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EVENTS REPORT BPAC AGM 2024

1. Tournament Calendar 2023

25 International tournaments (BWF Grade 3) were sanctioned by **15 Members** besides the **3 Continental Tournaments** for a total of **28 tournaments** (40% more than 2022) taking part in the calendar for the year **2023**.

This increase of the number of tournaments, is due to the Olympic Qualification Period (OQP) and the **Santiago Pan American GAMES 2023**, so this calendar will provide enough participation towards reach a better position in the BWF WR and in addition could be seeded into the draws for **Pan Am Games 2023**.

Nevertheless, some of the hosts had to cancel their tournaments, due to internal challenges that they couldn't be overcome. (17% in comparison to 2022 that was 25%)

Is important to **highlight** that **Mexico** host **4** of the 5 (including the Pan American Cup 2023) tournaments that they apply for 2023, being the Member that host more tournaments in 2023, followed by Peru (including the Pan Am Junior 2023) and Guatemala which hosted **4 tournaments**.

Member Associations' sanctioned tournaments 2023			
No.	MAs	Delivered	Canceled
1	MEX	4	1
2	CUB	1	-
3	JAM	1	-
4	CHI	1	-
5	DOM	1	2
6	PER	4	-
7	GUA	4	-
8	ARG	-	1
9	BRA	1	-
10	PAR	-	1
11	TTO	1	-
12	VEN	1	-
13	SUR	1	-
14	ESA	1	-
15	GUF	1	-
16	CAN	1	-



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In contrast to 2022 the number of tournaments per level hosted by the MA in 2023 increase, due to the OQP as is mentioned above, as is shown in the chart below:

Grade 3	Hosted 2022	Hosted 2023
FS	2	6 (+4)
IS	5	8 (+3)
ICH	3	5 (+2)
JFS	1	1

1.1. Continental Tournaments

All 3 Continental Tournaments were delivered successfully and was included the **AirBadminton** continental qualification towards the **World Beach Games 2023**.

1.1.1. **XXVI YONEX Pan Am Individual Championships 2023**, had **19** participating Members with a total of **134** entered athletes.

- North America (3): **CAN, USA, MEX**
- Central America (3): **GUA, ESA, CRC**
- Caribbean (5): **CUB, DOM, BAR, JAM, TTO**
- South America (8): **ARG, BRA, CHI, ECU, GUY, PAR, PER, VEN**

Contrast 2022

Countries: +1 / Athletes: -24

1.1.2. **XXXI Pan Am Junior Championships 2023**, had **18** participating Members with a total of **318** entered Athletes.

- North (3): **CAN, MEX, USA.**
- Central (4): **CRC, ESA, GUA, PAN.**
- Caribbean (1): **TTO.**
- South (10): **ARG, BRA, CHI, COL, ECU, FGU, PAR, PER, SUR, VEN.**

Contrast 2022

Countries: +5 / Athletes: +136

1.1.3. **Pan American Cup 2023** had **9** participating Members with a total of **89** entered players.

- North (3): **CAN, MEX, USA.**
- Central (2): **ESA, GUA.**
- Caribbean (0): **0**
- South (4): **ARG, BRA, ECU, PER**

Contrast 2022

Countries: +3 / Athletes: -14



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1.2. Continental Circuit 2023 Participation analysis

Considering the importance of the of the year 2023 towards Olympic Games PARIS 2024, it was notable that the participation of players from other countries increased in comparison to 2022, this phenomenon was challenging for our players but also was a benefit if we talk about the level of the circuit, helping our players to face different styles and levels of play.

Grade 3	2022				2023			
	Hosted	Athletes	BPAC*	Other CC*	Hosted	Athletes	BPAC*	Other CC*
FS	2	159	10	3	6 (+4)	339 (+180)	18 (+8)	19 (+16)
IS	5	542	20	20	8 (+3)	708 (+166)	20	27 (+7)
ICH	3	650	16	29	5 (+2)	822 (+172)	19 (+3)	45 (+16)
JFS	1	29	2	0	1	24 (-5)	4 (+2)	0

Countries from BPAC / Countries from other CCs

1.2.1. Tournaments hosted (delivered) per region.

As a fact of the OQP and Pan Am Games, the increment of international tournaments was important in the way to offer more opportunities to our players to gain WR Points into the Pan Am region.

REGION	2022	2023
North America	3	4 +1
Central America	4	5 +1
Caribbean	1	3 +2
South America	4	8 +4

2. Technical Officials

Through 2023, several activities were implemented towards the TOs development, besides the Referees and Umpires yearly nominations.

a. Umpires

Following this, **15 Umpires from 9 countries** were nominated to officiate at the Continental events.

REGION	COUNTRY	MALE	FEMALE
North	USA	3	
	CAN		1
	MEX	1	1
Central	CRC	1	
Caribbean	BAR	1	
	DOM	1	
South	BRA	3	
	CHI		1
	COL	1	1



Male 80% / Female: 20%



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i. BPAC Umpires participating across the continent.

In addition to the Continental nominations, some umpires have demonstrated their commitment participating at several events using their own funds, considering that the host cover their accommodation and allowance.

In this part is important to highlight that **Kenvin Yung (TTO)** has been the umpire which have more international participation covered by their own funds and together with him **10 more** Umpires have participated in one tournament.

Tournament	Umpire
El Salvador Int. 2023	Veronica Zapata (MEX)
	Mario Bone (GUA)
	Marlon Lopez (GUA)
	Jose Pablo Andrade (CRC)
French Guiana Int. 2023	Randy Giskus (SUR)
	Brain Kliwon (SUR)
Mexican Int. 2023	Julian Mestra (COL)
Suriname Int. 2023	Devon Wisdom (JAM)
	Kevin Yung (TTO)
Trinidad & Tobago Int. 2023	Lisa Pang (SUR)
	Randy Giskus (SUR)
	Kevin Yung (TTO)
Canada Int. Ch. 2023	Kevin Yung (TTO)

b. Referees

Considering that the Role and responsibility of the **Referee** is different that the Umpire, in this case is not possible that they can officiate BWF Grade 3 Events without the consideration of BPAC, however they can participate as a Deputy Referees in order gain experience.

A total of **15 Referees** were appointed to cover the Continental Circuit 2023 as follows:

REGION	COUNTRY	MALE	FEMALE
North	CAN	1	1
	USA	2	
	MEX	3	
Caribbean	BAR		1
	CUB	1	
	JAM	1	
	TTO	1	
South	BRA		1
	CHI	1	
	COL	1	
	PER		1



Male 74% / Female: 26%



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c. Referees and Umpires appraisal program

As a part of the training and support given to the Continental Umpires and Referees, an appraisal activity is held during the Continental Tournament (Team, Individual and Junior), so, in this way the umpires can identify their weak points and improve them applying the recommendations made by the BPAC Assessor.

i. Umpires Appraisal

The following table chart shows the number of TOs which has been appraised at the Pan Am Team, Individual and Junior continental events:

REGION	COUNTRY	INT	NAT	M	F
North	CAN	2		1	1
	USA	3	1	4	
	MEX	3	4	5	2
Central	CRC	1		1	
Caribbean	BAR	1		1	
	DOM	1		1	
	JAM	1	6	5	2
South	CHI	1	1	1	1
	COL	2	1	2	1
	BRA	3	1	4	
	FGU	1			1
	PER	1	5	4	2
	SUR	1			1



Male 72% / Female: 28%

Int: 52% / Nat: 48%

40 Umpires from 13 countries

ii. Umpire Accreditation and Certification Assessment

As is held every year, during the **Pan Am Junior 2023** held in Lima – Peru, the accreditation and certification assessment, were the Umpires had the opportunity to reach whether the Continental or get the certificated status.

All candidates for Accreditation (first continental level) and Certification, went through an interview and had to submit several documents in order to be accepted for this assessment, however not all candidates pass the evaluation which consist in two parts Practical and Theoretical.

REGION	NAME	COMENT
NORTH	Mark Briscoombe (CAN)	Successfully pass the certification assessment
	Kevin Yu (USA)	Did not pass the continental accreditation
CARIBBEAN	Jose Efrain (DOM)	Did not pass the certification assessment
	Devon Wisdom (JAM)	Successfully pass the continental accreditation
	Tamyac Macedo (BRA)	Did not pass the continental accreditation
	Gaston Castillo (CHI)	Successfully pass the continental accreditation
	Julian Mestra (COL)	Successfully pass the continental accreditation
	Theressa Copeland (FGU)	Successfully pass the certification assessment
	Valeria Tancun (PER)	Successfully pass the continental accreditation
	Francisco Pajuelo (PER)	Successfully pass the continental accreditation
	Eduardo Mendoza (PER)	Successfully pass the continental accreditation



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SOUTH	Tahina Torres (PER)	Did not pass the continental accreditation
	Lisa Pang (SUR)	Successfully pass the certification assessment



Male 69% / Female: 31%

iii. Referees Appraisal

During **2023** a certification and accreditation assessments were held in order to include national referees to the continental level and promote accredited to certificated status, as well an appraisal was run in order to identify if the referees meet the requirements to be eligible for a future certification assessment.

In this case **4 Referees** were assessed and **2 were** appraised as is shown in the following chart:

REGION	NAME	COMMENT
NORTH	Milaine Cloutier (CAN)	Successfully pass Continental Accreditation.
	Ian Counter (USA)	Was appraised during the Pan Am Team and accepted for certification assessment in 2024.
	Rudy Gunawan (USA)	Successfully pass Continental Accreditation.
	Alejandro Lopez (MEX)	Was appraised as a Deputy Referee.
CARIBBEAN	PJ Williams (TTO)	Successfully pass Referee Certification assessment.
SOUTH	Leonardo Puyen (PER)	Successfully pass Continental Accreditation.

d. Training programs for Technical Officials and support.

Besides de nominations to officiate at Pan Am Continental events, there are other activities with the aim to strength TOs, focused on knowledge, communication skills and to gain experience.

i. BPAC English Skills program 2023

Two (Referee and Umpire) Technical officials were supported with this program (USD \$800.00 each) as is shown in the chart below:

NAME	ROLE	INSTITUTE
Juan Jose Valencia (MEX)	Referee	Planet English
Max Alvarado (PER)	Umpire	Instituto Britanico



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For this program the TOs look for the best option which fits to their needs in terms of flexibility.

ii. BPAC Umpire Skills Building Program 2023 (2) / 2024 (1)

Following the dynamic of the program which is divided in two stages (virtual and practical), five virtual sessions were delivered as expected between August and December with the lead of **Gerald Arsenault** (BPAC Umpires Assessor) which also implemented a new debate format for each of these 5 sessions.

5 BPAC Umpires from 5 different countries were accepted for 2023/2024 program as is shown in the chart below:

REGION	NAME	LEVEL
NORTH	Roman Peñaflo (MEX)	Accredited
CENTRAL	Mario Bone (GUA)	Accredited
SOUTH	Luisa Salamanca (COL)	Certificated
	Anthony Quiroz (PER)	Certificated
	Lisa Pang (SUR)	Certificated



Male 60% / Female: 40%

All five TOs as a part of the second stage of this program has been nominated for **2024 Continental Events**.

It is important to remark that before to be part of this program, all candidates must submit several documentations as Recommendation letter from their MAs, Record of Work, CV and go through an interview.

iii. TOs World Tour Experience

As a result of the several programs and Appraisals implemented during the years, the BPAC Assessors has been identified outstanding TOs which need more support in order to prepare them for BWF level, and following this initiative as a final stage of the objective to invest in the TOs training and mentoring, in 2023 the following TOs were nominated and supported by BPAC with the approval of the BWF to participate at World Tour Tournaments:

REGION	NAME	TOURNAMENT
NORTH	Alejandro Lopez (MEX)	Participate as a Deputy Referee in Abu Dhabi
	Gennifer Aguirre (MEX)	Participate as an Umpire in the USA Open 2024
CARIBBEAN	Dionne Haynes (BAR)	Participate as a Deputy Referee in Chinese Taipei
	Andrew Clarke (BAR)	Participate as an Umpire in the USA Open 2024
Central	Leonardo Mendoza (ESA)	Participate as an Umpire in the German Open 2024



Male 60% / Female: 40%



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3. BPAC Players at Continental Circuit 2023.

At the end of the Continental Circuit 2023, and with the aim to identify those Pan Am Players which have won the more quantity of World Ranking points just considering the BPAC Calendar, we have found the following results per event:

3.1. Men's Singles

Pos.	Name	Tournaments	WR Points
1.	Kevin Cordon (GUA)	8	26.000
2.	Uriel Canjura (ESA)	6	17.480
3.	Ygor Coelho (BRA)	5	17.230

3.2. Women's Singles

Pos.	Name	Tournaments	WR Points
1.	Ines Castillo (PER)	10	19.250
2.	Vanessa Garcia (MEX)	9	15.870
3.	Wen Yu Zhang (CAN)	5	15.200

3.3. Men's Doubles

Pos.	Name	Tournaments	WR Points
1.	Job Castillo (MEX) Luis Montoya (MEX)	9	21.780
2.	Adam Dong (CAN) Nyl Yakura (CAN)	6	21.600
3.	Kevin Lee (CAN) Ty A. Lindeman (CAN)	5	20.150

3.4. Women's Doubles

Pos.	Name	Tournaments	WR Points
1.	Haramara Gaitan (MEX) Sabrina Solis (MEX)	10	23.130
2.	Annie Xu (USA) Kerry Xu (USA)	6	20.100
3.	Catherine Choi (CAN) Josephine Wu (CAN)	5	19.400

3.5. Mixed Doubles

Pos.	Name	Tournaments	WR Points
1.	Ty A. Linderman (CAN) Josephine Wu (CAN)	5	20.150
2.	Fabricio Farias (BRA) Jaqueline Lima (BRA)	7	17.800
3.	Davi Silva (BRA) Sania Lima (BRA)	6	17.550



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3.6. Top 3 Member Associations

Canada, Mexico and Brazil have been the three Member Associations which have accumulated more World Ranking points due to their players participation at the Continental Circuit 2023.

Position	Country	WR Points 2023
1 ST	CANADA	97.500
2 ND	MEXICO	60.780
3 RD	BRAZIL	52.580

4. Member Associations Support and Training

Along the 2023, several activities took place to strengthen the MAs events capacity, starting with Tournament Development program to Events Management courses among other activities.

4.1. Tournament Development program

Following the plan towards the strengthening of the international tournaments delivery, focused on enhance the presentation of the event itself with the aim to reach a quality of the Grade 3 tournaments host in our region, the following MAs received equipment:

Member Association	Support Delivered	Tournament
Mexico	Live Score Equipment First year	III Mexican International Challenge 2023
BRAZIL	Streaming Equipment Second year	Brazil International Series 2023
PERU	Streaming Equipment Second Year	Peru Challenge 2023
EL SALVADOR	Streaming Equipment Second Year	El Salvador International 2023

4.2. National Technical Officials Training

4.2.1. Line Judges Training SANTIAGO 2023

Line Judges training was delivered in two stages in collaboration with **Santiago 2023 LOC** and CHI BA.

The 1st stage took place at the end of March before a national tournament, so CHI BA together with Games LOC promote the training course for all people interested.

The 2nd stage of the training was done during the **Chile International 2023** which also was the final evaluation for candidates.

Over **40** national Line judges were trained most of them from the city of Santiago.



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4.2.2. French Guyana National TOs Training

Considering that FGU BAM sanction their very first international tournament (Future Series) a plan to support its implementation was implemented to train Umpires, Line Judges and Desk officials, in this opportunity **Yves Cote** (TOs Assessor) from December 7th to 13th was in charge to deliver a training for all these roles before the tournament in which he officiated as a Referee.

This tournament also has the participation of international and national umpires from Suriname.

4.3. Tournament Software training 2023

Two Tournament Software workshops were held in 2023 as follows:

4.3.1. Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago

This TS workshop was delivered in 5 sessions with a length of 2 hours every two days, starting on April 18th to 20th.

11 participants took part in in this course which was delivered by **PJ Williams** (BPAC Referee) who shares all his knowledge and experience to the panel.

All the sessions also have the active participation of the BPAC Office

1. Charlene Soerodimedjo	2. Dino Kappel	3. Yume Zalman
4. Marco Ligtvoet	5. Jerry Lieuw	6. Randy Giskus
7. Lisa Pang	8. Joett Wongso	9. Llana Buyne
10. Ganesh Sookdeo	11. Kevin Yung	

The following topics were covered during the workshop:

- Competition systems and how to create a tournament in the TS.
- How to load information to the App.
- Draws creation and options.
- How to schedule matches at TS.
- Problems resolution

4.3.2. Costa Rica

In this opportunity and as per request of the CRC BA this TS training was held in 3 days with an intensity of 2 hours per session starting on December 6th to 13th.

7 participants took part in this course which was delivered by **Leonardo Puyen** (BPAC Events Manager) who shares all his knowledge and experience to the panel.

1. Brenda Solis	2. Alvaro Roman	3. Gelsy Rojas
4. Froilan Gamboa	5. Mackensie Cordero	6. Joseph Morales
7. Stephanie Navarro		

The following topics were covered during the workshop:

- Tournament Software introduction.
- How to create tournaments.



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- How to load, manage and control entries.
- Match scheduling.
- Results management.
- BWF Online Entry system (OES)
- How to apply for an international tournament sanction.
- How to create a new player at the BWF OES.
- How to enter players at international tournaments, through the BWF OES.

4.4. BWF Events Management Lv1

In this opportunity an **BWF Events Management course** was delivered for the second semester of the year 2023 after invitation made by BWF.

In accordance with them, an invitation was sent to 18 Member Associations (ARG, ARU, BAR, BRA, CAN, CHI, COL, DOM, ESA, GUA, GUF, JAM, MEX, PAR, PER, SUR, TTO, USA), in this case the MAs should nominate a maximum of 3 candidates including a women to take part of the first stage of the course which is the virtual course and according to their performance and the submission of a tournament project, BWF together with BPAC will define the candidates which will take part at the second stage this course which is the Face-to-Face course.

After the deadline for MAs candidates' nomination, only 7 MAs submitted forms for a total of 14 candidates for the first stage.

Sabrina Scott (BAR)	Javiera Moreno (CHI)	Reinaldo Villar (CHI)
Esteban Ruiz (COL)	Manuel Centeno (ESA)	Adriana Mena (MEX)
Meylen Rodriguez (PER)	Brayan Reyes (PER)	Jhonatan Ardila (PER)
Sharon Korgzork (SUR)	Alejandro Lopez (MEX)	Esmeralda Montoya (MEX)
Sacha Debouzy (CHI)	Gladys Trustfull (SUR)	

However, only 9 candidates of the 14 that were nominated meet and complete the requirements to be invited to the second Stage of the BWF EM Lv1 which was held in Lima – Peru, from October 6th to 8th, 2023 at the meeting room of BPAC office.

Sabrina Scott (BAR)	Javiera Moreno (CHI)	Sacha Debouzy (CHI)
Manuel Centeno (ESA)	Meylen Rodriguez (PER)	Brayan Reyes (PER)
Gladys Trustfull (SUR)	Esteban Ruiz (COL)	Jhonatan Ardila (PER)

During these 3 days, candidates work together on the development of the several topics covered at the online course, creating a collective understanding about all the process that meant the tournament organization and Events management.

This course was delivered by **Ricardo Salamanca** BPAC Events Director as a program leader of this course.



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5. Pan American and Para Pan-American Games Santiago 2023

2023 was the year for Pan Am and Para Pan-American Games, in this opportunity Santiago de Chile, was the city host of this Multisport Games which are held every four years.

5.1. XIX Pan American Games SANTIAGO 2023

Were held from October 21st to 25th, with the participation of **90 (+2 LIMA2019) athletes** from **23 (+1 LIMA2019) NOCs** and **16 (+ 8 LIMA2019)** were played in this opportunity.

MA	Athletes	MA	Athletes	MA	Athletes
CHI	8	ARG	4	BAR	1
BRA	8	CUB	4	BOL	1
CAN	8	DOM	4	CRC	1
USA	8	JAM	4	GUY	1
GUA	7	COL	2	HAI	1
ESA	6	ECU	2	PAR	1
MEX	6	TTO	2	SUR	1
PER	6	VEN	2		

5.1.1. Technical Officials

25 international (2 Referees, 12 Umpires, 9 Line Judges, 2 Coordinators) and 24 (Line Judges) national Technical Officials were nominated to represent their countries in this competition.

REGION	MA	REF	UMP	LJ
NORTH	CAN	1	1	0
	MEX	0	1	1
	USA	0	1	0
CENTRAL	GUA	0	1	1
CARIBBEAN	BAR	1	0	0
	CUB	0	0	1
	DOM	0	1	0
	TTO	0	0	1
SOUTH	ARG	0	1	2
	BRA	0	1	1
	CHI	0	1	1 (+24)
	COL	0	1	1
	PER	0	1	1
	SUR	0	1	1



Male 57% / Female: 43%



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5.1.2. Final positions

At this Games version 8 countries won medals as is show in the chart below:

Position	Country	Medals		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1 st	CAN	4	0	1
2 nd	USA	1	3	0
3 rd	BRA	0	1	2
4 th	GUA	0	1	1
5 th	MEX	0	0	3
6 th	CUB	0	0	1
	ESA	0	0	1
	PER	0	0	1

5.2. VII Para Pan American Games Santiago 2023

Were held from November 22nd to 26th, with the participation of 102 (+53 LIMA2019) athletes from 13 (+2 LIMA2019) NOCs and 16 (+ 8 LIMA2019) were played in this opportunity.

MA	Athletes	MA	Athletes	MA	Athletes
BRA	32	ARG	6	USA	4
PER	21	CHI	6	DOM	3
CAN	9	COL	6	BAR	2
MEX	7	CUB	4	GUA	1
				VEN	1

5.2.1. Technical Officials

30 international (2 Referees, 18 Umpires, 8 Line Judges*, 2 Coordinators) and 35 (Line Judges) national Technical Officials were nominated to represent their countries in this competition.

2 International Line judges cancelled their participation just a few days before the beginning of the competition due to personal circumstances

REGION	MA	REF	UMP	L.J.
NORTH	CAN	0	2	0
	MEX	1	3	0
	USA	0	0	1
CENTRAL	CRC	0	1	0
	ESA	0	1	1
	GUA	0	1	2
CARIBBEAN	CUB	1	1	1
	TTO	0	1	0
	BRA	0	2	1
SOUTH	CHI	0	2	1 (+35)
	COL	0	1	1
	FGU	0	1	0
	PER	0	1	1
	SUR	0	1	1



Male 57% / Female: 43%



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5.2.2. Final Positions

At this Games version 8 countries won medals as is show in the chart below:

Position	Country	Medals		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
1 st	BRA	9	9	3
2 nd	PER	4	3	9
3 rd	USA	2	1	0
4 th	CAN	0	1	3
5 th	CHI	1	0	0
6 th	CUB	0	1	0
	MEX	0	1	0
7 th	COL	0	0	1