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National Sports Policy

Cabinet at its sitting on the 5th August hereby approved the Nauru Sports Policy to be applied to athletes who participate and are awarded medals in the Olympics, Commonwealth Games World Championships, South Pacific Games, Mini South Pacific Games and Micronesian Games:

I. RATIONALE

Sports has always been an important part of the life of our people of Nauru. Over the years we have seen many efforts that have brought glory to individuals and to the country as one community. The concerted effort of the various governments cannot be overlooked as it has strengthened and fortified the national effort.

Participation in sports from an early age helps in the physical development of the individual through capacity building in physical coordination, through the positive use of energy, and the promotion of healthy bodies. Well-organized physical-activity including sport is a stimulant to physical growth. Participation in sports programs is one of the best-known ways of maintaining optimum health from childhood to adulthood. It is instrumental in helping the individual at all levels to gain strength, endurance, agility, co-ordination and flexibility.

The social and mental benefits that may be derived from active participation in sports is essential to developing both the young and elderly of Nauru. Through sports we need to give consideration to the need for affection, belonging, affiliation, mutuality, recognition, self-respect and love. Individuals learn to make judgments, utilize reflective and creative thinking, and acquire knowledge about rules and regulations in various games. Mastery of various sports also requires the cultivation of some degree of mental and motor (mind and body) coordination that is elemental to the whole person.

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No longer should sports be seen as merely as a pastime but also as a means of personal and professional advancement. In the development and promotion of sports, it must be acknowledged that sports are a viable investment opportunity, which can contribute to tourism and economic development.

In recognition of the efforts of sports persons in Nauru and also of the benefits derived from the development of sports in the country, the Government of Nauru created this Policy in order to give gratitude where gratitude is due. This National Sports Policy is intended to serve as a reminder to our champion sports people who have attained sporting success locally, regionally and internationally, that the Government and the people of Nauru are thankful for your effort and reward you accordingly.

II. AIMS OF THE SPORTS POLICY

The National Sports Policy aims to achieve the following:

- 1) to reward sports persons who have excelled in their chosen sport at national, regional and international sporting events;
- 2) to provide education and training opportunities for elite sports persons to promote employment in their chosen career. This includes but is not limited to the payment of fees for tertiary education locally such as at the University of the South Pacific or other approved trade skills training;
- 3) to facilitate the development of elite sports personalities;
- 4) to foster the development of healthy lifestyles;
- 5) to integrate sports into our national culture by encouraging lifelong participation;
- 6) to create career opportunities;
- 7) to influence the formulation of strategies and programs to facilitate the development and management of sports;
- 8) to maximize the economic potential of sports; and

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- 9) to guide the development of facilities and sporting infrastructure of consonant with the needs and resources of the country.

III. COMPONENTS OF THE SPORTS POLICY

The success of sports persons is dependent upon the support they receive from sporting bodies, private sector and the government. It is necessary that a supportive atmosphere be created which inspires and facilitates the emergence of elite performers. Accordingly government shall:

- 1) Create greater recognition to sports personalities and administrators;
- 2) Allow for the removal or relaxation of duties on goods or equipment that are imported for the purposes of training these sporting personalities;
- 3) Enter into talks with local employers on making provision for national representatives, including administrators and officials, to train and represent Nauru without loss of earnings, status or benefits.
- 4) Give special consideration to outstanding national representatives to assist them in securing employment within government and also for other benefits that may be considered by government. These rewards are outlined in Clause V.
- 5) To provide education and training opportunities for elite sports persons to promote employment in their chosen career. This includes but is not limited to the payment of fees for tertiary education locally such as at the University of the South Pacific or other approved trade skills training.

IV. QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

In order to qualify for Government rewards under this Policy, Athletes and Teams must:

- 1) Be nationals of The Republic of Nauru as defined by law and accepted by the International Federation governing their respective sport;

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- 2) Be ranked within the Top 40 of their respective sporting discipline in the world;
- 3) Be medalists at the Olympic Games, World Championships, Commonwealth Games, South Pacific Games and any other Games deemed by Cabinet as qualifying under this Policy;
- 4) Represent Nauru at sanctioned international competitions; and
- 5) Be performing at a sub-elite level with major success.

V. REWARDS SYSTEM

The Cabinet of Nauru has determined the rewards system under this Policy shall be divided into two categories as outlined below:

- 1) Cash based rewards are to be disbursed to successful athletes as follows:

GAMES	MEDAL WON		
	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Olympic Games	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Commonwealth Games	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$3,000
World Championships	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$1,000
South Pacific Games	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$500
Mini South Pacific Games	Team event - \$3,000 Individual event-\$400	Team event - \$2,000 Individual event - \$300	Team event - \$1,000 Individual event - \$200

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Micronesian Games	Team event - \$3,000 Individual event - \$400	Team event - \$2,000 Individual event - \$300	Team event - \$1,000 Individual event - \$200
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- 2) Cabinet may apply discretion and may at any time reassess any amount prescribed above and in that event may award a higher amount than that prescribed.
- 3) An offer of employment within the Department of Sports shall be made to medal winners and successful athletes.

Dated 29th day of August, 2014

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