



**Badminton
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EVENTS REPORT January to December 2022

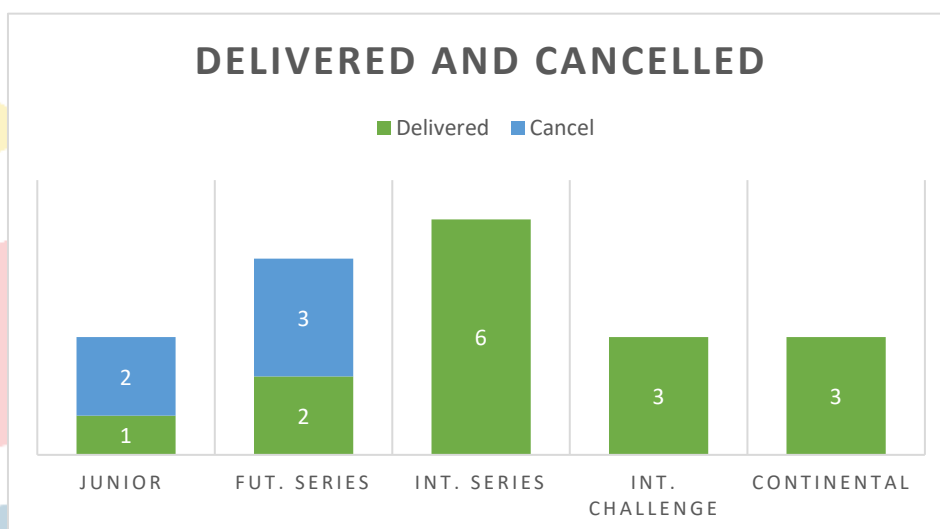
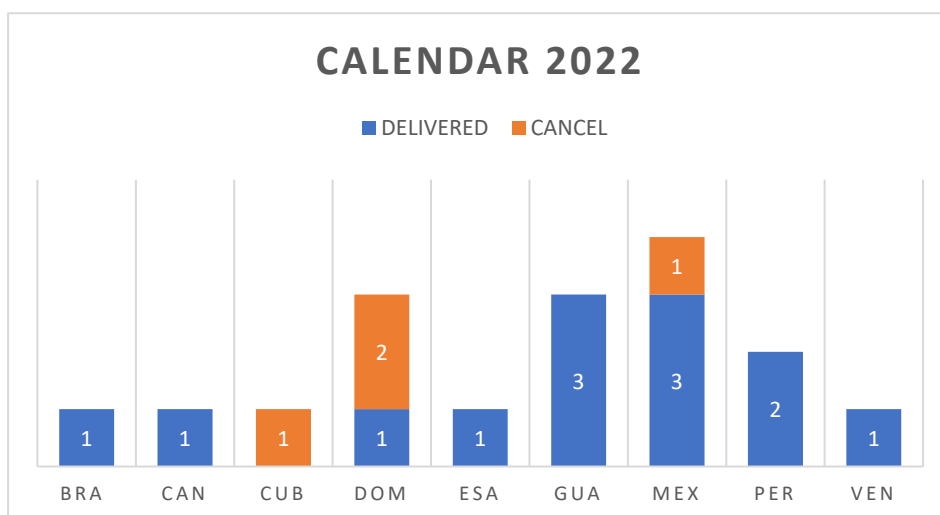
After the strike of the COVID-19 pandemic, during the year 2022, the competition gets stronger, and more countries apply for tournament sanction and could host their international tournaments along the year.

As well we face some difficulties that cause that some activities and tournaments were cancelled, but less in comparison to 2021.

1. TOURNAMENT CALENDAR 2022

For 2022, **17** International Tournaments were applied for **9** Member Associations besides the **3 Continental Championships** for a total of **20** International Tournaments.

Due to the alert of a new pandemic breakdown, slow national reactivation, some governments decided to close their borders and not support sport activities and because of these factors, **5** international tournaments were cancelled.





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1.2. Tournament Support Grant

In accordance with 2022 planning and **Tournament Development Strategy**, the **Tournament Support Grant** officially starts its first implementation phase, for those **Host countries** which were identified as a potential for a strong development and improvement.

For this, the countries which were benefited with this plan, received training in how to produce a good quality tournament streaming, that not only care about to show matches but also care about sponsors and stakeholders' relationships will last for more than one tournament.

1.2.1. Phase 1

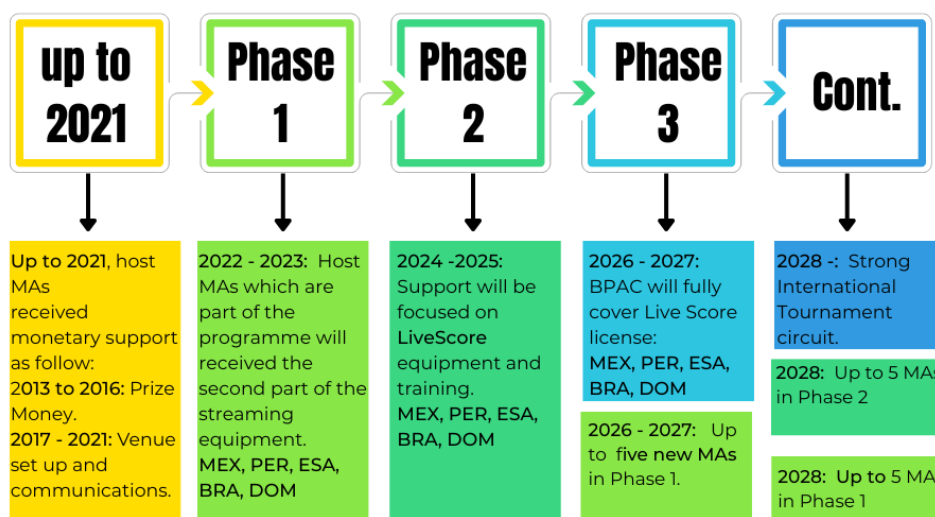
Brazil, Dominican Republic, El Salvador and Peru were identified to be part of this program, in this way all 5 Member Associations received the following equipment and training:

- Streaming Equipment
 - Switcher
 - Camera
 - Cables and connectors
- Streaming Training
 - Virtual training at least one month before the tournament.
 - On-site training, one day before the tournament starts and the first competition day.

Streaming training was delivered between Events and Communication Areas, being Mr. Josue Angulo BPAC Communications Manager who was in charge of the streaming workshops (virtual and face to face)

1.2.1.1. Tournament Grant Implementation plan and flow

Tournament Grant support



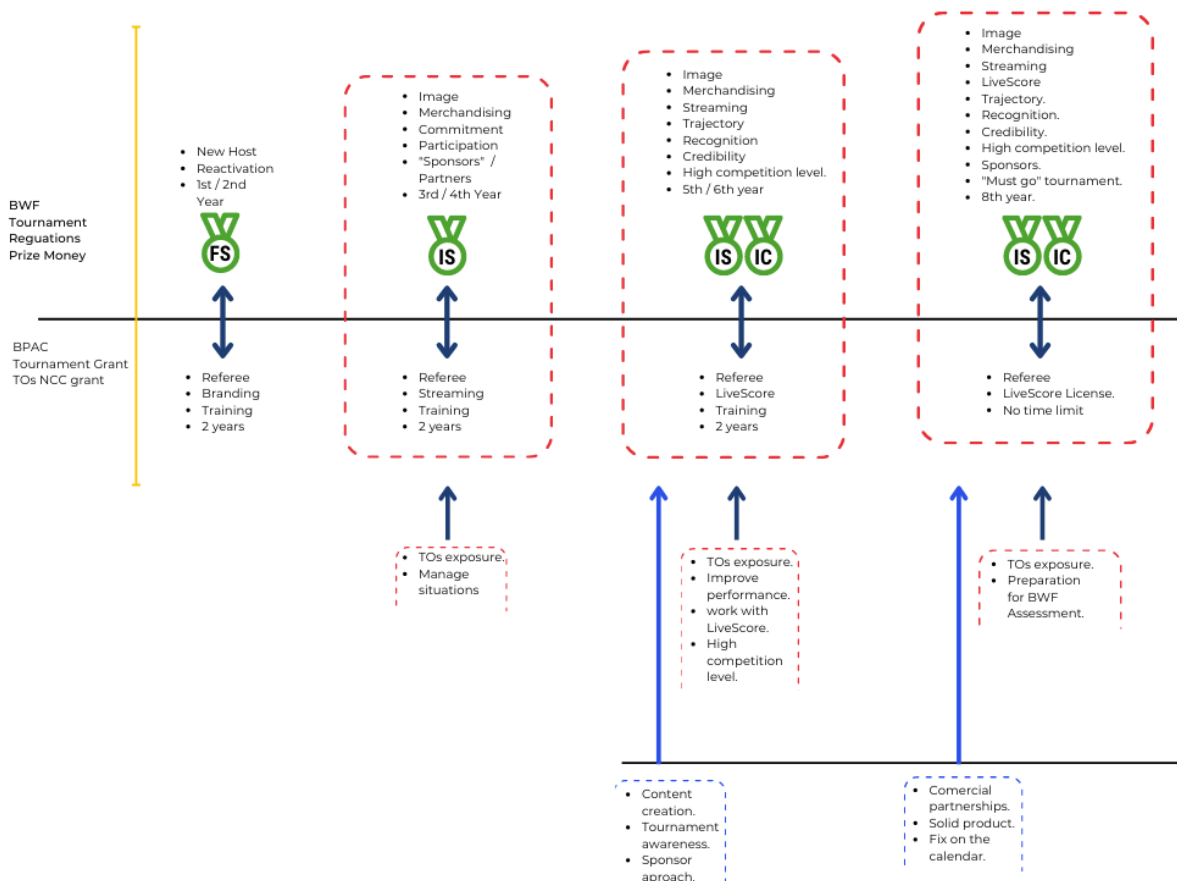
With this plan, BPAC expect to enhance the level of the tournaments which are part of the Continental circuit, looking that the host Member Associations upgrade the level of their



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tournaments from Future Series to International Series and from International Series to International Challenge.

This strategy has as a main focus the delivery of the tournaments and the development of their commercial relationships aiming for a self-sustainable event but also benefit the TOs due to a better tournament always will call for a better level of athletes and this require a better level of Technical Officials, as is shown in the chart below.



1.3. Continental Events

As the reactivation of the Badminton competition all three Continental Championships were successfully delivered.

XXV YONEX Pan Am Individual Championships 2022, was the tournament which had more countries participation with **18 Member Associations**. (ARG, BAR, BRA, CAN, COL, CRC, ECU, ESA, GUA, GUY, JAM, MEX, PER, SUR, TTO, USA, VEN), and **158** entered Players.

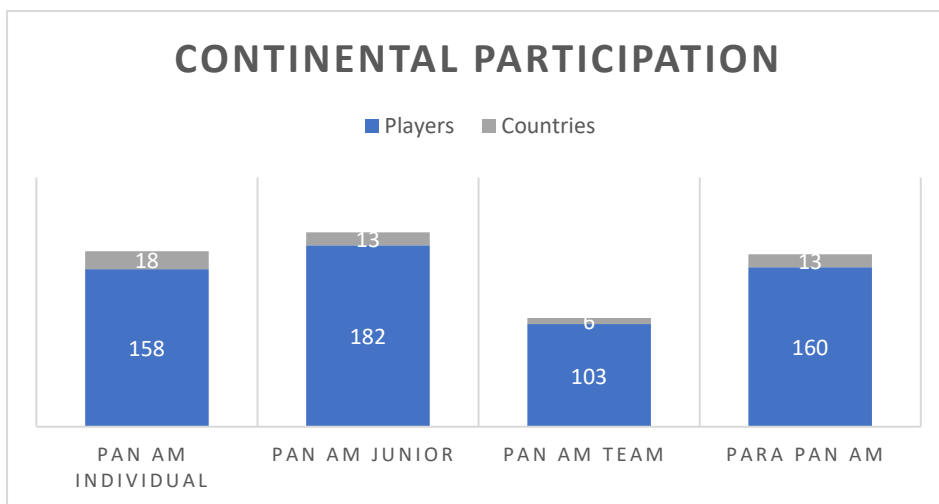
XXX Pan Am Junior Championships 2022, had **13 Member Associations** (ARU, BAR, BRA, CAN, COL, DOM, ESA, GUA, JAM, MEX, PER, USA, VEN) and **182** entered players.



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Pan Am M&F Cup 2022, had 12 teams from 6 Member Associations (BRA, CAN, GUA, MEX, PER, USA) with a participation of 103 entered players.

Pan Am Para Badminton Championships 2022, had the participation of 13 Member Associations (ARG, BAR, BRA, CAN, CHI, COL, CUB, DOM, GUA, JAM, MEX, PER, USA) and 160 entered players.



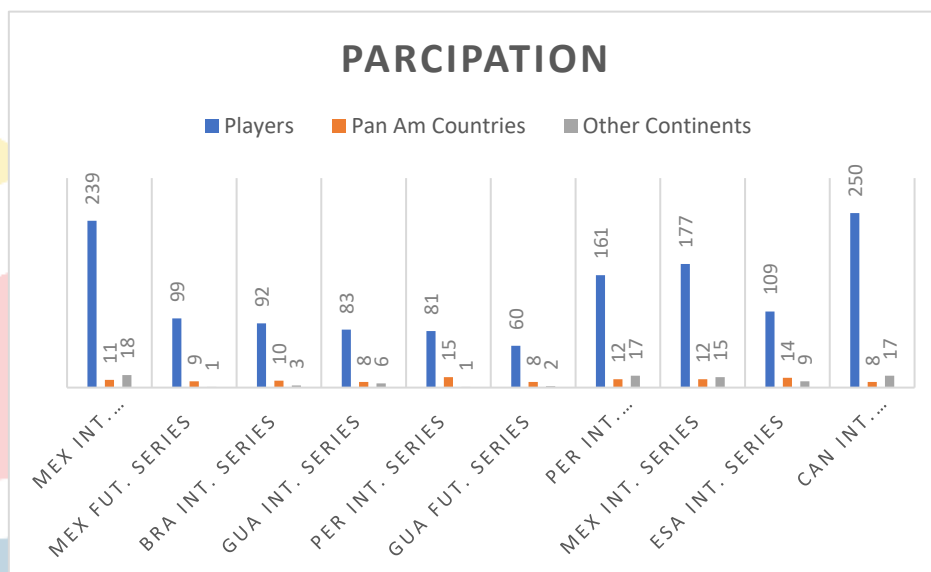
1.4. Live Score implementation

As a part of the improvement program for Continental Events, **Live score** system was included for all 4 Continental Championships.

This implementation gives a boost to the Continental Events, providing in real time the tournament results at Tournament Software website, BPAC Technical Officials also were benefited with the use of this system considerably due to is the same that is used by BWF at Grade 2 tournaments.

1.5. Continental Circuit Participation

Regarding tournament reactivation, **2022** was a very important year for player participation at the Continent, having in some tournaments **waiting lists** and **32 draw sizes** for qualification rounds.





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2. BPAC Technical Officials

Through **2022**, several activities were implemented for **TOs** development, besides the yearly participation assignments that always look to cover as much TOs per year.

2.1. English Skills Program

This activity focused on supporting TOs which their base language is not English to they improve their communication skills and be more confident once they must officiate at international level.

For **2022**, one **Referee** Jesus Gutierrez (MEX) and one **Umpire** Gabriela Sepulveda (CHI) were nominated to be part of this program.

This support comprehends a **\$800.00** flat grant which must be uses to enroll in an English course which best fit to their requirements during the elective year.

2.2. BPAC Technical Official Assessments 2022

Following the yearly Assessment activities, through the year were delivered **3** Referee Certification Assessments, **1** Umpire and Certification Assessments and **2** Umpire Appraisals.

2.2.1. BPAC Referee Certification Assessments

Three BPAC Accredited Referees were appointed as Candidates to opt for BPAC Certification Status, **2** of the **3** Referees successfully achieved the Certification Status after the assessment.

TOURNAMENT	CANDIDATE	RESULT
M&F Cup	Dionne Haynes (BAR)	Approved
Pan Am individual	Juan J. Valencia (MEX)	Approved
Pan Am Junior	Trevor McCain (JAM)	Fail

2.2.2. Potential National Referee pilot program

As a part of the training program and strengthening of the MAs tournament structure BPAC invite **3** Member Associations (DOM, ESA, GUA) to nominate **Potential National Referees** to participate at two continental events as a Deputy Referees to gain experience and use this experience to better tournament implementation.

After closing date for candidates' nomination, only **1** MA submit candidate documents for participation, and **Mr. Manuel Centeno Fuentes (ESA)**, participated at the **Pan Am M&F Cup 2022** and **XXV Pan Am Individual Championships 2022** as a part of the Referee Team as a Deputy Referee.

2.2.3. Umpire Accreditation and Certification Assessments

13 Candidates were accepted for this year's assessment, which took place during the delivery of the **XXX Pan Am Junior Championships 2022** held in the City of Santo Domingo – Dom. Rep.



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2.2.3.1. BPAC Umpire Accreditation Assessment

For BPAC Umpire Accreditation, **9** candidates from **3** Member Associations ran for continental Status and only **3** achieved the **Accredited Status**.

CANDIDATE	COUNTRY	RESULT
Esteban Ruiz	COL	APPROVED
Mauricio Andrade	COL	APPROVED
Stephanie Navarro	CRC	FAIL
Keisy Feliz	DOM	FAIL
Waldys Perez	DOM	FAIL
Victor Reyes	DOM	FAIL
Daneidy Arciniega	DOM	APPROVED
Jesus Williams	DOM	APPROVED
Abelardo Cabrera	DOM	APPROVED

Considering that the **BPAC Umpire Accreditation Assessment** got a successful percentage below the **50%**, all candidates for **2023 Umpire Assessment** will be interviewed before they received the official invitation, so, in this way, candidates will received feedback with enough time before the assessment.

2.2.3.2. BPAC Umpire Certification Assessment

Four Candidates were accepted for certification assessment as a part of the **XXX Pan Am Junior Championships 2022**.

CANDIDATE	COUNTRY	RESULT
Analia Lezcano	ARG	APPROVED
Milaine Cloutier	CAN	Approved
Kevin Yung	TTO	Approved
Arthur "Qin" Zu	USA	Approved

In this opportunity **all four candidates** were part of the **BPAC Umpire Building Skills 2021**, a program aiming to enhance their knowledge and skills as an umpire, gaining more confidence and experience for their role.

Analia Lezcano (ARG) also was part of the **English Skills program 2021**, so, she also has the opportunity to improve her English level and prepare for the assessment.

2.2.4. BWF Umpire Accreditation

Following the calendar and the reactivation of the international competition, BPAC together with the BPAC Assessors Panel and TOs Committee to nominate **two candidates** to opt for the BWF Umpire Accreditation Assessment.

In this opportunity and before the BWF Assessment both candidates were accepted to officiate at two **BWF Grade 2** to gain experience as these level of tournaments as follow:

- Irma Villalpando (MEX) – Swiss Open 2022
- Mohamed Lamine (CAN) – German Open 2022



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Getting these two spots at these two tournaments was not easy, considering several difficulties that brought as consequence of the pandemic, like several control of the participants taking care of long distances and bubbles.

Finally, **Mohamed Kateb Lamine (CAN)**, achieved the BWF Level and **Irma Ines Villalpando** did not, due to a lack of exposure according to the BWF Assessors panel.

In conclusion, for **2023 onwards**, BPAC together with the TOs Committee, will look for strategic partners in order to facilitate the participation of the BPAC Umpires at BWF Grade 2 tournaments in Europe.

2.3. TOs at Continental Circuit.

Generally the focus on participation at International Tournaments is about **players' participation**, but as well **TOs** participate at several international tournaments looking always to gain more experience and improve their performance as a Technical Officials.

During **2022** the Continental Calendar had **20 International Tournaments** hosted by only **9 Member Associations**, having countries that held up to **four International Tournaments** including a Continental Championships.

2.3.1. Referee participation

Eleven Referees have been appointed to officiate at 2022 Continental Tournament Circuit.

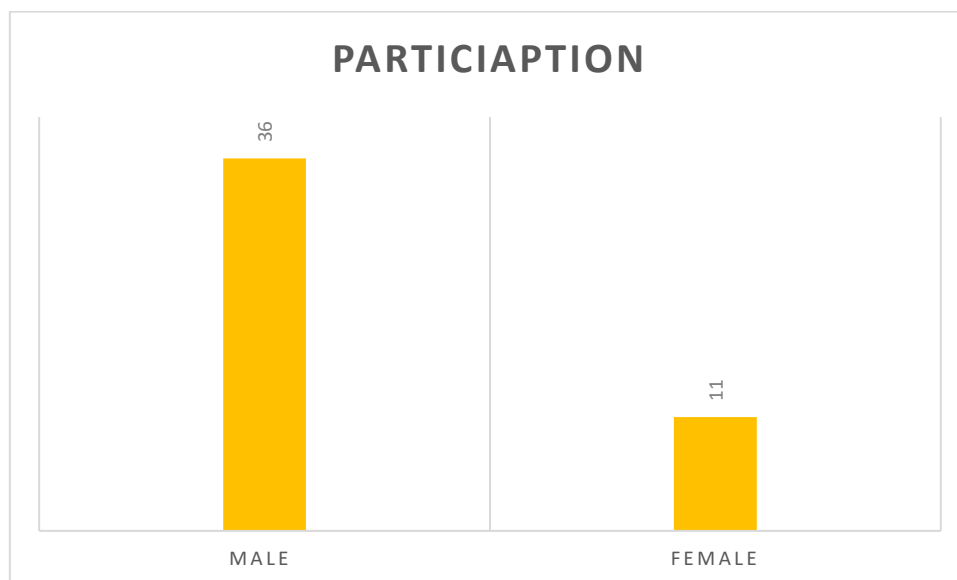




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2.3.2. Umpire Participation

Different than the Referees, continental Umpires have more chances to participate in several tournaments of the Continental Tournament Circuit, this participation is done due to the Continental Nominations or by own interest of the continental Umpire; saying this BPAC have identified several Umpires which have shown their interest to increase their **Record of Work**. As well, held international events will benefit the host country, considering that bringing international competition to their countries not only will give experience to their Players but also to their Technical Officials.



77% (36)



23% (23)

2.4. BPAC Umpire Skills Program 2022

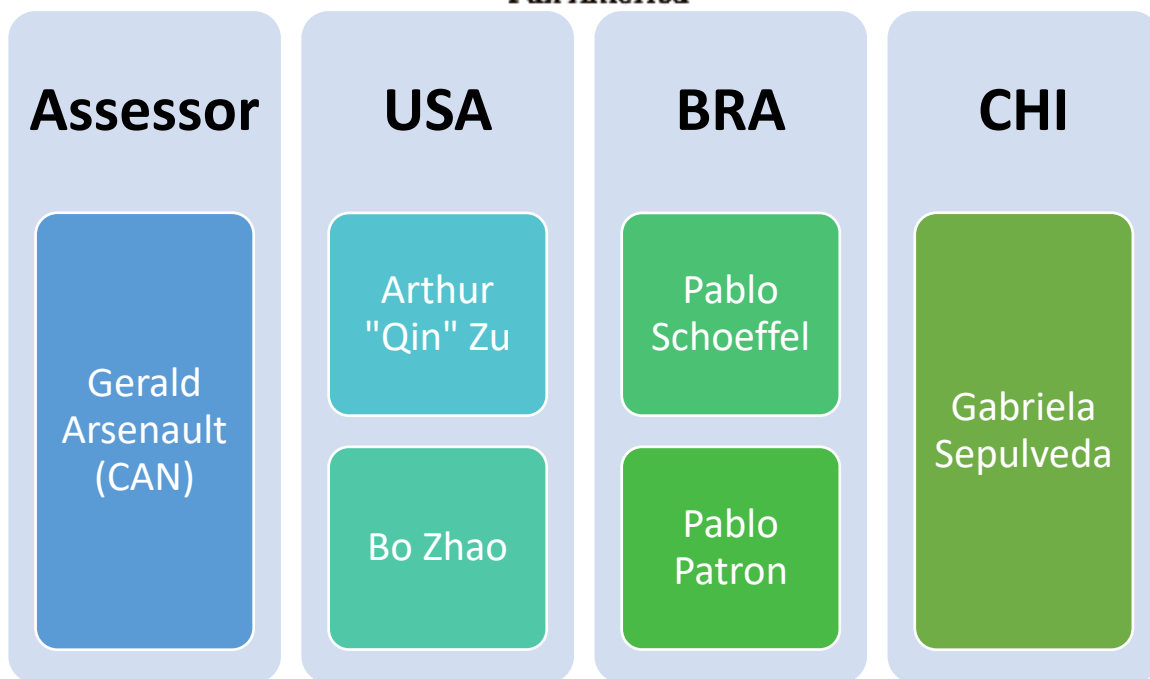
Having started in 2021 this program, the **BPAC Umpire Skills** open entries for a 2nd group and delivered parallelly the second phase if the **2021 – 2022 program** and the first phase of the **2022 – 2023** group.

For **2022 – 2023**, seven candidates submit their documentation to be part of the program and after the acceptance procedure led by the assessors panel only five were accepted.

2022 – 2023 program, ad a feature to the sessions, considering that the candidates also were invited to present a session topic together with the Assessor, this methodology helps the candidates to a better understanding of the session's theme, and open the table for discussion in a better way.



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2.5. Technical Official English Skills program

This yearly program focused in improve the communication capabilities of the BPAC TOs which are not from an English-Speaking country, was given to two TOs (1 Referee – 1 Umpire) which had the opportunity to enroll to a English course for a complete year.

Gabriela Sepulveda (CHI) and **Jesus Gutierrez (MEX)** were the two BPAC TOs which were benefited with the program for the year 2022.

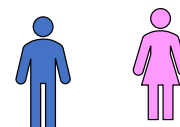
3. Member Association Events training support

Along the 2022, several training activities were held in different Events Areas, covering Control Desk management and streaming training, this last activity was held together with the BPAC Communication Area, focus on International Tournaments as a part of the **BPAC Tournament Development strategy**.

3.1. Tournament Software training Peru

As per the request of the Member Association, a virtual tournament software training was delivered from April 25th to 29th, with the participation of **6 persons**.

The goal of the activity was to cover the basic functionality of the software and understand what a competition system in badminton is and how to translate all the plan into competition software.



30% (2) 70% (4)



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3.2. Streaming training and workshops

Regarding the Tournament Development plan, these activities were held together with the BPAC Communications Area, focusing on the following events:

- Santo Domingo Open 2022
- Mexico International Challenge 2023
- Brazil International Series 2023
- El Salvador International 2023

Two stages were implemented for this training as follow:

1. **Virtual introduction**, during the virtual stage, participants had the opportunity to learn about the capabilities of the equipment that they will receive for the tournament, so knowing in advance all the functions and features was a key point at the moment of the delivery of the tournament.
2. **Face to Face training**, this stage was delivered one day before the tournament start until one day after the beginning of the tournament, so, the trainer shows on place how to set up the equipment and cables for the specific tournament according with the features of the venue.

Mr. Josue Angulo – BPAC Communications Manager, was the person in charge of this activity, so you could find deep details about this training like participation, goals, and achievements in the **BPAC Communications Area report**.

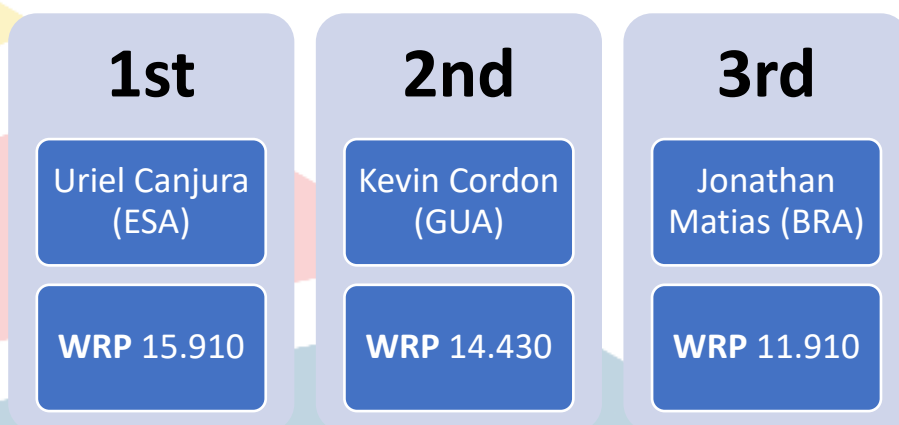
4. Continental Circuit 2022 – Champions

One of the main objectives of the continental circuit is to offer opportunities for all Continental Players to gain experience and points towards specific multisport games, BPAC makes an analysis regarding podiums and participation to know which athletes gain more points at the continental circuit.

Considering this, we can see that **Uriel Canjura** Men's Singles players achieved a total of **15,910 WR Points** participating only in **6 international tournaments** which were part of the circuit 2022, followed by **Kevin Cordon** with **14,4303 WR points** participating only in **4 international events**.

Position until 3rd place were made in all five event as is shown in the following charts.

4.1 MS





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4.2 WS

1st	2nd	3rd
Haramara Gaitan (MEX)	Laurem Lam (USA)	Vanessa Garcia (MEX)
WRP 8.550	WRP 7.800	WRP 7.430

4.3 MD

1st	2nd	3rd
Adam Dong / Nyl Yakura (CAN)	Kevin Lee / Ty Alexander Lindeman (CAN)	Job Castillo / Luis Montoya (MEX)
WRP 12.150	WRP 11.250	WRP 10.170

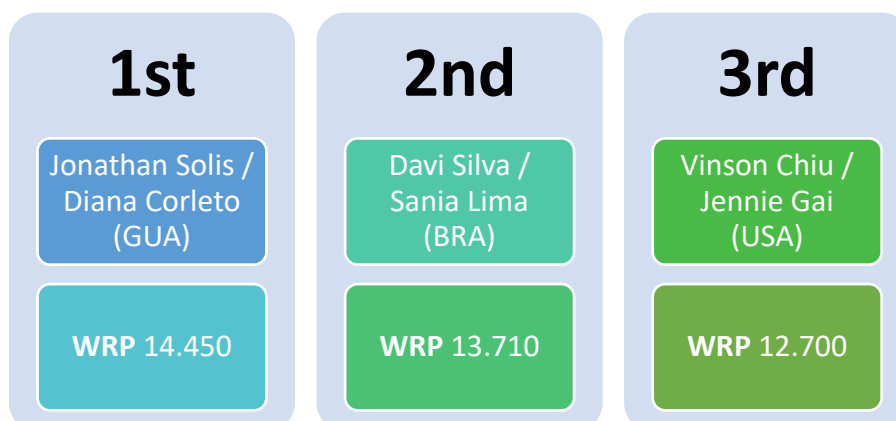
4.4 WD

1st	2nd	3rd
Jaqueline Lima / Samia Lima (BRA)	Paula Lynn Cao Hock / Lauren Lam (USA)	Diana Corleto / Nikte Sotomayor (GUA)
WRP 10.300	WRP 8.630	WRP 6.390



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4.5 XD



5. Activities 2023

During the first quarter of the year, several activities has been delivered by BPAC concerning Events Area like tournaments delivery, TOs training and participation and some other activities.

5.1. Continental Events and International Tournaments

5.1.1. 2023 Pan American Cup

In this opportunity Mexico BA was the host member in charge of the Delivery of this tournament together with BPAC which was held in the city of Guadalajara at **CODE 1** from 16th to 19th February 2023.

10 Teams (ARG, BRA, CAN, ECU, ESA, GUA, MEX, PER, USA, VEN) and **89 players** were entered for this very first tournament of the Pan Am region but only **9 Teams** could participate, considering that one team had financial issues and could not attend.



5.1.2. XXI Giraldilla International 2023

82 players from **16 countries** were entered to this tournament which was held in the city of la Habana – Cuba, from 14th to 19th March 2023.



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TOURNAMENT MEDALLISTS

MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Muhamad Halim As Sifiq (INA)	Hristomira popovska (BUL)	Kiin Fung Kevin / Samuel Rickets (ENG / JAM)	Taymara Oropeza / Yeily Mari Ortiz (CUB)	Iliyan Stoynov / Hristomina Popovska (BUL)
Muhamad Sultan Nuhabibu (INA)	Ines Castillo (PER)	Aria Dinata / Filip Spoljarec (CRO)	Alejandra Paiz / Mariana Paiz (GUA)	Christopher martinez / Mariana Paiz (GUA)
Iliyan Stoynov (BUL)	Rafaela Munar (PER)	Jose Granados / Antonio Ortiz (GUA)	Ines Castillo / Paula La Torre (PER)	Diosbel Tamayo / Nayibis Reyes (CUB)
Danil Bubovenki (ISR)	Yeily Mari Ortiz (CUB)	Yeison del Cid / Christopher Martinez (GUA / ESA)	Fernanda Munar / Rafaela Munar (PER)	Samuel Rickets / Thalia Richardson (JAM)

5.1.3. Upcoming Tournaments

At the moment of this report **two tournaments** are pending to be delivered, the **XXVI YONEX Pan Am Individual Championships 20223** and **2023 Mexican International Challenge**.

5.1.3.1. XXVI YONEX Pan Am Individual Championships 2023

This tournament will be held in Spanish Town – Jamaica from the 26th to 29th April 2023, with the participation of **134 entered players** from **19 countries** (ARG, BAR, BRA, CAN, CHI, CRC, CUB, ECU, ESA, GUA, GUY, JAM, MEX, PAR, PER, TTO, USA, VEN).

Draws has been done and posted on BPAC website and Tournament Software.

As an important remark, this tournament will close the qualification period for **Pan American Games SANTIAGO 2023**, so this is the final chance to get points for a higher position into the country qualification table.

5.1.3.2. III Mexican International Challenge 2023

The 3rd version of this **International Challenge Tournament** will be held during the first week of May in the city of Guadalajara – Mexico from the 2nd to 7th May 2023.



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This tournament officially opens the **OQP Paris 2024**, being the first event in the region for this important period of **52 weeks**, the importance of this tournament is also noticed in the number of entries with a participation of **191 entered players** coming from **38 countries** (ALG, AUS, AUT, BEL, BRA, BUL, CAN, CZE, DEN, ECU, EGY, ENG, ESA, ESP, FIN, FRA, GER, GUA, HUN, IND, IRL, ISR, ITA, JAM, JPN, KSA, MAS, MEX, NOR, PER, POL, POR, SLO, SUI, SUR, THA, TTO, UKR, USA)

5.2. Technical Officials

During the first quarter of the year 2023, training and assessment activities have been delivered for BPAC TOs, including Referees, Umpires and Line Judges.

5.2.1. Referee Appraisal and Assessments

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Assess and Appraise Referees, was one of the most difficult activities, considering that due to the risk to travel some of them decide to not accept their appointments.

So, the **2023 Pan American Cup**, was the opportunity to Appraise Mr. Ian Counter (USA) who is a BPAC Accredited Referee, in this opportunity Mr. Counter was appraised by Mr. Yves Cote BPAC Referee Assessor and trainer who was in charge of evaluate Ian's Referee performance and after evaluation confirm is he is ready for a certification assessment in 2024, Mr. Ian also was sharing responsibilities with **Ms. Shirly Gabay** a BWF Referee who this time participate as a Deputy Referee.

5.2.1.1. Referee Assessment

Following the itinerary **Mr. PJ Williams (TTO)**, will be assessed for Certification during the **XXVI YONEX Pan Am Individual Championships 2023**, and will be supported by Mr. Alejandro Lopez (MEX) as his Deputy Referee.

5.2.2. Umpire Appraisal

As a part of the program **BPAC Umpire Building Skills**, into the ITOs Umpire nomination were called some participants of the program 2022 – 2023 who had the opportunity to share experience and put in practice all the knowledge learns during the theoretical sessions in 2022.

Program 2022 - 2023

Bo Zhao (USA)

Arthur "QIN" Zhu
(USA)

Pablo Schoeffel
(BRA)

Experience

José Andrade (CRC)

Daneidy Arciniega
(DOM)

BWF Umpire

Kevin Bahn (USA)

Assessor

Enrique Charadan
(CUB)

Unfortunately, **Daneidy Arciniega (DOM)**, could not participate due to his Mexican visa was denied by the consulate.



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5.2.3. Line Judge Training towards Pan Am Games SANTIAGO 2023

As a part of the support given to the organizing committee towards the delivery of the **Panam Games SANTIAGO 2023**, a Line Judges Training plan has been put in place with the participation of the CHI BA.

This activity will be delivered in two stages during two different tournaments (one national and the other international).

Up to date, the first stage has been delivered during a national tournament which took place from March 25th to April 1st at the Olympic Centre.

Mr. Enrique Charadan (CUB), was in charge of the training with the participation of 20 candidates which attend a theoretical and practical part.

5.3. Member Associations Support

5.3.1. Tournament Software Workshop

As per request from the Suriname Badminton Association, a **Tournament Software Workshop** has been delivered during **5 virtual sessions** from April 11th to 20th, with the collaboration of **Mr. PJ Williams (TTO)** BPAC Referee as instructor for this activity and **10 attendees** which are members of the different badminton clubs in Suriname and TTO.

During this workshop, participants had the opportunity to learn about the several features which provide the Tournament Software App and understand from the basis, what is a competition system and how to apply the knowledge according to the specific situations, at the end of this workshop all attendees will be able to support Association competition activities and be an important resource for their clubs and National Association.

5.3.2. Level 1 BWF Events Management Course

Regarding the BWF Events Training pathway and considering that BWF will held a Level 2 Continental Events Management Course in next December, the delivery of a Level 1 Events Management Course has been put in place.

This activity is divided into two stages one virtual and the second one face-to-face as follows:

- For the **virtual stage**, all nominated candidates will have the opportunity to enroll a virtual course using the WAoS platform, and considering their individual performance during the virtual activity, will have the opportunity to be invited to the stage (face-to-face).
All participants at the virtual stage, will have 30 days to complete the virtual stage.
- **Face-to-Face stage** will be delivered in Lima – at BPAC headquarters in July (tentative), so all candidates that has been invited for this activity will participate in a three days course with the goal to clarify and create several Tournament development plans according with their reality and resources.
As an advantage of this, candidates will have the opportunity to share experiences and learn from other context and apply this knowledge to their plans.