



## **PACIFIC MINI GAMES 2022 News Release**

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### **PACIFIC MINI GAMES 2022 SET FOR JUNE 2022 IN NORTHERN MARIANAS**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – The quadrennial Pacific Mini Games will be held in June 2022 in the Northern Marianas with 24 countries and territories throughout the Pacific invited to participate.

The Pacific Mini Games 2022 is a multi-sport event governed by the Pacific Games Council as a scaled-down version of the Pacific Games, held every alternating four years.

At this time, an estimated 400-600 athletes are anticipated to participate in six events at the games: athletics, badminton, baseball, golf, beach volleyball, and triathlon.

“The Northern Marianas looks forward to welcoming all athletes in 2022 for the first Mini Games ever hosted by our islands,” said Marco Peter, Pacific Mini Games 2022 Organizing Committee Chairman. “For this to come to fruition will be a testament to the strength of our Pacific-wide culture in cooperating, persevering, and pulling each other up during difficult times like these. I’m pleased to report that this kind of community cooperation is what allows the Northern Marianas to assure the athletes that we have one of the lowest rates of coronavirus in the world today. We are working hard to ensure all facilities and events are top-level, and I believe it’s going to be a very successful Mini Games.”

The organizing committee also unveiled the winning logo of the Pacific Mini Games 2022 designed by Kadi Marshal Yamada Camacho. The logo incorporates a latte stone monolith and “mwaar” (floral head lei) representing the indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian people of the Northern Marianas. Eleven flowers symbolize the 11<sup>th</sup> Pacific Mini Games, and three multi-colored individuals form a smiling face and represent the diversity and unity of the event. One individual reaching upward “for excellence” is outlined with an outrigger canoe shape, a call to voyaging and the Pacific maritime heritage. Fourteen white spaces symbolize the 14 islands of the Northern Marianas, while a purple wave sits at the base of the logo.

“If the ocean and waves connect the various Pacific islands, this ‘wave element’ supports and connect all island nations participating in this sports event,” said Camacho in describing the logo.

The games are expected to cost an estimated \$3.2 million to host with the six confirmed events. The Pacific Games Council has provided an initial \$20,000 in seed money, and fundraising for cash and in-kind support will also be conducted.

Also represented on the organizing committee are the CNMI Office of the Governor, Saipan Mayor’s Office, Dept. of Public Works, Dept. of Public Safety, Public School System, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, Dept. of Community and Cultural Affairs, Dept. of Finance, Dept. of Fire & Emergency Medical Services, Commonwealth Health Care Corp. and COVID-19 Task Force, Marianas Visitors Authority, and representatives for Sports and Corporate Sponsorship.

Additional events may be added to the games by the Pacific Games Council.

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