belize fell 2–0 to Panama, the match reflected noticeable improvements in organization, discipline, and style of play—clear indicators of the progress achieved through the enhanced technical preparation.

Concacaf Series Friendlies

Later in the year, Belize participated in the Concacaf Series, playing two international friendly matches in St. Kitts & Nevis. The team traveled on November 12, 2025, and returned on November 20, 2025, competing at the Technical Centre in St. Kitts & Nevis.

Belize recorded two impressive victories:

Belize 1 – 0 Saint Martin (November 15, 2025)

Belize 6 – 1 St. Kitts & Nevis (November 18, 2025)

The matches provided valuable international competition and an opportunity for the technical staff to continue evaluating player performance and squad depth.

Beyond competition, the Jaguars remained committed to representing Belize through community engagement. On May 23, 2025, members of the national team visited Center Community, where they delivered supplies, played bingo, and spent time with local elders. The initiative reflected the team's dedication to national pride and the unifying power of football within Belizean communities.

Throughout the year, the Football Federation of Belize also acknowledged the support of sponsors, fans, and partners who played an essential role in the national team's journey. From packed stadiums and international matches to strategic development programs and community outreach, 2025 marked an important step in the continued growth and strengthening of Belize's Senior Men's National Team program.



BELIZE NATIONAL U15 BOYS REPRESENT BELIZE IN THE 2025 CONCACAF U15 CHAMPIONSHIP

The Belize National U15 Boys' Team proudly represented the country at the 2025 Concacaf U15 Boys' Championship, held from August 3 to 10, 2025, in Oranjestad, Aruba at the Jose Wever Stadium.

This year's championship brought together 39 teams from across the Concacaf region, along with one invited nation, Saudi Arabia, from the Asian Football Confederation (AFC). Teams were placed in three competitive divisions—League A (9 teams), League B (16 teams), and League C (14 teams) based on the Concacaf Men's Under-17 Rankings as of February 2025. Belize competed in League C.

The Belize delegation comprised 25 members, including 18 players and 7 staff. The team departed Belize on August 1, 2025, and returned on August 10, 2025, following an exciting week of competition and international experience.

Their match results were as follows:

Despite a challenging group, the team showed steady improvement with each performance, concluding their campaign on a high note with a 5–2 victory over Cuba. The Football Federation of Belize commends the players, coaching staff, and supporting personnel for their professionalism and dedication throughout the tournament.





UNCAF

TORNEO SUB-16

UNCAF FIFA FORWARD



In 2025, the Football Federation of Belize continued its commitment to youth development by fielding both the Belize U16 Boys' and U16 Girls' National Teams in the UNCAF U16 Championships, providing young athletes with valuable international experience and exposure against the region's top youth programs.

U16 Boys – UNCAF Championship (Guatemala)

The UNCAF U16 Boys' Championship took place from October 2–8, 2025, in Guatemala City, Guatemala, at the Centro Deportivo Ernesto Villa. Belize traveled with a 27-member delegation, including 20 players and 7 staff, with players eligible from the 2009 and 2010 birth years. The team departed Belize on October 1 and returned on October 9, 2025.

The tournament featured eight participating nations: Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama, and Cuba. Belize was drawn into Group B alongside Costa Rica, Honduras, and El Salvador.

Belize recorded the following results during the competition:

Belize 0 – 3 Costa Rica

Belize 0 – 3 Honduras

Belize 1 – 6 El Salvador

Belize 0 – 8 Panama



Later in the year, the Belize U16 Girls' National Team competed in the UNCAF U16 Girls' Championship, hosted in Managua, Nicaragua, at the National Stadium from November 21–27, 2025. The delegation also consisted of 20 players and 7 staff, with athletes born in 2009 and 2010. The team departed Belize on November 19 and returned on November 28, 2025.

The tournament brought together teams from Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama, and Puerto Rico. Belize was placed in Group A with Nicaragua, Guatemala, and El Salvador.

Match results for Belize were as follows:

Belize 0 – 7 Nicaragua

Belize 1 – 2 Guatemala

Belize 0 – 12 El Salvador

Belize 0 – 4 Honduras

Building International Experience

Although both teams faced strong opposition, participation in the UNCAF U16 Championships represented an important opportunity for Belize's young players to gain international competition experience, exposure to higher levels of play, and valuable developmental lessons. These tournaments form a key part of the Federation's strategy to prepare youth players for future regional and international competitions while strengthening the long-term pipeline for Belize's national teams.

Through continued participation in UNCAF youth tournaments, the Football Federation of Belize remains dedicated to developing the next generation of Belizean footballers and strengthening the country's presence within regional football.





Senior Women's National Team

In 2025, the Football Federation of Belize continued its commitment to the growth and development of the Belize women's national football team through participation in regional competition and international matches.

As part of the 2025 CONCACAF W Championship qualifiers, Belize competed in Group D alongside the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Suriname, and Anguilla. The competition provides an important platform for women's national teams across the region to compete at the highest level while advancing opportunities for the continued development of the women's game.

Belize played one of its group matches at home on November 30, 2025, hosting the Haiti women's national football team at the FFB Facility in Belmopan. Despite a challenging match that ended in a 9-0 result in favor of Haiti, the fixture represented an important opportunity for the Belizean squad to gain valuable experience against one of the region's stronger teams.

Participation in the Concacaf W competition continues to be a key part of the Football Federation of Belize's strategy to strengthen the women's national team program, provide international exposure for players, and support the long-term development of women's football across the country.

While in camp, the Senior Women's National Team participated in several outreach activities. The team visited Garden City Primary School, hoping to ignite a spark in young girls and boys and inspire them to fall in love with the beautiful game.

Because beyond the pitch, we believe in the transformative power of football. We believe in its ability to uplift, to unite, and to create lasting impact.

Students were also invited to attend the upcoming match between Belize and Haiti on November 30th, 2025. Additionally, the team hosted A-Z Academy at the Home of the Jaguars sharing words of encouragement to the kids who will someday be our future stars.



LOCAL COMPETITIONS



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

The Football Federation of Belize participated in the 2025 Concacaf Professional Football Development Workshop, which focused on Club Licensing across Member Associations. The FFB was selected to showcase its club licensing process during the workshop, providing an opportunity to share the best practices, challenges, and innovative approaches being implemented locally. The presentation was well received and positioned the FFB as an example in club development within the region. The workshop also offered a platform for knowledge exchange with peers from across the region, helping to strengthen Belize's own football development strategies and practices.



REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

All regional competitions met the established standard of hosting at least four (4) teams and playing a minimum of fifteen (15) matches. Regional coordinators ensured tournament regulations were signed and enforced, relevant committees were activated, and public engagement was maintained through social media updates, and standings.

Category	Games Played	Registered Players
U15 Boys	191	1052
U15 Girls	106	652
U17 Boys	194	675
U17 Girls	96	240
Men's 1st Division	573	1975
Women's 1st Division	106	350



PREMEIR WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF BELIZE

In 2025, the Football Federation of Belize continued to strengthen the development of women's football through the Premier Women's League of Belize (PWLB), delivering two competitive seasons. The 2025 PWLB season officially kicked off on March 15, 2025, featuring four teams, Jewel Fury FC, Cayo Dreamers FC, Sagitun Girlz FC, and Napoles FC. The season culminated in an exciting final hosted in Independence Village, where Sagitun Girlz FC defeated Napoles FC to be crowned champions, earning the opportunity to represent Belize at the Copa Interclubes Femenino UNCAF.

Later in the year, the federation further expanded the competition with the launch of the 2025–2026 Premier Women's League of Belize Opening Season, officially announced on September 9, 2025 and kicking off on September 13, 2025. The competition grew to six participating clubs, Jewel Fury FC, Jaguar Girls, Sagitun Girlz FC, Corozal Elite FC, Napoles FC, and Cayo Dreamers FC—and continued with a double round-robin format, with the top four teams advancing to two-legged semi-finals before a single-match final at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan.





A significant milestone for the league came on September 18, 2025, when the federation announced Westline as the official sponsor of the competition, rebranding the tournament as the Westline Premier Women's League of Belize (Westline PWLB). The partnership underscored growing corporate support for women's football and reinforced the league's role as the premier platform for Belize's top female players and a pathway to the Belize women's national football team.

The Westline PWLB Opening Season concluded on December 20, 2025, with Napoles FC defeating Sagitun Girlz FC 2–0 in the championship final at the FFB Stadium. Individual honors highlighted standout performances throughout the season, with Jayda Brown (Napoles FC) winning the Golden Boot, Roshanny Narvaez (Napoles FC) earning the Golden Ball (MVP), Jasmin Armstrong (Sagitun Girlz FC) named Best Goalkeeper, Ximena Flores (Corozal Elite FC) recognized as Best Defender, Sabrina Eiley (Sagitun Girlz FC) awarded Best Midfielder, and Corozal Elite FC receiving the Fair Play Award.

Together, these competitions highlighted the continued growth of women's football in Belize, strengthening the domestic pathway for players while expanding visibility, support, and opportunities for female athletes nationwide.



NATIONAL AMATEUR INTERDISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

The Football Federation of Belize officially launched the 2025 National Amateur Interdistrict Championship (NAIC), bringing together 16 top amateur clubs from across Belize representing their regional football associations as champions and runners-up from their Opening and Closing Seasons. The official tournament draw took place on June 24, 2025, at 5:00 PM, broadcast live on TNC10.

Clubs from across the country participated, including Sarteneja FC and Calcutta Bulls FC (Corozal FA), Yo Creek United FC and San Jose Pumas FC (Orange Walk FA), San Pedro Sharks FC and San Pedro Seabulls FC (San Pedro Town Council FA), Survivors FC and Tutbay FC (Belize District FA), Club Atlético FC and Napoles FC (Belmopan FA), Quintas Eagles FC (Cayo FA), Griga Conquerors FC and Mid-South FC (Stann Creek FA), Vikings FC and Garage FC, and Legends FC and San Marcos FC (Toledo FA). The NAIC continues to serve as one of the country's premier platforms for showcasing the best amateur football talent from Belize's districts while strengthening the pathway from regional competitions to the national stage.

The tournament concluded on August 23, 2025, with the championship match played at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan between Tutbay FC and Yo Creek FC, two teams that demonstrated exceptional skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the competition. After an intense and highly competitive final, Yo Creek FC emerged victorious to be crowned the 2025 NAIC Champions, while Tutbay FC finished as Sub-Champions following an impressive tournament run. The Football Federation of Belize congratulated both teams for their outstanding performances and extended appreciation to the regional associations, match officials, sponsors, and supporters who contributed to the success of the championship.





CHAMPIONS

FFB LAUNCHES 2025 BOY'S U15 AND MEN'S U17 ELITE CHAMPIONSHIPS: SHOWCASING BELIZE'S FUTURE FOOTBALL STARS

The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) proudly launched the 2025 Boy's Under-15 and Men's Under-17 Elite Championships, which began on Saturday, June 28 and will continue through Saturday, July 19, 2025. This youth tournament featured High Performance teams representing Belize's nine football regions, highlighting the country's most promising young talent. These championships form a central part of the FFB's High Performance Program, which develops elite youth players through consistent, structured training. Selected athletes train twice weekly with qualified professional coaches who focus on technical skills, tactical understanding, physical conditioning, and mental preparation. The program aims to nurture future national team players and elevate the standard of youth football across Belize.



First Place: Stann Creek U15 Elite



First Place: Belize U17 Elite



Second Place: Orange Walk U15 Elite



Second Place: U15 National Team U17 Elite



Third Place: Belmopan U15 Elite



Third Place: Cayo U17 Elite



PREMEIR LEAGUE OF BELIZE

The Premier League of Belize delivered another competitive year of football in 2025, with clubs battling across both the Closing Season 2024–2025 and the Opening Season 2025–2026 to determine the national champions. The league continued to showcase Belize’s top football talent while strengthening the domestic competition structure.

The Closing Season 2024–2025 concluded in April 2025, when Verdes FC defeated San Pedro Pirates FC in the championship series to claim the national title.

Later in the year, the league returned with the Opening Season 2025–2026, culminating in the championship match on December 13, 2025, in Benque Viejo del Carmen. In a tightly contested final, Verdes FC defeated Progresso FC 1–0, with Eldon Reneau scoring the decisive goal to secure the victory. The triumph marked Verdes FC’s eighth national championship title.

The 2025 Premier League of Belize season once again highlighted the passion, talent, and competitive spirit that define football in the country. With strong performances from clubs across the league and growing fan engagement nationwide, the PLB continues to play a vital role in developing elite players and strengthening Belize’s presence within regional football.



CLUB LICENSING 2025/2026 CYCLE

On Saturday, May 3rd, the Football Federation of Belize successfully hosted a Club Licensing Workshop, drawing strong participation from clubs across the Premier League of Belize, Premier Women's League of Belize, and the 1st Division clubs. FFB President Mr. Sergio Chuc delivered the keynote address, emphasizing the Federation's commitment to raising professional standards across all levels of the game. Interim General Secretary Mr. Ian Jones provided the opening remarks, highlighting the importance of club licensing in ensuring sustainable development and improved governance. The workshop was facilitated by Ms. Sandra Aleman, Club Licensing Manager, and Mr. Earl Jones, Head of the FFB Legal Department. Together, they led detailed sessions on the club licensing framework, focusing on the six core pillars: Sporting, Infrastructure, Administrative, Financial, Legal, and Social Responsibility. Key components of the workshop included: An overview of the 2025/26 Club Licensing Cycle and timelines; A breakdown of the mandatory and recommended criteria under each pillar;

Clarification on documentation requirements and compliance procedures; Guidance on strengthening club structures and governance practices. Club representatives engaged actively throughout the session, reflecting a shared commitment to meeting licensing standards and improving the operational and professional aspects of football clubs in Belize. This workshop signals a critical move toward the continued professionalization of the sport and lays a strong foundation for a productive and accountable licensing cycle ahead. The FFB remains committed to aligning domestic standards with regional and international best practices as part of its long-term football development strategy.



ADA CORDOVA MAKING WAVES IN BELIZEAN FOOTBALL

In 2025, Coach Ada Cordova made history by becoming the first-ever female head coach of a club in the Premier League of Belize, marking a significant milestone for women in Belizean football. Taking on the challenge of leading a men's team at the highest level of the sport in the country, Coach Cordova demonstrated remarkable leadership, determination, and tactical ability throughout the season.

Under her guidance, the San Pedro Pirates FC delivered an impressive campaign, reaching the Premier League of Belize finals and showcasing the team's competitiveness on the national stage. Her appointment and success not only highlighted her individual achievement but also represented an important step forward for women in football leadership roles within Belize.

Coach Cordova's journey reflects years of dedication to the sport, having contributed to football both as a player and as a coach serving her community. Her historic achievement stands as an inspiration for young women and girls across Belize, reinforcing that talent, passion, and leadership in football know no gender.



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP HIGHLIGHT

BELIZE'S EMERGING FOOTBALL TALENT



U15 CHAMPIONS: BELIZE UNITED FC

During the months of July and August 2025, the FFB hosted three centralized National Youth Club Tournaments at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan, featuring the U15 Boys Marathon, U15 Girls National Tournament, and U17 Boys National Tournament.

Collectively, these events brought together over 600 youth players from across Belize, providing a structured and competitive environment that fostered both talent identification and player development. The tournaments also strengthened regional participation and showcased the promising depth of football talent emerging from FFB's youth structures. The U15 Club championship was held between July and September 2025, the U15 Boys National Marathon featured 12 teams representing all six regions of the country, with approximately 240 players competing in a group-stage format that led to semifinals and finals.



U15 SUB CHAMPIONS: Z BOYS

U15 Girls Club Championship

The U15 Girls National Club Championship kicked off on July 26, 2025, at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan, featuring teams representing multiple regions including San Pedro, Belize, Cayo, Toledo, and Belmopan. Played in a 9v9 format, the tournament brought together six teams and approximately 120 female players, highlighting the continued growth and visibility of women's football in Belize.

The competition concluded on August 2, 2025, with Westline Girls crowned U15 Girls National Champions, while Alvian Strikers finished as Sub-Champions after an impressive tournament run. The event provided young female athletes with valuable competitive experience and demonstrated the expanding opportunities for girls in football across the country.

U15 Boys Club Championship

The U15 Boys Club Championship served as the culmination of regional youth competitions across six football regions: Orange Walk, Belize District, San Pedro, Toledo, Belmopan, and Cayo. A total of 12 teams qualified for the tournament, with two teams representing each region.

The competition was divided into North and South Zones, with knockout matches taking place on July 30 and July 31, 2025, to determine the zonal champions. The winners then advanced to the National Championship Final held on August 2, 2025, at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan.

After an exciting final, Belize United FC (Belize District FA) emerged as U15 Boys National Champions, defeating Z Boys (Cayo FA), who finished as Sub-Champions.

U17 Boys Club Championship

The federation also launched the U17 Boys Club Championship, another major youth development competition that featured 12 elite teams representing Orange Walk, Belize District, Corozal, Toledo, Belmopan, and Cayo. Similar to the U15 format, the tournament was divided into North and South Zones, with knockout matches played on August 6 and August 7, 2025 to determine the finalists.

The National Championship Final took place on August 9, 2025, at the FFB Stadium in Belmopan, where Westline FC captured the U17 Boys National Championship title after defeating Progresso FC in the final.



CHAMPIONS: WESTLINE GIRLS

Together, these tournaments demonstrated the Football Federation of Belize's ongoing commitment to youth development, regional inclusion, and football excellence. By providing consistent and well-organized competitions, the FFB continues to ensure that young athletes across Belize have the opportunity to grow, compete, and aspire to represent the nation at higher levels of play.



SUB CHAMPION: ALVIAN STRIKERS

U17 CHAMPION: WESTLINE FC



U17 SUB CHAMPION: PROGRESSO FC

CAPACITY BUILDING



In 2025, the Football Federation of Belize continued to strengthen its technical and administrative capacity through international training and collaboration. Competition Director Sandra Aleman represented the federation at several key regional and international development initiatives focused on advancing football administration and the women's game.

Ms. Aleman attended the FIFA International Player Transfer Course held in Miami, Florida, from December 8–12, 2025, where participants received updated training on the international transfer process and the latest revisions to the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players. The course provided valuable knowledge that strengthens the federation's ability to guide clubs through accurate and compliant international transfer procedures.

Earlier in the year, she also represented Belize at the CONCACAF W Professional Football Development Seminar in Monterrey, Mexico, which brought together women's football leaders from across the region to discuss the next phase of professional development for the women's game.

These engagements reflect the Football Federation of Belize's continued commitment to building institutional expertise while supporting the growth and professionalization of football in Belize.

TECHNICAL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES





In 2025, the Technical Department of the Football Federation of Belize continued to play a central role in advancing football development across the country. Through strategic programs, competitions, and training initiatives, the department focused on strengthening player development pathways, enhancing coaching standards, and identifying emerging talent to support Belize's national teams.

Throughout the year, the department led the implementation of the High Performance Program, which brought together elite youth players from Belize's nine football regions for structured training and competition. Athletes trained regularly under qualified coaches, focusing on technical skills, tactical awareness, physical conditioning, and psychological preparation. These efforts culminated in the U15 and U17 Elite Championships, providing a national platform for the country's most promising young players to compete and gain exposure.

In addition to competitions, the department continued to support national team preparation and development, working closely with coaching staff, fitness specialists, and technical personnel to ensure that Belize's youth and senior national teams benefited from structured training environments and improved technical support.

Coach education and capacity building also remained a priority in 2025, with workshops and development opportunities designed to improve coaching standards and align local training practices with international best practices. These initiatives contributed to raising the overall quality of football instruction across clubs, academies, and regional programs.

Through these combined efforts, the Technical Department reinforced its commitment to building a sustainable football development structure, ensuring that young athletes across Belize have access to quality training, competitive opportunities, and a clear pathway toward national team representation.

COACHING CERTIFICATION CEREMONY

In March 2025, The Football Federation of Belize had the privilege of celebrating the achievement of 80 passionate coaches as they received their coaching licenses during the FFB Coaching Certification Ceremony!

Guest speaker Jorge Jimenez (FIFA Regional Consultant) shared powerful remarks and President Sergio Chuc words of encouragement to all coaches present.

As the great Sir Alex Ferguson once said, "A good coach can change a game. A great coach can change a life." The impact of our coaches goes beyond tactics and drills—they shape minds, build character, and lay the foundation for the next generation of football talent.

Coaches are the heartbeat of football development, and their passion, knowledge, and commitment continue to push the sport forward in Belize. The future is bright, and with these coaches leading the way, the sky's the limit for our athletes and the game we all love.

FFB awarded a total of 80 coaches who completed their coaching certification in 2024:

43 D Diplomas, 21 C Diplomas and 16 B Diplomas



FFB HOSTS FIFA BEACH SOCCER WORKSHOP

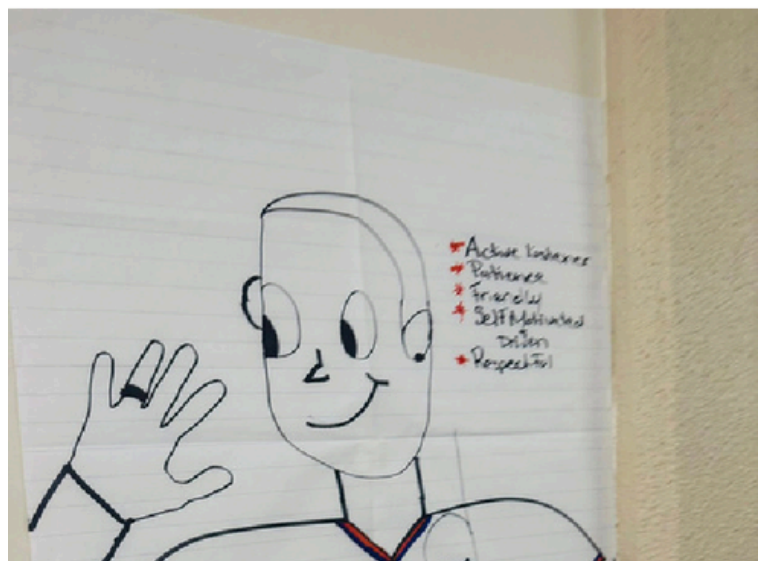
In a continued effort to expand and diversify football in Belize, the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) successfully hosted the 2025 Belize FIFA Beach Soccer Seminar from April 7-11th which culminated with the 2025 Beach Soccer Festival, marking a significant step in growing the sport of beach soccer nationwide. The FIFA-certified seminar brought together 15 participants from across the country for a comprehensive, hands-on training experience. The seminar was officially opened with words of encouragement from FFB President Sergio Chuc, who emphasized the importance of beach soccer in the federation's broader vision for football development. Leading the sessions was FIFA Head Instructor Ramon Raya, one of the sport's most respected figures. Raya is best known for coaching the Mexican national beach soccer team to international success, including winning the CONCACAF Beach Soccer Championship. His expertise and inspiring leadership provided participants with invaluable insights into coaching methodologies, tactical strategies, and player development specific to the beach format. A particularly inspiring highlight of the seminar was the participation of Cruzita Mendez, Sonieda Teul, and Coach Ada Cordova—the only three women in the course. Their presence marked a powerful moment for gender inclusion in football education and was celebrated by instructors and peers alike. To cap off the week, the FFB hosted the 2025 Beach Soccer Festival, a vibrant, youth-centered event that brought together 40 students from Belmopan Methodist High School, Belmopan Comprehensive High School, and Baptist High School. The FFB extends its heartfelt thanks to all seminar participants, student-athletes, and schools a dynamic push forward in developing beach soccer in Belize—fostering not only athletic growth, but also inclusion, education, and national pride in the sport involved. Together, the seminar and festival represented



FFB LAUNCHES FIRST PHASE OF 2025 D DIPLOMA COACHING WORKSHOP

The Football Federation of Belize proudly kicked off the FFB D Diploma Coaching Workshop on April 21, 2025, marking a significant step in the development of grassroots football across the country. This foundational workshop welcomed 15 committed new coaches—11 males and 4 females—who are embarking on their journey along the national coaching pathway. Designed for aspiring coaches, the D Diploma course introduces essential theoretical and practical components of coaching, equipping participants with the tools, knowledge, and techniques needed to guide young players and positively impact their communities. The course covers a range of topics, from coaching philosophy and player development to planning effective training sessions and delivering on-field instruction.

Throughout the workshop, the energy and engagement between participants and the coach educator were notably strong. The group demonstrated a high level of understanding and passion for the game, reinforcing the belief that Belize's football future is in capable hands. The FFB's Coaching Education Unit remains committed to providing high-quality learning experiences that empower coaches to help players reach their full potential—both on and off the field. As these 15 coaches take their first steps into the world of coaching, they do so with the support of a federation dedicated to building a smarter, stronger, and more inspired generation of footballers.



YOUTH FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

The Football Federation of Belize remains committed to advancing its football development initiatives across the country. In the first quarter of 2025, the FFB successfully launched its Football Academy Program in Corozal, Orange Walk, Cayo, Toledo, and San Pedro, targeting youth in the U7, U9, U11, and U13 categories. To date, over 250 young boys and girls have actively participated in these programs, reinforcing our mission to grow the game from the grassroots level.

The Football for Schools program has also continued this year, with visits to various schools nationwide, further integrating football into educational settings and promoting physical activity, teamwork, and discipline among students.

Additionally, the FFB had the privilege of hosting Jorge Jimenez (FIFA Regional Consultant) and Daniel Limones (Regional Talent Coach Manager) earlier this year. Their visit provided critical technical guidance and support as we prepare to launch the 2025 editions of the High-Performance Program and the FIFA Talent Coach Program.

The High-Performance Program is scheduled to officially launch on April 7, 2025, and will be rolled out across nine regions: Stann Creek, Midsouth, Belmopan, Cayo, Belize, San Pedro, Corozal, Orange Walk, and Toledo. This program aims to identify and nurture elite youth talent while building a strong technical foundation for the future of Belizean football.



FFB HOSTS FIFA ELITE YOUTH GOALKEEPER COACHES WORKSHOP



As part of its ongoing commitment to coaching development and elite training, the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) proudly hosted the FIFA Elite Youth Goalkeeper Coaches Workshop, a specialized program designed to strengthen youth goalkeeper coaching and support the next generation of football talent. The intensive week-long course brought together 23 participants, including national team goalkeeper coaches, current senior men's and women's national team goalkeepers, and coaches from the High-Performance Program (HPP). A notable highlight of the workshop was the participation of nine female coaches, reflecting a strong and growing commitment to inclusion and gender equity in Belizean football development. Led by internationally respected FIFA Goalkeeper Experts Andris Vanins and Phil Wheddon, the workshop focused on modern training methodologies, effective session planning and execution, practical on-field strategies, and talent identification models tailored specifically for youth goalkeepers. This workshop is part of FIFA's global initiative to raise the standard of goalkeeper coaching across its member associations, and its successful delivery in Belize marks a significant milestone for the FFB's coaching education efforts. Participants left the course with enhanced knowledge and tools to further develop elite goalkeeping talent throughout the country.

Developing the Next Generation: FFB High-Performance Program and FIFA Talent Coach Project

In 2025, the Football Federation of Belize continued to advance youth football development through the expansion of its High-Performance Program (HPP) and strengthened collaboration with international partners. The program successfully completed 12 weeks of training across nine football regions—Stann Creek, Midsouth, Belmopan, Cayo, Belize, San Pedro, Corozal, Orange Walk, and Toledo—targeting the country’s top U15 and U17 players, both boys and girls.

Each region was supported by four dedicated coaches, delivering structured training sessions focused on technical skill development while also emphasizing important values such as teamwork, discipline, dedication, and fair play. Training activities included a combination of individual, small-group, and team-based sessions, along with opportunities for players to compete at both regional and national levels. The initiative represented a significant step in creating a more organized and competitive pathway for youth football development in Belize, with Phase Two of the High-Performance Program scheduled to begin later in the year.

A major milestone for the federation came in June 2025, when the program received support through FIFA’s Talent Development initiative. From June 9–17, 2025, FIFA Talent Coach Joaquín Lobón and FIFA Regional Technical Consultant Jorge Jiménez visited Belize to assess the structure and operations of the federation’s technical and competition departments.

The visit officially marked the launch of the FIFA Talent Coach Project in Belize, a long-term initiative aimed at strengthening youth development systems and supporting the creation of high-quality academies and high-performance programs. As part of this initiative, Coach Lobón will be based in the Belmopan region for the next two years, working closely with the federation to oversee and enhance the High-Performance Program.

The project focuses on several key objectives, including identifying and nurturing young talent, placing promising players within structured development pathways, ensuring access to qualified coaching, and strengthening the infrastructure needed to support youth football opportunities across the country. Together, these efforts represent a major step forward in building a sustainable framework for developing the next generation of Belizean footballers.





FFB Conducts C Diploma Coaching Course

The Football Federation of Belize continued its commitment to strengthening coaching education through the successful delivery of the Concacaf C Diploma Coaching Course, an important step in advancing the professional development of football coaches across the country.

The course marked a significant milestone as it was the first C Diploma workshop conducted since the Federation's acceptance into the CONCACAF Coaching Convention at the C level of membership, aligning Belize's coaching education pathway with regional and international standards.

Module 1

Module 1 of the course was held from June 30 to July 4, 2025, at the FFB Headquarters in Belmopan. A total of **nineteen student coaches—sixteen males and three females—**participated in the workshop. The course was administered by Wayne Casimiro, FFB Head of Coaching Education, with Elmer Pott and Norman Koko serving as course instructors.

The module included a combination of theoretical and practical sessions aimed at building a strong foundation in football methodology, leadership, and player development. Practical training sessions were conducted with the Belmopan U15 Boys team from the High-Performance Program, who assisted with on-field demonstrations throughout the week. During these sessions, coaches were tasked with designing and delivering training activities focused on attacking and defending principles in both their own half and the opponent's half.

Development Period and Module 2

Following the completion of Module 1, participants entered an eight-week development period, during which they applied the concepts learned in real coaching environments. This phase allowed coaches to gain practical experience while reflecting on their coaching methods and leadership approaches.

Module 2 of the C Diploma course was later held from October 17 to 20, 2025, again at the FFB Headquarters in Belmopan. The second module built on the knowledge gained in the first phase, continuing with both classroom instruction and practical coaching sessions led by instructors Elmer Pott and Norman Koko. The Belmopan U15 High-Performance team once again supported the course by participating in on-field training activities.

Building the Next Generation of Coaches

The Concacaf C Diploma Coaching Course aims to equip grassroots coaches with the competencies needed to create positive, safe, and inclusive football environments while promoting player development and lifelong participation in the sport. The program encourages reflective coaching practices and emphasizes values such as teamwork, discipline, and fair play.

Through initiatives like the C Diploma workshop, the Football Federation of Belize continues to strengthen the foundation of football development in the country by investing in the education and professional growth of local coaches, ensuring that players at all levels benefit from high-quality training and mentorship.



FFB Launches First Phase of 2025 D Diploma Coaching Workshop

The Football Federation of Belize successfully hosted the second Concacaf D Diploma Coaching Workshop for 2025 at the FFB Headquarters in Belmopan. The first module of the course took place from July 14 to 17, 2025, with Module 2 scheduled for October 24 and 27, 2025.

A total of 22 coaches participated in the course. The workshop was administered by Wayne Casimiro, FFB's Head of Coaching Education, and facilitated by course instructors Paul Casimiro, Miriam Villamil, and Joseph Waight.

This workshop marked a significant milestone for Belize's coaching development program as it featured the first-ever female coach educator, Ms. Miriam Villamil, to instruct a diploma course. Additionally, it was the first delivery for both Ms. Villamil and Mr. Waight as official course educators. Both were commended for their professionalism, preparation, and impactful delivery throughout the sessions.

Module 1 of the course included a combination of theoretical and practical sessions designed to strengthen the competencies of grassroots coaches in leading positive, safe, and inclusive football environments.

Structurally, the course is composed of one four-day block of instruction, followed by an eight-week development period, during which coaches apply their knowledge in real training environments before returning for a two-day assessment (Module 2). The upcoming October session will focus on final evaluations and certification.



FFB HOSTS FIFA FUTSAL WORKSHOP

In its continued effort to strengthen football development across the sport, the Football Federation of Belize successfully hosted a FIFA Futsal Coaching Workshop from July 22 to 25, 2025, at the FFB Headquarters in Belmopan. The weeklong training formed part of the Federation's strategic commitment to expanding technical expertise and diversifying coaching education opportunities in Belize.

The workshop was administered by Wayne Casimiro, FFB's Head of Coaching Education, and facilitated by Mr. Carlos Quirós, a FIFA Instructor from Costa Rica with extensive experience in the international futsal arena. Under his guidance, participants explored the fundamental principles of futsal coaching, including tactical systems, game management, and player development strategies specific to the indoor format of the game.

Over the course of four days, student coaches participated in both theoretical and practical sessions, learning to design and deliver structured futsal training programs. A major component of the workshop required coaches to create detailed session plans on various technical and tactical topics, promoting innovation, planning, and analytical thinking in their coaching approaches.

Practical sessions were conducted at El Rancho Futsal Pitch, where coaches engaged directly in on-field exercises alongside players from the Belmopan U15 High Performance Program (HPP) and course participants themselves. This hands-on component provided an immersive learning experience, allowing participants to apply classroom concepts in real-game situations while receiving immediate feedback from the FIFA instructor.



FFB HOSTS CONCACAF BIGGER GAME FOOTBALL CLINIC

In September 2025, the Football Federation of Belize (FFB), in collaboration with Concacaf, successfully hosted the Concacaf Bigger Game Coaches Workshop and Football Clinic at the FFB Headquarters in Belmopan. The two-day event, held on September 4th and 5th, formed part of the ongoing regional initiative to promote youth development, education, and social inclusion through football.

The workshop was administered by Wayne Casimiro, FFB's Head of Coaching Education, and coordinated by Cristian Cubillas, with instruction led by Concacaf facilitators Benyam Astorga and Joe Supe, alongside local instructors Norman Koko and Miriam Villamil. The first day featured a dynamic training session for thirty-one (31) primary school teachers and coaches, equipping them with the tools to integrate football fundamentals and life skills in their teaching environments. On the second day, the program extended to the community with a football clinic for one hundred and thirty (130) children from the Belmopan area. The activity, targeting boys and girls aged seven to twelve, introduced participants to basic football techniques, teamwork, and sports values in a fun and inclusive setting.



The Concacaf Bigger Game Program continued to make a significant impact nationwide. In 2024, the initiative had already reached twenty-five (25) schools through a ten-week curriculum that blended football and life lessons, benefiting over six hundred (600) children and fifty (50) coaches and volunteers. It concluded with two vibrant one-day festivals, each hosting more than three hundred (300) young participants. These activities helped reinforce the program's mission of empowering youth through sport while fostering stronger connections between schools, communities, and the Federation.

Beyond technical training, the Bigger Game initiative played an important role in transforming communities by promoting education, health, and personal growth through football. By connecting teachers, athletes, parents, and community leaders, the program strengthened the foundation of school-based football in Belize and encouraged a culture of teamwork, respect, and inclusion.

This year's success was made possible through the FFB's strategic partnerships with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Sport, ensuring alignment with Belize's national development goals. Through these collaborations, the Federation continued to demonstrate its commitment to using football as a catalyst for positive change — nurturing both athletic talent and valuable life skills among the country's young people.



FFB's Technical Director and Head of Coaching Education Earn FIFA Coach Educator Diplomas

The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) extends heartfelt congratulations to Technical Director Philip Marin and Head of Coaching Education Wayne Casimiro for successfully completing the prestigious FIFA Coach Educator Diploma. This accomplishment marks a significant milestone not only in their professional careers but also in the continued advancement of coach education and development within Belize.

The FIFA Coach Educator Diploma is designed to elevate the quality, consistency, and impact of coach education across the globe. It prepares national technical leaders to deliver effective and standardized coaching programs in alignment with FIFA's global development framework. The diploma program consists of five key modules that guide participants through a comprehensive learning journey:

- Module 1 – E-Learning: Provided structured, accessible, and interactive online content to support continuous learning.
- Module 2 – Online: Focused on fostering discussion, collaboration, and engagement among participants.
- Module 3 – On-Site Education: Emphasized practical application, teamwork, and interactive, experience-based learning.
- Module 4 – Mentoring: Offered individualized support and feedback to reinforce growth and professional development.
- Module 5 – Assessment: Evaluated coach educators' competencies in alignment with FIFA's global standards.

The final module was held in Aruba from August 24 to 27, 2025, where Mr. Marin and Mr. Casimiro were rigorously assessed in five core areas: Leader, Technician (Coach), Teacher (Theory & Practical), Mentor, and Assessor. Their successful completion of this program reflected their dedication to raising the standard of coaching education and their commitment to the holistic growth of football in Belize.

Their achievement represents an important step forward for the FFB, strengthening the Federation's capacity to deliver world-class coaching education and aligning Belize more closely with FIFA's long-term development objectives.



TDS TALENT IDENTIFICATION SHOWCASE

In 2025, the Football Federation of Belize made significant strides in strengthening its youth development pathway through the implementation of the Talent Development Scheme (TDS), a program supported by FIFA and led by FIFA Talent Coach Joaquín Lobón in collaboration with the federation's Technical Department and National Team coaching staff.

A key milestone of the program was the Talent Identification Showcase (TDS) conducted from October 15 to 27, 2025, targeting the U13 Boys, U15 Boys, and U14 Girls categories. The showcase brought together talented young athletes from six secondary schools in the Belmopan area: Belmopan Baptist High School, Belmopan Comprehensive School, Belize Christian Academy High School, Belmopan Methodist High School, Our Lady of Guadalupe RC High School, and Cayo Christian Academy High School. Over the course of two weeks, participants engaged in structured training sessions, technical evaluations, and competitive matches, allowing coaches to assess players demonstrating strong technical ability, tactical awareness, and overall potential.

The Talent Identification Showcase forms part of Belize's broader TDS Elite Program, which aims to identify the country's most promising young footballers and place them within a structured development pathway. Selected players will undergo continuous training for two years, guided by FIFA Talent Coach Lobón and the FFB's National Team technical staff. The program emphasizes not only athletic excellence but also holistic personal development, preparing players both on and off the field.

Through the TDS initiative, the Federation aims to bridge the gap between grassroots football and elite national team pathways, ensuring that talented players have access to high-quality coaching, structured training environments, and competitive opportunities. The program also focuses on establishing a sustainable system for talent identification and player development aligned with FIFA's global standards.

The launch and successful execution of the Talent Development Scheme in 2025 marked a significant step forward for Belizean football, reinforcing the Federation's commitment to building a strong foundation for the next generation of national team players while continuing to elevate the standard of youth football across the country.





FIFA ELITE YOUTH COACHES WORKSHOP



In December 2025, the Football Federation of Belize, through its Technical Department and in collaboration with FIFA, successfully hosted a FIFA Elite Youth Coaches Workshop at the FFB Headquarters in Belmopan from December 1–5, 2025. The weeklong program formed part of the Federation’s continued commitment to strengthening youth football development and enhancing the capacity of coaches working within the High-Performance Program and National Team structures.



The workshop was administered by Wayne Casimiro, FFB Head of Coaching Education, and facilitated by a team of international football experts: Irvin Callum (Scotland), Stewart John Hall (England), Marco Santillan (Mexico), Tobias Powalla (Germany), and Joaquín Lobón (Spain). The sessions covered a wide range of topics essential to elite youth development, including physical preparation, tactical analysis, talent identification, player pathways, goalkeeping development, and match data analysis.



Throughout the workshop, participating coaches developed and presented session plans focusing on technical, tactical, and physical aspects of the game, while engaging in discussions on best practices in player-centered and holistic coaching approaches. Practical sessions were conducted at the El Rancho Futsal Pitch, with players from the Belmopan U15 High-Performance Program supporting on-field demonstrations.



The workshop emphasized the critical role coaches play in shaping the next generation of footballers, highlighting the importance of creating environments that support both performance and personal development. The successful completion of the FIFA Elite Youth Coaches Workshop marked another important step in strengthening Belize’s coaching standards and reinforcing pathways for youth football development across the country.

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Women's Strategic Plan 2026-2029

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The Football Federation of Belize reaffirmed its commitment to advancing women's football through inclusive development programs, expanded competitive opportunities, and the launch of a long-term strategic framework for the growth of the women's game in Belize.

The federation's approach to women's football development is guided by the principle that girls and women of all ages should have equitable access to high-quality football programs. Efforts throughout the year emphasized inclusivity, diversity, safeguarding, and the creation of structured pathways that support both lifelong participation and opportunities for elite performance.

A key component of this development strategy has been the deployment of qualified and licensed coaches across schools, clubs, academies, and community programs. By strengthening coaching capacity and aligning training environments with FIFA and CONCACAF development methodologies, the Federation continues to enhance the quality of player development nationwide. At the same time, the FFB has worked to expand regional and national tournaments, festivals, and league competitions, creating more opportunities for girls and women to compete at grassroots, youth, and senior levels.

A major milestone during the year was the official launch of the Football Federation of Belize Women's Football Strategic Plan (2026–2029). The event brought together key stakeholders, including representatives from the Ministry of Sports, the National Sports Council, football administrators, players, and community partners, to celebrate the unveiling of a comprehensive roadmap for the future of women's football in Belize.

The strategic plan outlines several core priorities, including expanding nationwide participation, improving competitive standards, strengthening the football ecosystem, developing and professionalizing key stakeholders, and increasing the commercial value and visibility of the women's game. These objectives are designed to guide the federation's efforts in building sustainable programs, strengthening national team pathways, and positioning Belize to compete more effectively at the regional and international levels.

The launch of the plan represented a powerful moment of unity within the football community and reaffirmed the federation's commitment to equity, development, and opportunity for every Belizean girl who dreams of playing the game. Through collaboration with government partners, educators, clubs, and communities, the Football Federation of Belize continues to lay the foundation for a stronger and more vibrant future for women's football in the country.



BELIZE REPRESENTED AT THE 2ND CONCACAF COACH EDUCATION CONFERENCE

As part of its continued investment in coaching education and technical development, the Football Federation of Belize participated in the 2nd Concacaf Coach Education Conference held on November 17–18, 2025. Belize was represented by Coach Wayne Casimiro, Head of Coaching Education, and Ada Cordova, Senior Women’s National Team player and coach.

Organized by CONCACAF, the conference brought together technical leaders from across the region, alongside experts from FIFA and UEFA, under the theme “Coaching Excellence: Built on Standards, Driven by Service, Support and Sustainability.” Through presentations, workshops, and case studies, participants explored best practices in coach education and strategies to strengthen coaching systems across member associations.

The conference highlighted the importance of strong coaching standards, collaborative leadership, and sustainable development pathways to ensure long-term growth of the game. Belize’s participation reflected the federation’s continued commitment to improving coaching education and building stronger technical structures to support the future of football in the country.





REFEREE DEPARTMENT

In 2025, the Referees Department of the Football Federation of Belize continued to play a vital role in maintaining the integrity, professionalism, and quality of football competitions across the country. Through structured training programs, match assignments, and continuous evaluation, the department focused on strengthening the capacity of referees and assistant referees while ensuring that officiating standards align with international best practices.

Throughout the year, referees officiated matches across a wide range of competitions, including national leagues, youth championships, amateur tournaments, and international fixtures hosted in Belize. Their involvement ensured that competitions were conducted in a fair, consistent, and professional manner, supporting the overall growth of football at both grassroots and elite levels.

A key priority for the department was the development and education of match officials. Training sessions, workshops, and technical meetings were organized to improve referees' understanding of the Laws of the Game, enhance decision-making, and strengthen physical fitness and match management skills. These sessions also provided opportunities for referees to review match situations, discuss interpretations of the rules, and share experiences to improve consistency in officiating.

The department also focused on talent identification and pathway development, working to recruit and mentor new referees from across Belize. By supporting young and aspiring officials, the Federation continues to build a sustainable pipeline of referees capable of officiating at higher levels of competition both locally and regionally.

In addition, Belizean referees continued to gain valuable exposure through participation in regional competitions and development programs, further strengthening their knowledge and experience within the international football environment.

Through these initiatives, the Referees Department reinforced its commitment to professionalism, fairness, and continuous improvement, ensuring that match officials remain a strong and respected pillar within the Belizean football ecosystem.



BELIZEAN REFEREE REPRESENTS BELIZE AT THE SEMINARIO PARA INSTRUCTORES REGIONALES DE ARBITROS

A key milestone came when Abner Alvarez, a Belizean referee instructor, represented the federation at the FIFA Regional Course for Referee Instructors, held in San José, Costa Rica, from April 22–26, 2025.

The high-level seminar, organized by the FIFA Refereeing Department, brought together top referee instructors from across the region, including representatives from Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Puerto Rico, and Belize. The course featured a combination of theoretical and practical sessions designed to enhance the quality of referee education using official FIFA materials and teaching methodologies.

The seminar focused on strengthening regional referee instruction, improving knowledge of FIFA standards and best practices, and encouraging collaboration among member associations to elevate officiating standards across the region. Participation in the course also supports the ongoing development of referee education programs within Belize.

Abner Alvarez's involvement represented an important achievement for both the individual and the Football Federation of Belize, highlighting the country's growing contribution to the regional refereeing community. The knowledge and experience gained through the seminar will support the Federation's efforts to enhance referee training and raise officiating standards across all levels of football in Belize.



BELIZEAN REFEREE SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS DALLAS CUP OFFICIATING ASSIGNMENT

Belizean refereeing continued to gain recognition on the international stage in 2025, as match officials from the Football Federation of Belize earned opportunities to officiate in prestigious international competitions. One of the year's standout moments came when José Colindres was selected to officiate in the Gordon Jago Super Group at the renowned Dallas Cup, held from April 13–20, 2025, in Dallas, Texas.

The Gordon Jago Super Group represents the highest level of competition within the Dallas Cup, featuring elite U-19 teams from around the world, including clubs such as Real Madrid, Tigres UANL, and FC Dallas. Matches were played at world-class venues including the Cotton Bowl and Toyota Stadium, providing referees with the opportunity to officiate at the highest youth level in international football.

Colindres' appointment marked a significant milestone for Belizean officiating and reflected his dedication, discipline, and continued excellence as a referee. He became the fourth Belizean official to receive this opportunity, joining Referee Director Eugene Contreras, Cristopher Reid, and Abner Alvarez, who have previously represented Belize at the Dallas Cup.

This achievement highlighted the continued growth of Belize's refereeing program and reinforced the Football Federation of Belize's commitment to developing match officials capable of performing at the highest levels of international football.



Referees Department Hosts “Referee in Projection” Training Course

From August 11 to 15, 2025, the Referees Department of the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) successfully hosted 15 participants for the “Referee in Projection” training course at the FFB Headquarters in Belmopan. The program formed part of the department’s ongoing initiative to identify and prepare the next generation of football referees across the country.

Throughout the week, participants engaged in a structured blend of theoretical and physical sessions aimed at enhancing their knowledge, decision-making skills, and overall fitness. A key feature of the course was the completion of a standardized fitness test, which each aspiring referee successfully undertook as part of the certification process.

This cohort represented the youngest group of referee trainees to date, showcasing exceptional enthusiasm, discipline, and commitment to professional growth in football officiating. Their participation underscored the Federation’s commitment to strengthening refereeing standards and ensuring the sustainable development of match officials at all levels.

The FFB extended its appreciation to Technical Instructors Mr. David Jones and Mr. Abner Alvarez, as well as Physical Trainer Mr. Gerald Henry Jr., for their dedicated support and contributions to the success of the course.

Through programs like “Referee in Projection,” the Federation continues to invest in the future of football officiating in Belize — building a new generation of referees equipped with the technical competence, physical readiness, and integrity essential to the game.



FIFA Member Association Referee Course 2025 Conducted in Belize

On August 18, 2025, the Football Federation of Belize (FFB) officially launched the FIFA Member Association Referee Course 2025, welcoming 20 referees from across the country to the FFB Headquarters in Belmopan. The weeklong training formed part of FIFA's global initiative to enhance refereeing standards through comprehensive technical, physical, and practical development.

The course was facilitated by Mr. Leonel Leal, FIFA Technical Instructor from Costa Rica, and Mr. Erick Samayoa, FIFA Physical Instructor from Guatemala. They were later joined by Mr. John Pitti, FIFA Regional Director from Panama, who provided additional oversight and mentorship during the program.

Throughout the week, participants engaged in a series of theoretical and practical sessions designed to strengthen their understanding of the Laws of the Game, improve match management skills, and reinforce decision-making consistency on the field. A key component of the program was the FIFA Fitness Test, a standardized physical evaluation assessing referees' speed, endurance, and agility—essential qualities for meeting the demands of modern football officiating.

The training emphasized professionalism, preparation, and continuous improvement, aligning with FIFA's vision to create a unified standard of excellence among referees worldwide. The FFB commended the commitment and enthusiasm demonstrated by all participants and expressed appreciation to the FIFA instructors for their expert guidance and contribution to the ongoing growth of Belizean refereeing.

Through initiatives like this, the Football Federation of Belize continues to prioritize referee education and development, ensuring that Belize's match officials are equipped to perform confidently and competently at both national and international levels.



