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BPAC EVENTS AREA 2024 ACTIVITIES REPORT

INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to provide this report, which highlights 2024's programs and activities progress. BPAC collaborates with their MA's to deliver programs and activities that will develop, and assist identified high performance athletes, coaches, and Technical Officials (TO) to achieve excellence and success at international level through high standards of continental circuit implementation and continues TOs preparation and training.

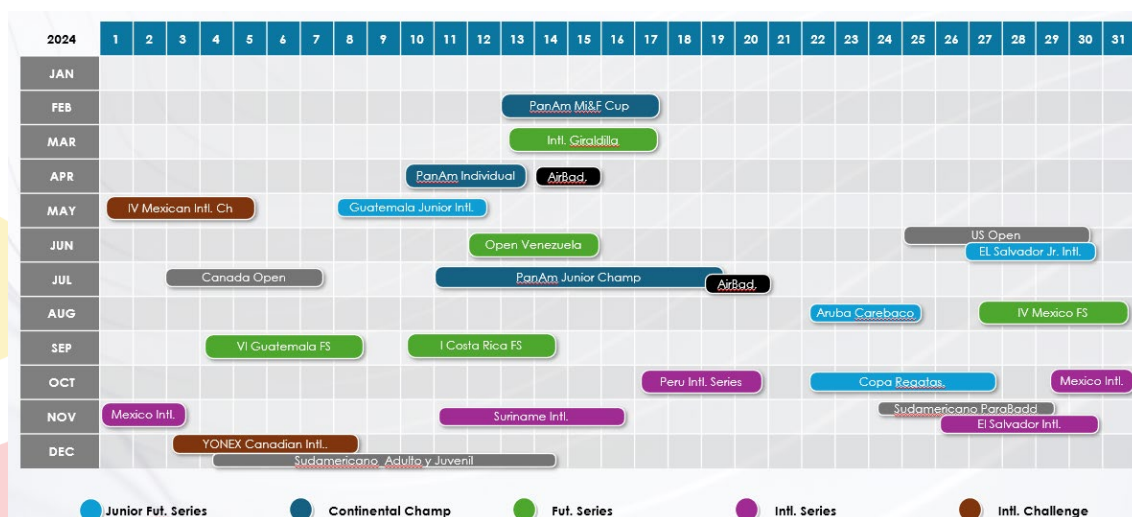
1. TOURNAMENTS

A lot of effort is made to improve the quality of our tournaments as they serve as a showcase for athletes. This led to increased viewership, fan engagement increasing the opportunity for monetization through sponsorships, advertising, and merchandise sales.

In 2024, 9 Member Associations hosted 14 World Ranking tournaments (including Junior International Tournaments), out of the 3 Continental Championships (Team, Individual, Junior)

Tournament Level	# Tourn.	Hosts
Junior Future Series	3	ESA, GUA, PER
Future Series	5	CRC, CUB, GUA, MEX, VEN
International Series	4	ESA, MEX, PER, SUR
International Challenge	2	CAN, MEX
Continental Championships	3	BRA, GUA, MEX

It is worth mentioning that 2 Member Associations (CAN, USA) deliver 2 tournaments part of the BWF World Tour 2024.





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1.1. PARTICIPATION

The importance of our circuit can be shown in the athletes' participation in them, not only from our region but also from abroad.

In the BPAC Circuit 2024, 21 out of 37 MAs are represented; in the case of Junior International Tournaments 13 MAs took part and finally in our Continental Championships 14 MAs were represented.

From outside BPAC, 27 countries took part in our circuit.

Athlete count:

Tournament	BPAC	Outside
Junior Circuit	65 M / 42 F	
BPAC Circuit	295 M / 163 F	47 M / 23 F
BWF Tour	64 M / 44 F	92 M / 66 F
Continental Championships	78 M / 61 F	

This number is not accumulated participation

1.2. MEDAL DISTRIBUTION

It is widely spread among the participants, from BPAC 14 countries were at the podium and from outside BPAC 14 countries achieved a medal.

Top 5	Country @ medals
BPAC	GUA (56), CAN (50), BRA (43), PER (38), MEX (27)
Outside	POR (7), UKR (6), JPN (6), ESP (5), TPE, ENG, FRA (3)

1.3. EQUIPMENT / MATERIAL

The provisions of the shuttles and nets for the BPAC Circuit 2024 are possible thanks to YONEX, for 2024 approximately 1500 dozen of shuttles were provided of different qualities and speed according to the level of tournament and location.

As a part of the "Tournament Development Program" equipment has been provided to Member Associations either for Streaming or Live Score (ESA, GUA, MEX).

1.4. PRESENCE IN BWF CALENDAR

As a region we contributed to BWF Calendar with the following:

- BWF HSBC World Tour: 2 Tournaments, representing **6%** of 31
- FS, IS, ICh Tournaments: 11 Tournaments, representing **12%** of 89
- Junior Tournaments: 3 Tournaments, representing **7%** of 42

During the last couple of years towards the Olympic qualification for Paris 2024, the BPAC Circuit has played a very important role for Pan Am Athletes Qualification, as we can see in the following examples of 4 athletes (2M/2F) who qualify for **Paris 2024**:



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1.5. HISTORIC PARTICIPATION 2021 – 2024

The following graphics show the player participation behavior across the 4 years, considering all the international tournaments that all 4 players played in singles event in a full 52 weeks per year.

1.5.1. PLAYER 1 (M)

PARTICIPATION 2021 - 2024



1.5.2. PLAYER 2 (M)

PARTICIPATION 2021 - 2024

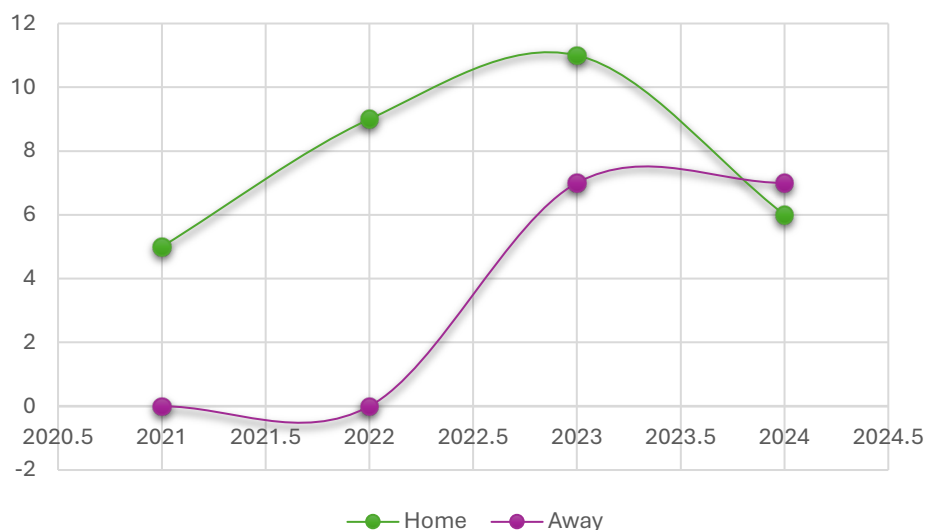




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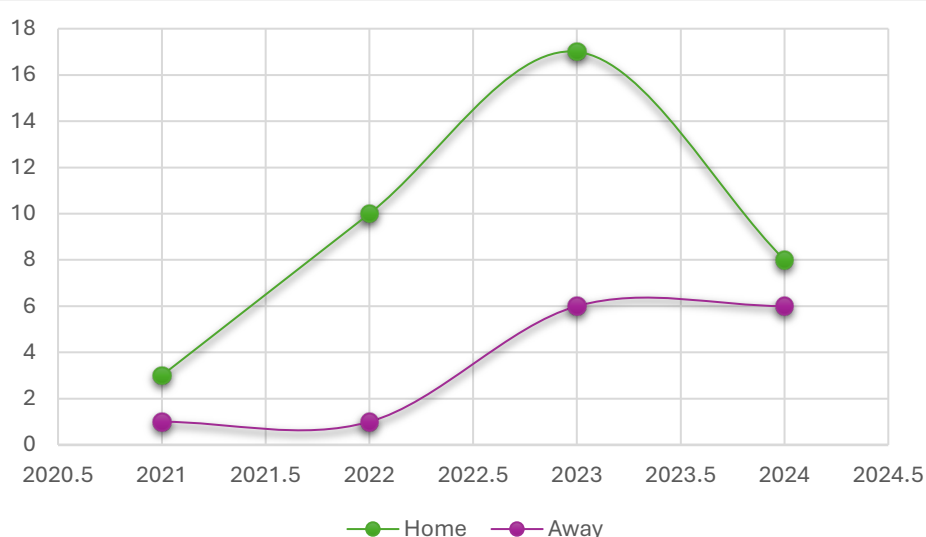
1.5.3. PLAYER 3 (F)

PARTICIPATION 2021 - 2024



1.5.4. PLAYER 4 (F)

PARTICIPATION 2021 - 2024



Even though the COVID-19 breakdown affected hosting international tournaments after pandemic, the number of tournament participation was increasing and mostly in Pan Am region, being 2023 the most active year considered as the beginning of the OPQ for PARIS 2024.



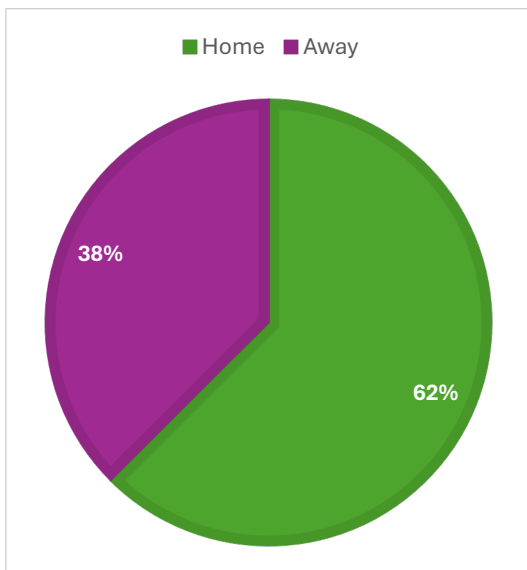
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1.6. ROAD TO OLYMPIC GAMES 2024 (2023 W#18 – 2024 W#17)

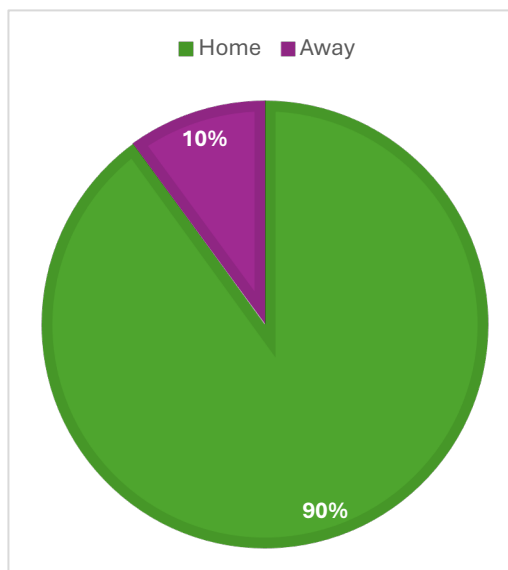
As badminton has established a specific period for the Olympic qualification starting on Week 18 the year before and finishing on the week 17 in the Olympic year, these 4 athletes participated in several tournaments in and out of the Pan Am Region to reach their qualification.

1.6.1. PLAYER 1 (M)

OQP 52 Weeks 16 tournaments

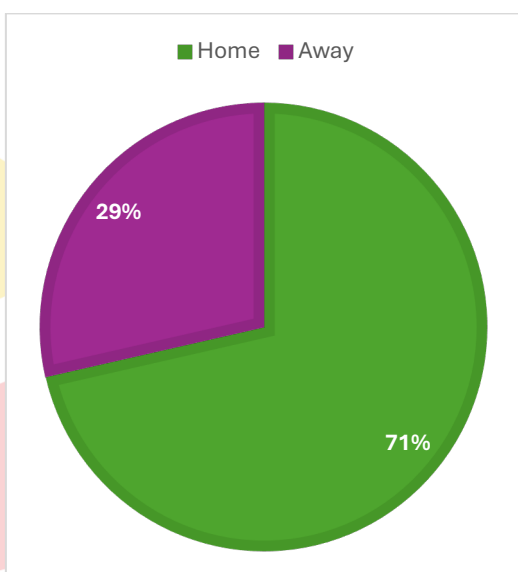


Best 10 Results for WR/OQP

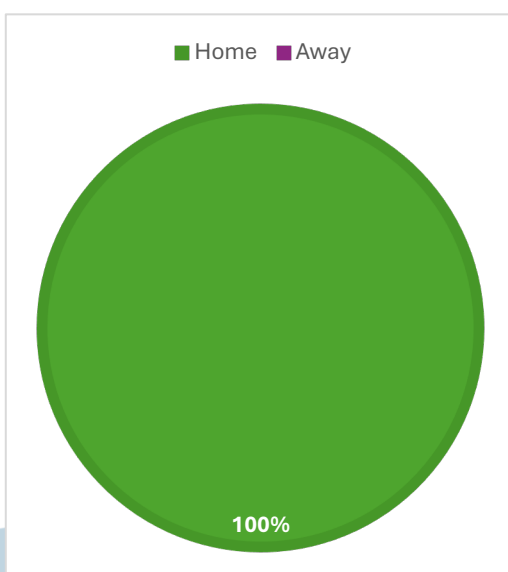


1.6.2. PLAYER 2 (M)

OQP 52 Weeks 14 tournaments



Best 10 Results for WR/OQP



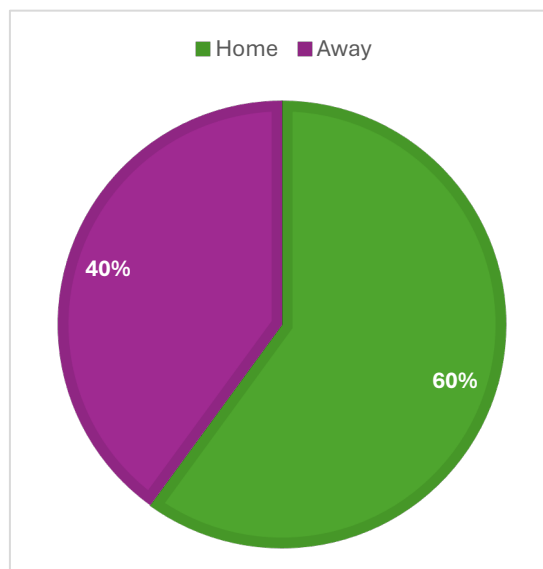
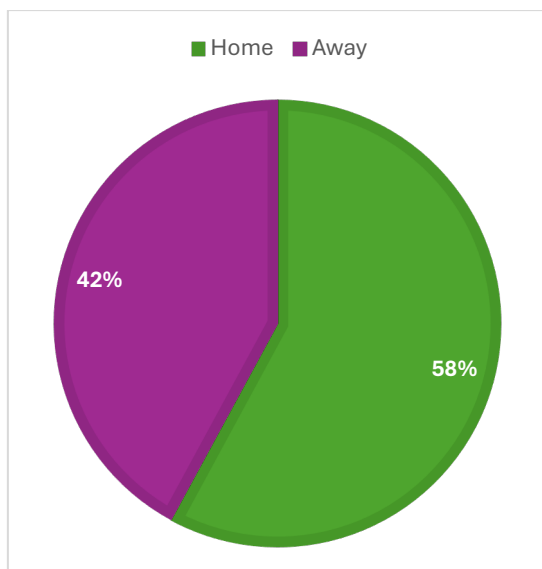


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1.6.3. PLAYER 3 (F)

QQP 52 Weeks 19 tournaments

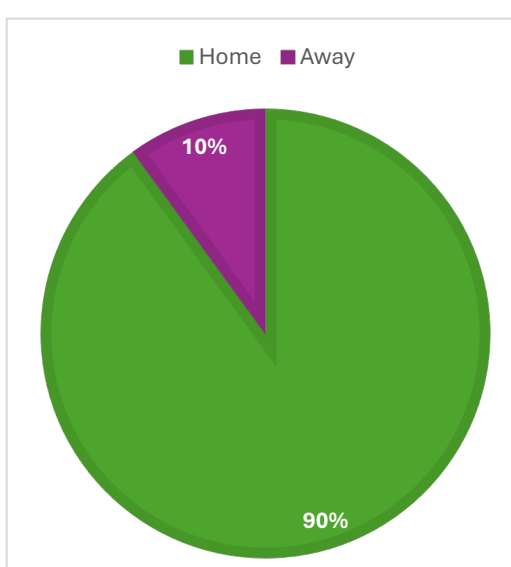
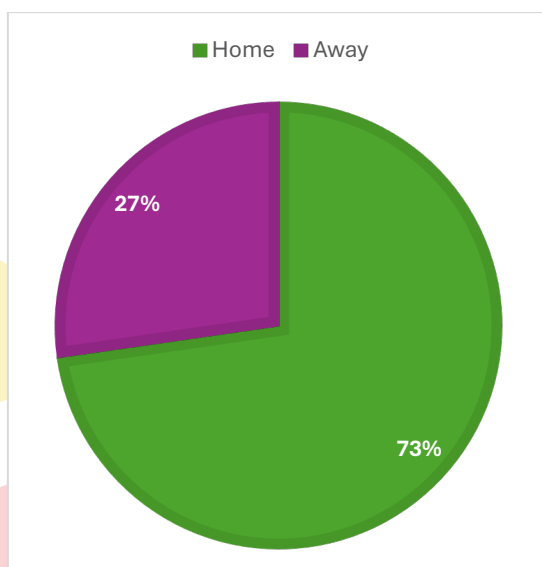
Best 10 Results for WR/OQP



1.6.4. PLAYER 4 (F)

QQP 52 Weeks 22 tournaments

Best 10 Results for WR/OQP



These graphics clearly demonstrate the importance of the **BPAC Circuit** and the support that this provides towards the Olympic Qualification for our region.

Information gathered via BWF website/player performance and historic participation 2021-2024 /singles ranking
<https://bwfbadminton.com/players/>



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2. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

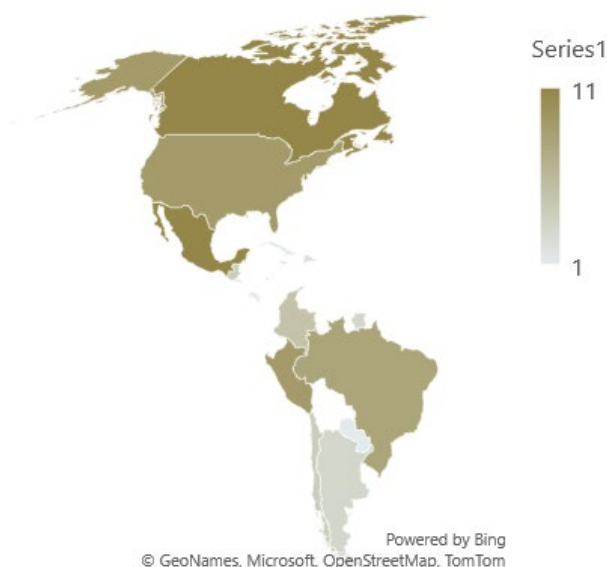
BPAC events is committed to assisting our TOs to perform at their best ability and demonstrate their full potential that the different tournaments demand.

2.1. LOCATION

BPAC Events area have collaborated with the MA to prepare Human Resources that will be the force to manage the local or international tournaments to be offered.

By 2024, 19 Member Associations have a “Continental” Technical Official by BPAC, their number changes according to the number/level of events the MA delivers had hosted during the time.

This chart represents the number of “Active TOs” from all 19 MAs until the date.



2.2. PARTICIPATION

As the level of the tournament and their demands increases, our TOs need to keep gaining experience.

BPAC supports the nomination of Umpires and Referees to take part in the tournaments of the BPAC Circuit by covering their flight tickets considering if they have been nominated by the Assessors Panel or have applied for support through the “Participation Program”

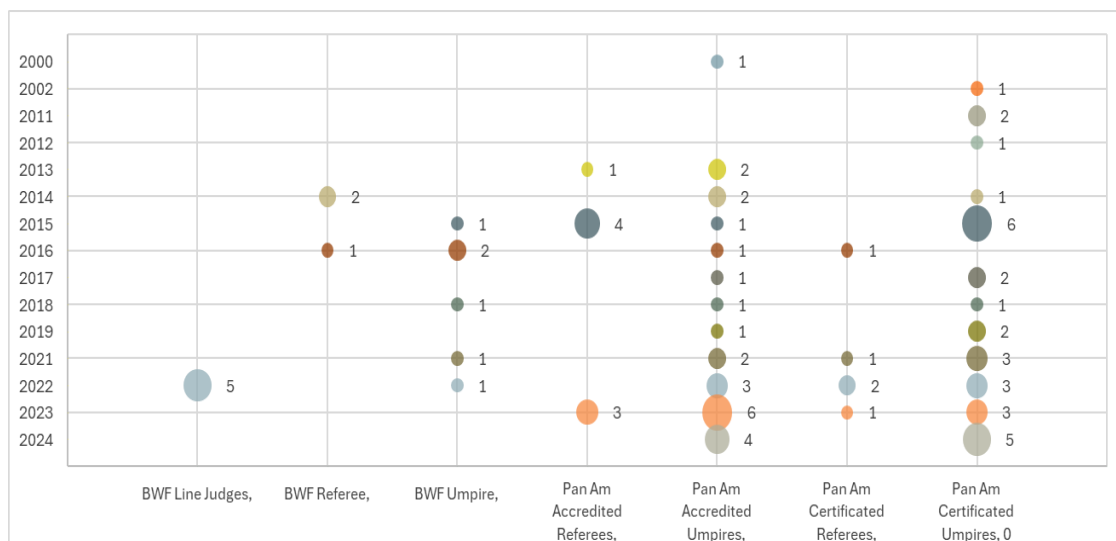
Prog. Details 2024	
BPAC Circuit tournaments	14
TO's participating	27
MA's representation	12
Gender distribution	20 M / 7 F



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2.3. ACCREDITATION / CERTIFICATION

Still an ongoing process, monitoring and implementation of supporting/upskilling programs have led to an increase in numbers.



It is worth mentioning that the process for Accreditation and Certification has been changing through the years until the date.

The new process for these programs, besides including the support of the Member Associations that the candidates represent, also includes control points that ensure the candidate meets the requirements to successfully go through to an Accreditation or Certification assessment.

This process contains the following requirements.

- Member Association's recommendation letter. (Accreditation/Certification)
- Submission of the yearly Record of Work. (Accreditation/Certification)
- Curriculum Vitae focused on Badminton experience:
 - Involvement in the Member Association.
 - Experience as a Technical Official and how they support their Member Association.
 - English Level (Speaking, Reading, Listening)

After reviewing all the nominations, the Assessors Panel invites through the BPAC Events Area all the potential candidates for an individual interview via Zoom.

- Interview with member of the Assessors Panel for regulations and communication skills knowledge assessment.

Thanks to this implementation the Continental Assessment successfully has increased the ratio of accreditation and certification process in the last couple of years.



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2.4. TO's UPSKILLING PROGRAMS

BPAC Technical Officials have a vital role that requires a deep understanding of the game, excellent judgement, and commitment to fair play. BPAC is committed to providing support to all TOs tailored to their experiences and needs identified by BPAC events area, offering the following programs:

2.4.1. ENGLISH SKILLS PROGRAM

Program aimed to TOs who does not have English as their native language, the propose is to strengthen the communication skills by offering a scholarship to study English.

Prog. Details 2024	
MA's benefited	2 (BRA, MEX)
Participants	2 female

2.4.2. TRAVEL GRANT

BPAC offered a travel grant to support technical officials to take part in tournaments within BPAC circuit, so they can gain experience and can benefit the host MA providing professional and trained Umpire services for the tournament, increasing the universality of the TOs group at the international Tournament.

Prog. Details 2024	
MA's benefited	6 (ARG, BAR, CHI, PER, MEX, TTO)
Participants	4 female, 4 male

2.4.3. UMPIRE SKILLS PROGRAM

A series of online workshops delivered by a BPAC Assessor covering different topics to enhance Umpires Knowledge which ends with a face-to-face session during one of the Continental Tournaments.

The Assessors panel consider this program to nominate the participants to the same tournament.

Prog. Details 2024	
MA's benefited	5 (CAN, CHI, TTO, PER, MEX)
Participants	3 Male, 2 Female

3. CAPACITY BUILDING

As tournaments evolve and our MAs grows, we are in need to offer support in their developing processes and strengthening the skill, abilities, and resources (TOs, knowledge) that our MAs needs.

Also, these initiatives are linked to the implementation of the Programs focused on the improvement of Tournament implementation, delivery, and sustainability.

3.1. BWF PATHWAY

The BWF Events Management Course offered by BWF and WAoS aimed to elevate events management for planning and executing successful events, learning about planning, marketing, and project management.

Level 1 2024	
MA's benefited	MAs: 5
Participants	2 Male, 4 Female
Level 2 2024	
MA's benefited	9
Participants	5 Female, 6 male

3.2. BPAC WORKSHOPS (ON DEMAND)

In this opportunity a virtual Tournament Software / BWF Online Entry System and BWF Timeline regulations, the training was in charge of **Leonardo Puyen** (Events Area Staff) and delivered for Dominican Republic Badminton Association (BA), with the participation of 3 (Male) members' association Staff.

3.3. NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS TRAINING

Considering that the 2024 YOUTH BOLIVARIAN GAMES (March 2024) were held in the city of Sucre – Bolivia, a Line Judge training was delivered as a part of the support that BPAC provide for the badminton competition in this Multisport Games.

Course Details 2024	
MA's benefited	1 (BOL)
Participants	11 Female, 8 Male

As a result of this competition and the training done by a **BPAC Staff Leonardo Puyen**, BOL BA has applied to host their very first international WR tournament in 2025 as a part of the legacy of this training which we expect to maintain from this year onwards in the BPAC Calendar.

Having the **II PANAMERICAN JUNIOR GAMES ASUNCIÓN 2025**, BPAC in collaboration with PAR BA and Games LOC has implemented a Line Judges national training which started in October 2024.

As a first stage of this training the SOLA Games held in Asuncion – PAR in Oct 2024, works as a platform for this first training session which on the leadership of **Ms. Florencia Biracouritz** (ARG), a BWF/BPAC Line Judge.

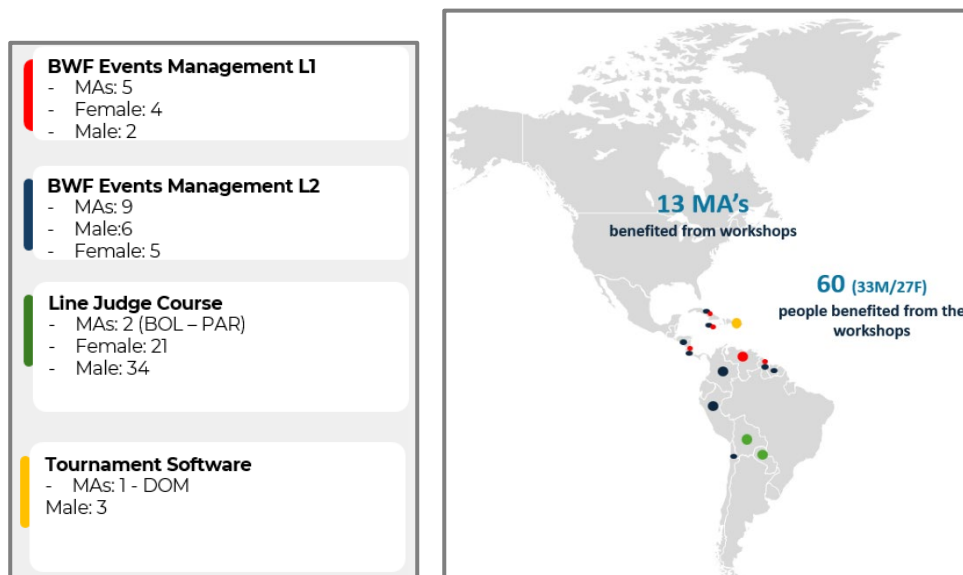
Course Details 2024	
MA's benefited	1 (PAR)
Participants	10 Female, 16 Male

Training and evaluation process is on going considering that still more sessions to be held one at a national tournament March 28th to 31st 2025 and the final evaluation at their international tournament during the first week of June 2025.



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It is important to mention that as a part of the commitment shown by the host (PAR BA) they have applied for their very first WR international tournament, which we expect to maintain in the BPAC Circuit calendar from this year onwards.



4. SPECIAL OLYMPICS LATINAMERICAN

As a part of the TOs training and collaboration with other Regional Sports Organizations, BPAC nominate 3 candidates to participate at Badminton TOs training for Special Olympics Organization, in this opportunity the roles that were covered by this training were: Referee/Technical Delegate and Sport Unified Delegate which are a key roles for badminton competition.

Dania Ramos (PER) and Ian Counter (USA) attended the **Referee/Technical Delegate** training meanwhile Oscar Vera (COL) and Ricardo Salamanca (BPAC Staff) attended the Unified Sport Delegate, also this training cover the need to have training TOs at Pan Am Region to be available to support Special Olympics activities into the Pan American Region as was the case for **SOLA Games ASUNCION 2024** which was held in October 2024.

SOLA Details 2024	
SOLA Participating Programs	12 (BRA, CHI, COL, CRC, CUB, DOM, ESA, GUA, HON, PAR, PER, URU)
Participants	70 PLAYERS



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5. 2025 UPDATE

So far up to date, the following activities, programs, and tournaments have been delivered or been open for application:

5.1. BPAC TECHNICAL OFFICIAL PROGRAMS

5.1.1. 2025 BPAC TOs NOMINATION

Following the Assessors Panel Recommendations, all nominated Referees and Umpires have been informed and officially notified about their duties for 2025.

5.1.2. 2025 BPAC TOS ACCREDITATION AND CERTIFICATION ASSESSMENT

After the conclusion of the acceptance procedure for Referee and Umpire Accreditation or Certification, all candidates have been officially notified.

For this process, all candidates/Member Associations must cover their Airfare and additional travel costs if there are any.

5.1.3. TOs PARTICIPATION GRANT

Since March 15th, 2025, the program for Continental Referees and Umpires to apply for travel support is open, communicated and posted in BPAC Website.

All interested TOs could apply for this program, which is aim is to offer more opportunities to gain international experience and support the international tournaments at the BPAC Circuit.

Terms and conditions are posted on BPAC Website.

5.1.4. ENGLISH SKILLS PROGRAM

Open since March 15th, 2025, all Continental which does not have English as a native language can apply for this support.

Terms and conditions are posted on BPAC Website.

5.2. BPAC CIRCUIT 2025

Up to date, the **Pan American Cup 2025** and **XXIII Giralddilla Internation 2025** has been successful delivered.

5.2.1. BPAC CIRCUIT 2025 CALENDAR

30 Tournaments (Pan Am Games, Continental Championships, Int. Challenge, Int. Series, Fut. Series, Jr. Int) have been included into the BPAC Circuit for 2025, been the second half of the year the busiest season with the majority of International Series Tournaments in our Region.



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