

Maldives Sports Development Plan



President's Introduction

One of the main aims of this administration's development efforts will be to enhance the well-being of our people by encouraging a healthy, active, and robust lifestyle. This document is a steppingstone for the development of a long-term innovative vision for the country's future in sports.

Our dedication involves improving existing conditions and embracing innovative ideas for our athletes. In this endeavor, we honor and involve our veterans, tapping into their irreplaceable expertise and experience to guide the up-and-coming talents.

The Government is committed to developing state-of-the-art infrastructure for sports while improving existing sporting facilities around the country. Additionally, work is underway as part of the Haftha-14 and beyond to strengthen the engagement of sports associations in the development of this sector. Last, but not least, resolving the gender pay disparity in sports will be a priority of the Government.

Let us unite and empower all stakeholders, fostering collaboration towards a shared vision of a healthier, active, and victorious nation through the unifying power of sports.

Dr. Mohamed Muizzu

President



Minister's Introduction

As we stand at the threshold of a new era, it is my privilege to present to you the Sport Development Plan that will guide the Maldivian Sport community towards a collective journey of transformation, fueled by innovation, collaboration, and a steadfast commitment to excellence. This plan will serve a roadmap for Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) that will support our athletes in their pursuit of achieving their full potential and encourage citizens of all ages to participate in physical activity. The launch of Fit Maldives will be a new platform to encourage the entire population of the Maldives to be more active and promote a healthier lifestyle across all ages.

The sport development plan is not merely a document; it is a testament to our dedication to shaping a future where sport opportunities abound for all. With a clear focus on our core values and priorities, we aim to harness the full potential of the sport community's resources and talents and drive sustainable growth and foster sport development at all levels of sport in the country.



Our sport development plan will serve as a compass, guiding us and encapsulating our aspirations, priorities, and methodologies in achieving our objectives of promoting sport participation, competitive excellence, health and education and enabling the Maldives to be a destination for international sporting events.

Together, let us embark on this journey with optimism and determination, for it is through our collective efforts that we will build a brighter tomorrow for generations to come. With strategic foresight and resolute resolve, we will emerge stronger, more resilient, and more successful than ever before.

Thank you for your unwavering support as we commence on this transformative journey together.

Abdulla Rafiu

Minister of Sports, Fitness and Recreation

MOC President's Introduction

The Maldivian Olympic Committee (MOC) and the Ministry of Sport, Fitness and Recreation hereby affirm our commitment to a collaborative partnership aimed at promoting and advancing the development of sports, athletic excellence, fitness and health and well-being within the Maldives. The MOC recognizes the integral role that sports play in fostering national unity, well-being, and international representation, and acknowledges the need for a strategic alliance to optimize resources, expertise, and efforts.

This collaboration is grounded in the shared vision of nurturing a vibrant sports culture, enhancing grassroots participation, and achieving excellence at the highest levels of competition, including the Indian Ocean Island Games, the South Asian Games, the Asian Games and ultimately the Olympic Games. By joining forces, the Ministry of Sport, Fitness and Recreation and the MOC seek to create a harmonized framework that leverages the strengths of each organization to propel the growth of sports in our country.

The MOC pledges its commitment to promoting Olympic Values, fostering athlete development, and facilitating high-performance training programs.

The MOC will work closely with the Ministry of Sport, Fitness and Recreation to identify and nurture emerging talent, support elite athletes, and coordinate efforts to maximize our country's representation at international sporting events, including the Olympic Games.

The MOC is excited about the Ministry of Sport, Fitness and Recreation committing to provide the necessary infrastructure, funding, and policy support to create an environment conducive to the development of athletes at all levels. This includes investing in state-of-the-art training facilities, promoting coach and sport administrator education, and implementing initiatives that encourage youth engagement in physical activities. Furthermore, the MOC pledges to work collaboratively with not only the Ministry of Sport, Fitness and Recreation but also the Ministries of Education and Tourism to ensure the seamless integration of sports into the national agenda.

The MOC recognizes the importance of transparent communication, regular consultations, and mutual respect in ensuring the success of this collaboration. Periodic reviews will be conducted to assess progress, address challenges, and adapt strategies to the evolving landscape of sports.

The MOC collaboration with the Ministry of Sport, Fitness and Recreation signifies a milestone in the journey towards a healthier, more active, and successful nation through sports. The Maldives Olympic Committee is confident that this partnership will not only elevate the sporting landscape but will also contribute significantly to the overall well-being and national pride of our citizens. Together, we embark on a shared mission to inspire, empower, and celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship across our nation.



Mohamed Abdul Sattar

Maldives Olympic Committee

Mission

The Mission of the Ministry of Sports, Fitness and Recreation's Long Term Sport Development Plan is to empower the Maldivian sport community to enhance the sport performance of Maldivian athletes while contributing to the overall health and well being of the citizens of the country, promoting education through sport and contributing to Maldives being viewed as a sport tourism destination. Using the Sport Policy Factors Leading to International Sport Success (SPLISS) model (De Bosscher, V., Bingcham, J., Shibli, S., Van Bottenburg, M., & De Knopp, P. (2008) as a theoretical frame work, the sport development plan will strategically target those variables with programs with efforts that will enhance sport in the Maldives.



Development and Education of Maldivian Sports Coaches, Administrators and Officials

Offer a hybrid leadership certificate program for National Sport Association (NSA) leaders with a focus on event and facility management.

Offer the International Olympic Committees (IOC) Olympic Solidarity (OS) National Coaching Enrichment Certificate Program (NCECP) program to Maldivian coaches

Collaborate with NSAs to implement a recruitment, education and retention program for sport officials to address the official shortage at all levels of sport.

Identify and support coaches to apply to and participate in OS and International Federation (IF) sponsored coach development course.

Encourage Maldives Olympic Committee (MOC) and NSA leadership and coaches to serve on Zonal, and National Commissions to strengthen partnerships and take leadership roles in zonal and international organizations.

Organize and host regular meetings of NSA leadership and or coaches for the purpose of sharing and communicating across the different sports.

Develop a website that will serve as a portal of information and programs for NSA leadership.

Creation of Director of Coach Education position within the Ministry of Sports, Fitness and Recreation.

Creation of a National Sports Fund to assist coach education courses and athletes development that NSAs can apply to develop and or host coaching education programs for the coaches in their sports.

Key Strategic Partners: MOC, NSAs, OS and IFs



Coordination with and Empowerment of National Sports Associations

Establish a framework to implant governance, best practices for sports clubs and NSAs.

Revisit the Statutes / Constitutions of Clubs and NSAs.

Incorporate transparency and good governance and fair play.

Broaden the members' participation in the decision-making process.

Develop a communications plan for the Ministry of Sports, Fitness and Recreation and share and coordinate with NSAs and regional hubs when established.

Provide a website template that all NSAs can follow so that the sites become a portal of information for all athletes, coaches, parents and stakeholders in terms of important dates, news, policies and procedures associated with that sport.

Host monthly NSA meetings for sharing, information and educational purposes.

Host Regional meetings on a monthly basis to promote interaction with Local and Atoll Councils and sport organizations.

Develop an annual comprehensive sport tournament calendar that will allow for a seamless integration from regional level to national level tournaments and will establish seasons for sports tournaments and classification of the tournaments.

Key Strategic Partners: Ministry of Education, MOC, NSAs, Local and Atoll Councils and IFs





Hosting of international sport meetings, regional and international events for the purpose of contributing to Maldives being a sport tourism destination while strengthening the athlete development system and building new facilities

Create an entity that will facilitate communication and coordination between the Ministry of Sports, Fitness and Recreation and Ministry of Tourism with the sport and hospitality industries

Develop a Strategic Plan that will enable Maldives to host the Indian Ocean Island Games (IOIG) and the South Asian Games (SAG) within the next decade and aspire to hosting the Asian Games in the next 20 years.

Identify worthy events and meetings and potential partners for training camps.

Collaborate with the Ministry of Tourism to build new or enhance existing facility capabilities for the purpose of enhancing the sport tourism segment of the tourism industry.

Key Strategic Partners: Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Ministry of Housing, Land and Urban Development, MOC, NSAs

Developing organizational structure for an agency to manage the interschool sports program and frameworks to promote physical fitness and sport within individual schools and society as a whole.

Present a governance structure for organization and develop policies and procedures, competition schedules and eligibility rules for schools and athletes.

Introduce a National Physical Fitness testing program that will be offered in partnership with the Ministry of Education as an extracurricular program for Maldivian Youth in individual schools.

Develop and implement a LTAD framework that will motivate youth to engage in physical activity and promote the importance of this life style choice for citizens of all ages.

Appoint a National Physical Education coordinator in partnership with NSA and Ministry of Education for purpose of development and implementation of Foundational stages of Athlete Development Plan through the schools.

Key Strategic Partners: Ministry of Education, MOC and NSAs





Develop a Sport Performance Facility master plan that will utilize existing and planned future venues as well as future facilities while identifying opportunities for shared services for NSAs and making services and facilities accessible to all regions of the country.

Develop and plan around Olympic Training Center / Facility to develop a sport services center for all sports.

Identify locations, facilities and organizations to serve as regional hubs for MOC and NSAs.

Develop a deferred maintenance plan to ensure the upkeep and renovation of Ministry of Sports, Fitness and Recreation sponsored sport Facilities.

Develop a facility enhancement through Sports Fund that NSAs may apply for to be used for facility upgrades and capital improvements.

Develop an education program for performance services targeted to administrators, coaches and athletes. Education is the first step before you can rollout extensive High Performance Center (HPC) services program.

Key Strategic Partners: Housing Development Corporation (HDC), Ministry of Housing, Land and Urban Development, MOC and NSAs

Propose a LTAD and Talent Identification Plan that will contribute to Maldives achieving excellence in sports at the Asian Games, South Asian Games, Indian Ocean Island Games, regional and international sport specific competitions and lead towards a podium finish at the 2030 and 2034 Asian Games as well as podium finishes for Maldivian Athlete(s) for the 2036 and 2040 Summer Olympic Games

Develop criteria to evaluate sport and athlete medal capabilities

Develop strategic plans for sports to aspire towards medaling at those multisport and single sport regional and international sport events.

Develop a funding and support resource allocation system focused on investing in sports that have a good strategic and high performance plan in place.

Key Strategic Partners: MOC, NSAs

