

President's Report 2023

Our mission and vision is to implement sustainable national basketball programmes and events for administration, coaches and players resulting in high quality basketball at the national, regional, and global levels that will produce Olympic standard athletes and coaches that are nation builders.

Our motto is "**Changing Lives Through Basketball, Island By Island**"

The strategic goals as set out in the BBF strategic plan are as follows:

- Development and Training of Executives and Administrators;
- Development, Training, and Certification of Statisticians, Table & Floor Officials;
- Development, Training, and Certification of Coaches;
- Re-establishment of Youth Development Programmes;
- Restoration of Women's Basketball throughout the Bahamas.

The State of the Federation has been put on a good footing towards future success The below illustrates a salient summary of the BBF Executive Team effort expressed in the achievements and the challenges that the team undertook over the review period that encompasses the past 2 fiscal years ending 2022/ 2023.

Within the context of facing the unprecedented world-wide COVID-19 pandemic the BBF has soldiered on in pursuit of rebound focused key strategic goals.

- We are happy to have established a standardized Sanctioning Fee Structure that was communicated widely to local and foreign agencies and also is posted to the Federation website.
- We shepherded a landmark achievement in establishing a tax efficient Federation affiliated 501(C)3 organization. This has put the BBF on a new tract that has addressed a longstanding need to attract US based funding.

- The Federation has successfully negotiated a new 3-year agreement with The Atlantis Paradise Island Battle 4 Atlantis who has proven themselves to be what we regard as one of our key strategic partners.
- We have been proactive in our efforts to effectively maintain contact with each of the Family Island Association Presidencies.
- The Federation is proud of the fact that we successfully held Official's and Table Technician Training throughout the Commonwealth of The Bahamas
- Despite the ever-present financial challenges, the Federation was successful in sending four national teams to participate in FIBA regional and Central and South American competitions. This included the following:

The Under 15 male National Team,
 The Under 15 female National Team
 The Sr. Women National Team
 The Senior Men National Team

- The above teams participated in FIBA events, that saw our Sr. Men assembled which is arguably the strongest team ever to date, that includes 4 NBA players. We are thankful to these players for their service and their sense of National pride exhibited in the face of unmentioned personal and professional self-sacrifice for the common goal of maintaining The Bahamas' banner waving high.
- The Federation in our constant pursuit to partner with reputable key strategic partners, we are happy to have finalized an agreement with BD Global Sports Agency in bringing that all important international component in the promotion of our beloved sport of basketball.
- The Federation has been successful in ensuring representation at FIBA meetings.
- In our efforts to, as much as possible, promote our country and to feed our number one economic industry of tourism, the Federation has successfully hosted 4 FIBA Americas tournament games here in Bahamas.
- The Federation is pleased to have successfully participated in the commemoration of The Bahamas 50th Anniversary of Independence in working with our key strategic partner, the Ministry of Youth Sports & Culture in the organization of the Bahamas Games

- The Federation is heartened by the fact that we have successfully established both a blue-ribbon National Team Selection Committee and a Streamlined Application Process.

Challenges

- The economic hardship that persists, and that unavoidably is endemic in The Bahamas archipelagic structure.
- In the face of ever competing sports interest for funding, there exist an acute lack of adequate funding sources.
- The new FIBA home and away tournament format has proven cost prohibitive, where the cost of the Senior Men's National Team averaged in excess of \$80,000 per trip.
- The Federation like so many others had been faced with the inevitable challenging sustained economic downturn brought on by the COVID-19 Pandemic

The above factors present limited the BFF ability to do more in basketball promotion and programming.

Future Initiatives

will include:

- Continue strengthening BFF capacity through focused training modules targeting the following:
 - Statisticians' Training
 - Referees' Training at various levels
 - Coaches training
 - FIBA based Executive training

- Continue to enhance our ongoing fiscal management improvement capabilities through key officer certifications and training
- Continue to provide clean audited financial statements of the Federation to The Registrar General Department and to other requisite authorities.
- Publish our Audited Financial Statements on our website
- Implement an Executive shadowing initiative to promote stronger future capacity in leadership building
- Promote the building of more Family Island Facilities
- Hold more FIBA technical multi-island workshops
- Develop a robust youth development program me
- Promote the development of 3 on 3 basketball tournaments
- Pursue multi-jurisdictional networking as strategy to engender greater revenue streams through institutional advancement initiatives.
- Create a signature basketball endowment scholarship for college bound women and men