



# SOLOMON ISLANDS

EMBRACING THE  
VISION

The background of the cover features a large, close-up image of the Pacific Games flag, which has a blue field with white stars and a yellow diagonal stripe. In the bottom right corner, there is a photograph of a young, smiling child running on a sandy beach, wearing red and white checkered shorts. The child's shadow is cast on the sand.

**XV PACIFIC GAMES 2015**

# **BID DOCUMENT**

**THE PACIFIC GAMES CHARTER  
[REGULATION 20]**





**Solomon Islands**  
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Point Cruz area of Honiara, the Host City for the XV Pacific Games  
in 2015

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**MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL  
OF SOLOMON ISLANDS AND PATRON OF THE 2015 SOUTH PACIFIC  
GAMES BID COMMITTEE**

By 2015, it will be 52 years since the birth of the South Pacific Games. Since 1963, Solomon Islands has actively participated in all succeeding Games. This time it is the desire of the people of Solomon Islands to host the Games.

In Palau in 2005 Solomon Islands was not successful in its bid. While the nation was disappointed we accepted the decision of the Games Council graciously within the spirit of Pacific cooperation and unity. Our defeat in Palau only increased our resolve to continue asking the member nations and territories of the Pacific Games region to recognize the desire and will of the people of Solomon Islands to host this great event. It will be a chance to demonstrate to our Pacific neighbours the richness of our sporting talents, our cultures and our beautiful nation.

It was in September 2008 that the National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands presented the intention of Solomon Islands to host the 2015 South Pacific Games.

As Governor General of Solomon Islands I am excited about the prospect of hosting the Pacific Games in Honiara in 2015 and I am appealing to all members of the Pacific Games Council to stand by Solomon Islands in its genuine desire to host the 2015 Games. My Government has approved the Bid and will render all assistance, both financial and technical, to the National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands to ensure that the Games are staged to the highest standards.

I extend my cordial invitation to all athletes and officials to the Games and may you enjoy the hospitality of my people.

  
**HE Sir Nathaniel R Waena GCMG KStJ CSI**  
Governor General



## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER**

As Prime Minister of Solomon Islands I am excited about the prospect of my country playing host to the XV Pacific Games in Honiara in 2015, in Solomon Islands. If this eventuates, it will be an honour unsurpassed in the history of this young nation.

To demonstrate my Government's commitment to hosting the Games, Parliament, through the 2009 Appropriation Act 2008, allocated funds to assist the Bid Committee comply with the bidding procedures provided for under the Games Charter. I am pleased that the Bid Document is ready in time for submission to the Games Council.

The Government and people of Solomon Islands are committed to the Games Vision. We have shown this over the period since the First Games in Suva in 1963 when our team travelled on a small trawler from Honiara to Suva spending almost ten days at sea. Since then we have been sending sizable teams to each Games despite financial constraints.

In Solomon Islands sports play a key role in merging national unity in a nation that is so diverse. It is the biggest asset we have in forging ethnic harmony and cultural solidarity.

In our continuous search for common rallying point to build our nation, my Government has chosen the hosting of the Pacific Games in 2015 as the common thread that will contribute significantly to creating a culture of unity, peace and reconciliation and to provide a common future for all Solomon Islanders.

I offer you the assurance of my Government that we are fully committed to develop all facilities and Games infrastructure by 2015. We have secured funding for the construction of our first national sports stadium complex. Work will commence later this year.

We will be delighted to host the 2015 Games and to welcome Pacific athletes to Honiara for this great event.

The entire nation is ready to welcome you and to treat you with unsurpassed hospitality so that the legacy of the greatest occasion in the Pacific Region will be in your memories for a lifetime.

Welcome to Honiara in 2015.

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**Hon. Dr. Derrick Sikua**

Prime Minister of Solomon Islands





## OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF OPPOSITION

The bid to host the 2015 Pacific Games attracts bi-partisan support of the House of Parliament of Solomon Islands.

In my capacity as the Leader of the Opposition, our group lends its total support to the bid to host the Pacific Games in Honiara, Solomon Islands, in 2015.

Sports is non political and as such, it is one of the few entities in the world that promotes unity among people of all race, religion, creed and political affiliations. It is an avenue where people of all background share moments of common understanding, love and friendship that breaks down all barriers of discriminations.

As such, we lend undivided and total support to the Government of Solomon Islands for its commitment to bid for and host the 2015 Games.

This expectation has sent waves of excitement throughout our nation and we are committed to make your stay in Solomon Islands for the Games a memorable occasion.

Our nation longs for that bond of kindred, friendship and brotherhood amongst people of the countries and territories of the Pacific Region. You will give us that experience when you give us the Games.

I am committed to offer my full support to the Government of Solomon Islands and I look forward for your support of our bid and to welcome you to Honiara in 2015.

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**Hon. Manasseh Sogovare**  
Leader of Opposition



## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS**

The Government of Solomon Islands and its people have a joint commitment to host the Pacific Games in Honiara in 2015. This has been our dream for a long time. As a large nation of the Pacific, we, too, deserve to be given this privilege to host the Games.

Surely, asking the Council for the chance to be given an opportunity to host the Games after 50 years of the Games inception is not asking too much. If the Pacific Games Council decides to give the Games away, it would mean that Solomon Islands will have to wait for another decade to make another attempt.

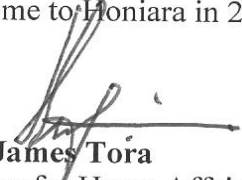
The Bid is very important to my Government and the people of Solomon Islands. We have been through a very difficult period in the history of our nation. But today we want to forge a new direction and create a culture of peace, unity and nation building. We are focusing on reconciliation by helping each other forget the past, heal the wounds and move forward to a brighter tomorrow.

The Government, through my Ministry, has cooperated fully with the National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands in the bid process. We will stand by them in preparing for the Games should the Solomon Islands' bid be successful.

I am confident that Solomon Islands' Bid will be given the favourable consideration it deserves.

We are looking forward towards the support of our Pacific friends in making a dream come true.

Welcome to Honiara in 2015.

  
**Hon. James Tora**  
Minister for Home Affairs

## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE MAYOR HONIARA CITY**

It is an honour to support Honiara City Candidature to host the 2015 Pacific Games.

In 1981 when Honiara played host to the first South Pacific Mini Games, it was a town of about 14,000 inhabitants. Today it is the home of more than 85,000 people and the fastest growing urban area in the Pacific. More than 70% of the City population are below the age of 30 years. For them the hosting of the 2015 Games will be an exciting moment through which there will emerge a new consciousness about good sportsmanship, sporting excellence and talent utilisation. The decision to bid for the 2015 Games has inspired imagination, creativity and unsurpassed passion amongst City residents, both young and old. Everyone is behind the Government's efforts to prepare the City for this major international sporting event. The Games will, no doubt, transform Honiara City and create a one and only unforgettable experience for local and regional athletes.

We have a commitment to prepare the city to accommodate all visitors to the Games. We recognize the tremendous responsibility associated with hosting such a great event and we will discharge our obligations to ensure that the Games are held in fulfilment of the Games Charter requirements and to the highest standards.

I wish to congratulate members of the Pacific Games Council for your tireless efforts in ensuring the success of these Games since 1963. It has been the biggest unifying factor in the Pacific Region over the 50 years of its history.

In closing, I extend my invitation to all athletes, accompanying delegates, officials and visitors of the region to Honiara in 2015 where we can offer you the humble hospitality of these isles, Solomon Islands.

See you in Honiara City, 2015.



**Hon. Alfred Maetia**  
(Honiara City Deputy/Acting Lord Mayor)



## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN SOLOMON ISLANDS NATIONAL SPORTS COUNCIL**

The National Sports Council has been instrumental in assisting the National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands fulfil the bid requirements enshrined in the Games Charter. We are mandated by the Government to ensure that NOCSI is strengthened and supported in all ways possible in order to place the bid before the Council. We are also mandated to cooperate fully with NOCSI in the preparation of facilities and venues for the Games, should the bid be successful. We are confident that the Games will be staged to the highest standard for the benefit of all athletes of the Pacific Community.

As we commenced assisting NOCSI in submitting the Bid Document to host the Games, Cabinet had, on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009, allocated a 5 hectare land at Burns Creek to my Council to develop the national stadium complex. Funding for the project has been secured from the Republic of China and construction will commence towards the end of 2009. This will be the biggest single public sports project ever to be built in Solomon Islands since this nation's independence in 1978.

The stadium will accommodate the main sporting arena and other related infrastructure and facilities for the 2015 Games. It is the target of the Government of Solomon Islands for the new sports facilities to be completed in 2012, well ahead of the Games date in 2015. These facilities will place Solomon Islands at par with many other countries and territories in the region and, thus, increasing the quality of competition in Oceania.

With the overwhelming support we have from all sectors of the Solomon Islands community, I have the confidence that the Games Council will accept Solomon Islands Bid for the Games.

Like others, I look forward to welcoming you in Honiara for the 2015 Games.

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**Andrew H Nori**, LL.B. LL.M  
Chairman  
S.I.National Sports Council



## **OUR HUMBLE BID: STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF SOLOMON ISLANDS**

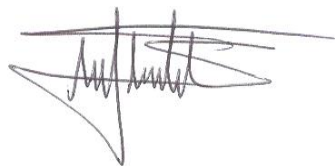
**The National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands (NOCSI) has the honour and privilege to present its bid to host the XV Pacific Games in 2015 in Honiara.**

Solomon Islands hosted the first ever Mini South Pacific Games in 1981. That was the time when NOCSI was in its infant stage. This time we are a duly constituted and fully functional sports organization recognised by the Games Council, the ONOC and the Government of Solomon Islands. With the consistent assistance of the Government, through the National Sports Council, NOCSI will strive to make the 2015 Games a success story to be remembered by all visiting athletes and dignitaries.

The quality of the Bid Document does not fully reflect the determination of NOCSI and the sporting community of Solomon Islands to host successful Games in 2015. There is tremendous support and excitement in the country towards preparing Honiara for this important event. We will ensure that all venues, facilities and technical requirements are put in place ahead of schedule. The Government of Solomon Islands as well as the Opposition Group in Parliament fully support this Bid.

We now appeal to Council members to accept and support this humble bid from Solomon Islands.

Sincerely yours

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**Fred Maetoloa**

President

National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands

## **A LETTER OF COMMITMENT FROM THE SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT**

The Government of Solomon Islands is fully committed to host the XV Pacific Games in Honiara in 2015. To ascertain this commitment in accordance with the Charter, my Government will fulfil the following requirements:

My Government:

1. Supports the Bid and will undertake to cover the costs of the Games.
2. Agree to pay the sum of US\$10,000,000-00 when the Pacific Games are granted to Solomon Islands.
3. Will undertake to pay for the accommodation costs of the President of the Pacific Games Council if he or she has to visit Solomon Islands during the 4 years period up to the Games.
4. Agree and guarantee that athletes to the Games will not be required to pay any per diem for food, accommodation and transport. These will be met wholly from the OC's Games Budget with the support of the Government.

I thank you for making thoughtful consideration of Solomon Islands Bid to be the host Country for the 2015 Pacific Games.

Yours truly



**Hon. Dr. Derrick Sikua**  
Prime Minister of Solomon Islands



Solomon Islands Rugby Union Federation stadium at Town Ground in Honiara  
(with the permission of the SIRUF)

# INTRODUCTION

The founders of the South Pacific Games nearly 50 years ago had a vision – “to promote a unique friendly world-class competition for the benefit of the people, the nations and territories of the Pacific community”.

Solomon Islands shares in this vision and will offer to the sportsmen and women of the Pacific region a competition that will be remembered for many years to come. In so doing, our primary consideration will be the interest and wellbeing of the Pacific athletes.

We acknowledge that the Pacific community has changed, even transformed, over the years since the days of the 1<sup>st</sup> Games in Suva in 1963. The world has become smaller in terms of communication technology. The Internet has changed the way we live and do business and source information. At the same time new challenges have emerged which are having direct impact on our young peoples’ perspective on life and on the world around them – issues of international terrorism, climate change and global economic crisis. In summary, we are living in a new era in which new levels of regional cooperation and unity is demanded of us all. It is a time to strengthen our relationships and friendships within the spirit of the Games.

The XV Pacific Games will offer an excellent opportunity for our young people to realize their common bond as “people of

the sea” where rise in ocean level and reduction in fish stock due to changes in weather patterns pose serious and real threats to their wellbeing and survival.

The Games is not a time to become oblivious to our fears about sea rise and carbon emission, far from it. It is a time to embrace everything that is good about the Pacific, the ocean, the rain forests, the beaches and the numerous islands which have become our heritage and our inheritance. It is a time to **EMBRACE THE VISSION** of the founding fathers of these Games. It is a time to enjoy ourselves as we showcase our talents and skills to the highest sporting standards, despite the challenges we face in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.





# BACKGROUND INFORMATION

## *The Country*

Solomon Islands stretches from the Shortland islands in the west bordering PNG to the tiny island of Fataka in the east, near to the northern border of the Republic of Vanuatu. This is a distance of more than 1,200 km. The land area of the country is 27,600 square kilometres, making it the second biggest country in the insular Pacific, next to PNG.

This nation of more than a thousand islands is the proud host to two world heritage sites – Roviana Lagoon in the Western Province, the world's longest enclosed coral lagoon, and Lake Tengano on the Polynesian island of Rennel, which is the biggest raised atoll lake in insular Pacific (15,500 ha) with some of the world's rarest fauna and flora species.

Solomon Islands is located at 9.20degrees south, 159.48 degrees east.

## *Population*

The population of Solomon Islands as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 was estimated at 630,000 based on the 1999 growth rate of 3 % per annum.

Solomon Islands is the melting pot of the Pacific when it comes to racial composition. While Melanesians form the majority of the population (80%), there are a large number of Polynesians who occupy the outlying islands (10%) and Micronesians of ni-Kiribati origin (3) who first arrived in Solomon Islands in the early 1950s. There are a large number of second and third generation Chinese and Asians who call Solomon Islands their home. All races have shared equally in the task of building the Solomon Islands state.

## *Religion*

Solomon Islanders are genuinely religious. Christianity accounts for about 90% of the population while other minor religions form the rest.

The Solomon Islands Constitution guarantees freedom of religion and beliefs. This is a constitutional right which is valued highly and exercised freely by Solomon Islanders.

## *The Government system*

Solomon Islands became independent on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1978 and has adopted a constitutional democracy based on the Westminster model. The English Monarch is the Constitutional Head of State who is represented in Solomon Islands by a Governor General.

The National Parliament is unicameral. Its 50 members are elected every four years by universal suffrage. Parliament elects the prime minister who then chooses his cabinet ministers from amongst the members of Parliament. Ministers are then formally appointed by the Governor General. Under the Constitution (Prescription of Ministers) Act, the prime minister may choose up to 24 ministers.

Every Solomon Island citizen from 18 years up may register as voters, but voting is not compulsory.

## *How the Country earns its money*

More than 70% of the Solomon Islands population depend on the subsistence economy for their sustenance. The cash economy comprises only 30%. The subsistence sector has

often provided effective safety net against imported inflation and has been the reason why so many people have been able to survive through difficult economic times. They live mainly off the garden and on the fish from the ocean.

Timber, palm oil, copra, cocoa and fisheries are the mainstay of the nation's foreign exchange earnings. Gold export is expected to resume in a few months following the closure of the main Gold Ridge Mine in 2000, following the ethnic crisis on Guadalcanal.

### ***Honiara – the Host City***

The Games venue will be in Honiara, the National Capital. The fastest growing City (the fastest in the Pacific according to World Bank report in May 2007) has a population of 84,000 people, 70% of whom are below 30 years of age.

The Port of Point Cruz is the main shipping gateway to Solomon Islands. It is also one of the main transshipment ports approved by the Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency for transshipment of fish catches by foreign vessels licensed to fish in the Solomon Islands EEZ.

### ***Diving***

For those who are interested, the seas near and around Honiara offer exciting dive destinations for war wrecks. These wrecks are protected by law and removal of items found on the wrecks are illegal.

### ***Dining Out***

Honiara has a good number of restaurants which serve excellent Chinese, European, Japanese and island cuisines.

While the OC does not encourage athletes to over-entertain and over-socialise while in Honiara for the Games, there are several licensed nightclubs which open six nights a week from early evening to 2pm.

### ***Sites to see***

Sites to see in Honiara are the national museum along the Mendana Avenue, the National Arts Gallery, Parliament House, Honiara Main Market and the newly restored Chinatown.

Beaches west of the City are beautiful resting areas. Some areas are under the control of customary landowners who charge small fees for vehicle parking.

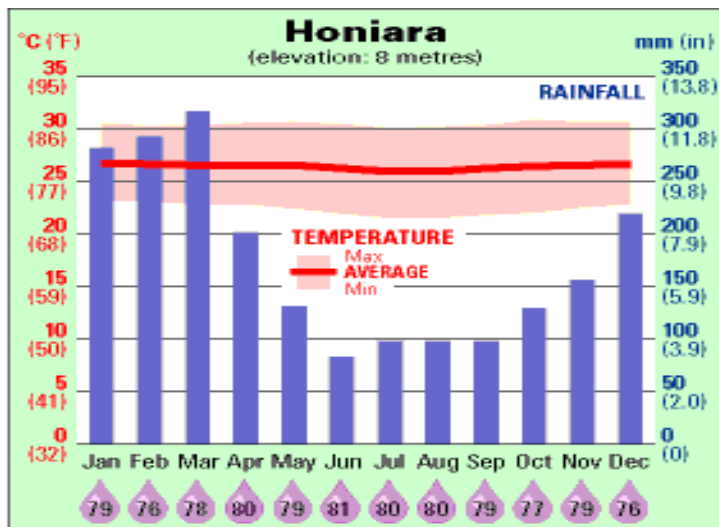
# CLIMATE DATA

The climate of Solomon Islands is tropical, mainly hot and humid, with little annual variation in temperature. The wet season (November to April) can bring severe tropical storms.

## Required Clothing

Tropical, light-wears and cottons clothing are recommended. During the wet period from November to April, having an umbrella is handy.

Honiara experiences the least rainfall in the whole country as it is located on the leeward site of the main island of Guadalcanal.



(Source: World Travel Guide)

It is our desire to host the Games during the period between July and September 2015 when rainfall is lowest.



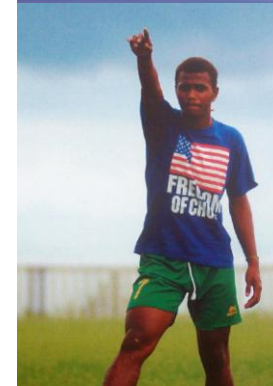
# SPORTS PROGRAMME

We propose to host the Games to coincide with Solomon Islands 37<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015. The period is also the driest. The opening ceremony should take place one week after the Independence anniversary celebrations.

The academic school holidays, which last for six weeks, also starts at the end of June.

The followings will be the sports in the programme:

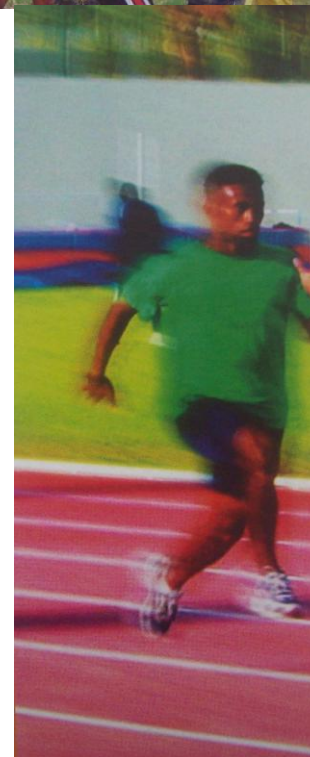
Sport	Venue	Gender
1.Track and Field	National Stadium	Men and Women
2.Football	Lawson Tama	Men and Women
3.Rugby – 7s 15	Men Men	Rugby Stadium Rugby Stadium
4.Touch Rugby	Men & Women	Rugby Stadium
5.Basketball	Men & Women	Multi Purpose Gym, Lawson Tama
6.Netball	Women	National Stadium, Burns Creek
7.Swimming	Men & Women	National Stadium Pool
8.Martial arts	Men & Women	National Stadium Gym
9.Volleyball (indoor)	Men & Women Men & Women	Multipurpose Hall, Lawson Tama
10.Beach Volleyball	Men & Women	AE Oval
11.Beach soccer	Men	Burns Creek Beach- soccer stadium
12.Archery	Men & Women	National Stadium, Burns Creek
13.Shooting	Men & Women	Betikama Rifle Range





14.Va'a	Men & Women	Point Cruz
15.Sailing	Men & Women	Point Cruz Yacht Club
16.Weightlifting/Powerlifting	Men & Women	National Stadium
17.Body Building	Men & Women	National Stadium
18.Judo	Men & Women	National Stadium
19.Tae Kwon Do	Men & Women	National Stadium
20.Lawn Tennis	Men & Women	Lawson Tama Tennis Court
21.Table Tennis	Men & Women	Multi-purpose Hall, Lawson Tama
22.Golf	Men & Women	Golf Club, Kukum
23.Boxing	Men	National Stadium
31. Tennis	Men & Women	National Stadium
25.Softball	Men & Women	National Stadium
26.Wrestling (free and creco Roman)	Men	National Stadium
27.Hockey	Men & Women	National Stadium
28.Triathlon	Men & Women	AE Beach Oval (start) and along Honiara selected roads
29.Lawn bowls	Men & Women	Lawson Tama
30.Cricket	Men	King George VI Oval

There will be 30 sports in the 2015 XV Pacific Games.



# ORGANISING COMMITTEE

In order to achieve the Vision of the Games’ founding fathers, we will ensure that the Organising Committee consists of the best sport leaders Solomon Islands can offer.

## ***Charter and Legal Status:***

The Organising Committee will be incorporated under an Act of Parliament. As soon as the Bid is successful, the Bill will be tabled in Parliament which will establish a Games Authority. The Authority will be responsible for the overall administration of the Games.

## ***Organisational Chart:***

The organizational chart of the OC will be as shown in “**Annexure A**”, which shows the relationship with and representation of the PGC and the National PGA. The OC will be constituted in accordance with the terms of Regulation 20 of the Charter.

Membership of the proposed Games Authority and the various subcommittees will be drawn from the community, the government, the Host City and from technical expertise to be engaged from overseas.

All efforts will be made to have as many members of the Bid Committee as possible to be retained in the OC structure.

## ***Volunteer programmes.***

The OC will be supported by over 200 volunteers to be drawn from holidaying students and others in Honiara, mainly from the sports federations that are members of the local PGA, the National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands (“NOCSI”). They will operate under the leadership of the Director of Volunteer Corp who heads one of the subcommittees within the Games Authority.

## ***Director of Sports***

The coordination of the various sporting activities, technical staff including presentation of awards will form the basis for well-organised Games. These will come under the leadership of the Director of Sports.

## ***Director of Games Village***

There will be a subcommittee headed by a Director to oversee all matters of logistics and service delivery at each of the proposed five Games Villages. The committee will

coordinate its efforts with the volunteer corp. group to ensure effective tasking and assignment of manpower and supplies.

#### ***Director Venues and facilities***

The subcommittee tasked with coordinating and making preparation of venues and facilities will be the first to go into operation, soon after the winning of the bid. The director will work closely with the government through the national sports council and NOCSI to ensure that all venues and facilities earmarked for the Games are completed in time. Thereafter, his committee will ensure that venues and facilities remain ready for each scheduled sport competition.

#### ***Director Security***

Security will be a top priority of the OC. The recruitment, training and tasking of manpower for this particular assignment will be carried out by the Director of Security in consultation with the Royal Solomon Island Police and the Host City authority.

The service will come under the management of the Director of Security.

#### ***Director Marketing***

Like the venues and facilities subcommittee, marketing and sponsorship will form the backbone of the preparation for the Games. The Director of Marketing will ensure that his committee raises public awareness both within and outside the country in order to draw in needed revenue and technical know how. The OC will ensure that key nationals and friends

from both the private and public sectors get involved in this important task.

An important assignment awaiting the committee is the planning, launching and management of national lotteries as part of the Games' fundraising efforts.

#### ***Director of Media Services***

The exposure of the Games throughout Solomon Island and to the rest of world will enhance not only the Games Vision but will also benefit Solomon Islands in the short, medium and long term. The subcommittee headed by the Director of Media Services will shoulder this important responsibility.

Membership of this key committee will be drawn from the local media as well as from overseas.

#### ***Director of Liaison***

Timely input and involvement by relevant government and semi government bodies at crucial times is critical from the preparatory stage right up to the Games period. There are certain laws and regulations which will have to be complied with and permits and licenses issued. These will be achieved only if there is maximum cooperation between the OC and the relevant government authorities. The task will be performed by the Director of Government Liaison and his subcommittee.

#### ***Director of Events***

The main assignment of this subcommittee under the Director will be the organisation of the opening and closing

ceremonies and other events required to add quality to the Games.

The Torch Relay will be one of the important events to organised and supervised by the subcommittee.

## **PAST SPORTS EVENTS & OTHER MAJOR EVENTS**

Major events organised by Solomon Islands in the past were the 1981 1<sup>st</sup> South Pacific Mini Games, the FIFA Under 17 world cup Qualifying tournament in 1998, and the 2004 FIFA World Cup Qualifying rounds in 2004. In addition Solomon Islands also hosted the home matches against Australia of the Oceania FIFA World Cup finals against Australia in 2006.

## **TECHNICAL OFFICIALS**

In respect of the sports listed for the 2015 Games there are very few technical people currently available locally to organize and manage the events. Where expert assistance is required, the NOCSI and the Government will source assistance from overseas, in consultation with the relevant federations.

Local training of coaches and technical staff will be organized at least two years from the Games date.

Current pool of technical officials are as follows-

Soccer	3 FIFA Barge
Netball	2 IFNA Barge
Basketball	2 IBF Barge
Weightlifting	1 IWF Barge
Boxing	3 OBF approved Referees and judges
Tennis	4 Recognised umpires

This obvious shortfall will be bridged through a coordinated and planned programme aimed at training and equipping the required number of technical expertise in readiness for the Games and beyond



# FACILITIES

## *Sports and Related Facilities*

Existing Facilities include Lawson Tama FIFA Stadium, King George VI School sports fields, the Golf Club facilities and the Multi Purpose Hall Gymnasium at Lawson Tama. The KGVl fields and those at the S I College of Higher Education are adequate as training venues for the athletes.

The main venue for the Games will be the National Stadium at Burns Creek. Construction of the stadium will be completed by the end of 2011, three years ahead of the Games date. The stadium will have crowd capacity of up to 30,000 (grand stand for 6,000)

Facilities which will be required and which are yet to be developed are for swimming and shooting. Others to have basic facilities which will be renovated and upgraded. These include tennis, cricket, basketball and boxing.

The new rugby stadium at Town Grown is under construction and will be completed by the middle of 2010. Total spectator capacity will be 8,000.

## *Games Village*

The main Games Villages will be at KGVl and the two SICHE campuses at Panatina and Kukum. These together will accommodate about 2,600 athletes. Additional accommodation will be secured from other institutions such as Don Bosco Youth Centre and the Betikama College.

Athletes will be housed in rooms with four athletes to a room, using double bunker beds.

Total rooms in the proposed institution campuses will be 3,000. The rooms will not be air conditioned but will have ceiling fans. Each unit has toilet and shower facilities which will be upgraded for the Games.

Each of the three campuses have own dining facilities.

Mal Times will be as follows-

<i>Meals</i>	<i>Time</i>
Breakfast	6.00 - 10.30
Lunch	12.00 – 2.30
Dinner	18.00 – 22.30

Throughout the day refreshments and coffee will be available from 6 am right through to 12 midnight at all Village venues.

### ***Medical Centre and Media Centres***

There will be two main medical centres: one to be located at King George VI School and the other at the Kukum Campus of the Solomon Islands College of Higher Education.

### ***Press Centre***

The main press centre will be located at the Panatina Campus Pavilion of the SICHE.

### ***Banking***

Based on initial discussions with the three commercial banks in Honiara, it will be possible to locate banking services at each of the Games Villages for currency exchanges and withdrawals. Additional ATMs will be located throughout the City to meet demand.

For money transfers the Solomon Islands Postal Corporation offers services through the Western Union.

Postal and telecommunication services  
Solomon Telekom has the capacity to establish temporary telecommunication outlets at a central

location at each of the Games villages. This will include internet cafes and printing services.

For postal services, athletes may use Solomon Post, operated by the Solomon Islands Postal Corporation.

### ***Travel Bureau***

The main travel office will be located at King George VI High School. Arrangements are being made with all the existing airlines and travel agencies.

### ***Dry-cleaning and Laundry***

Each Games Village will have a laundry and dry cleaning facility with capacity to service needs of athletes. Athletes will do their own washing when it comes to personal clothing and uniforms, otherwise the laundry staff will be available to assist at cost to the OC.

### ***Other Facilities***

To add to athlete comfort and requirements, additional facilities for the followings will be placed at each Games village-

- Indoor entertainment facilities for snooker and darts
- Film shows with large screen TV access
- Physiotherapy rooms

### ***Accommodation***

HQ Hotel for Council and PGA members

Members of the Games Council and PGA delegates will be accommodated at the Mendana Kitano Hotel at Point Cruz. Alternative accommodation will be the Heritage Park Hotel, also at Point Cruz.

Each of the hotels provides bar, restaurant), internet, conference and international telephone services.

Technical Officials, IF delegates, members of the news media and others may be accommodated at either the Heritage Park Hotel, the King Solomons or at the Pacific Casino Hotel. All these are within 15 minutes drive to the Main Games venues.

### ***Relative Distances from and to venues***

The followings are the distances from and to relevant venues from games villages-

From	To	Distance (Km)	Average time
KGVI NHS	Main Stadium	0.2	0.02
	Lawson Tama	3	00.06
	Rugby Stadium	5	00.15
	Golf club	0.3	00.3
Panatina	Main Stadium	0.4	0.04

	Lawson Tama	2	00.5
	Rugby Stadium	4	00.16
	Golf club	0.1	00.2
Kukum	Main Stadium	3	00.6
	Lawson Tama	2	00.5
	Rugby Stadium	4	00.20
	Golf club	2	00.5
Betikama	Main Stadium	2	00.5
	Lawson Tama	4	00.20
	Rugby Stadium	6	00.25
	Golf club	3	00.6
Don Bosco	Main Stadium	3	00.04
	Lawson Tama	7	00.25
	Rugby Stadium	9	00.35
	Golf club	4	00.10

### ***Transportation Arrangements***

Transport arrangements will as follows-

Coach Minibus Special:

Each country and territory participating at the Games will be allocated coaches and mini buses (with drivers) based on team size. Coaches and mini buses will also operate from Games villages to the main venues. The drivers and buses will be located at each Games village.

### ***Other vehicles and cars***

In order to ease movement of team management during the Games period, cars and other vehicles will be made available on request. Each country and territory will be provided with at least two cars which will remain with the team for the duration of the Games.

### ***Council Group***

Members of the Council will be picked up at their hotels by designated mini buses to and from Games venues or other destinations. They will, in addition, will be allocated two cars for their own use.

The President of the Games Council will be allocated a car and a driver. The other executive members of the Council will also be allocated one car each and a driver. Similar privileges will be accorded any ‘Life Member’ who will be visiting Honiara for the Games.

Representatives of International Federations which will be in Honiara for the Games will be housed in one hotel to allow for easy delivery of transportation.

In summary the OC will comply with the transport requirements described at Regulation 12.12.9 to the Games Charter



The Pavilion of the SICHE Panatina Campus – site for accreditation and press centres





One of the accommodation units at KG VI School



Don Bosco Youth Centre, a likely Games Village



Accommodation unit at the Kukum Campus of the SICHE



Additional accommodation facilities will be offered by Betikama College, less than 5 minutes drive from the Main Stadium





Netball Court (Adjacent to Multipurpose Hall)



Tennis Courts



Multipurpose Hall



Ruby Stadium





the proposed National Stadium Complex at Burns Creek, East Honiara

### ***Telecommunication***

Telecommunication services will be provided at the National Stadium, close to the centre of sporting activities.

### ***Lodging for PGA Group and Technical Staff***

Lodging for all PGA officially accredited groups and technical officers will be at the Mendana Kitano Hotel at the Centre of Honiara City.

***Entry to Solomon Islands*** will be via the Honiara International Airport.

### ***Hotels***

Hotel accommodation will be secured at the following hotels:

Name	Room	Rates (USD)	Location
Mendana	120	130	Point Cruz
King Siolomons	120	140	Hibiscus Avenue
Heritage Park	150	140	Point Cruz West
Honiara	80	90	China Town

Pacific Casino	160	140	Prince Philip Highway

### ***Competition Venues***

Competitions will be staged at the following sites:

### ***Training Areas***

These will be mainly at the KGVN NHS and at the Panatina Campus fields of the SICHE.

Training areas for various sports will also be provided at Burns Creek Oval (near the National Stadium), King George High School grounds, AE Oval (opposite the National Stadium).

Existing facilities throughout Honiara will be upgraded as training venues for tennis, netball, rugby and other team and individual sports.



Mendana Kitano Hotel, main accommodation  
for Games Council and PGA delegates



King Solomons Hotel which will be used for the  
media and technical officials



Pacific Casino Hotel, alternative accommodation  
for VIPs



Honiara Hotel, another alternative accommodation  
for VIPs





Honiara International Airport, the main air gateway to Solomon Islands



Lawson Tama FIFA Gold Project Stadium, the main venue for all association football

### ***Others***

During the Games period buses will be organised to operate from and to all hotels on a 15 minute cycle. This is to ensure that members of the media, technical officials, VIPs from participating countries



and territories will be provided with efficient transportation.

Ministers who will be at the Games, either by invitation or in official capacities, will be provided with cars and drivers.

### ***General Team***

Transportation for team managers and athletes are catered for under the arrangements for each Games Village.







Proposed National Multipurpose Sports Stadium at Burns Creek, Honiara, main venue for the XV Games

# GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

## *Village per diem*

**Consistent with Melanesian and Pacific Islands tradition athletes to the 2015 Games will not be required to pay any per diem for meals, accommodation and transport.** These will be provided free of charge by the Government of Solomon Islands and the National Olympics Committee of Solomon Islands,.

## *Travel grant to be offered*

All transport for athletes and officials will be free as these will be absorbed by the Games Budget.

## *Hospitals and medical facilities offered*

Each Games village will be provided with a clinic. Arrangements will be made with the Honiara Referral; Hospital to designate certain facilities and staff to serve the medical and medicinal needs of athletes and Games officials, if the need arises.

## *Drug Testing Procedure*

Solomon Islands will ensure that effective anti-doping regime is put in place for the Games. Athletes may be tested at any time and at any place.

Arrangements will be made with the Oceania Regional Anti Doping Organisation (ORADO) in relation to drug testing of athletes prior to and during the Games period. Through their advice the name of the proper laboratory will be identified and information provided to the Games Council and other participating PGAs.

Arrangements for transportation of samples will also be discussed and agreed with the identified laboratory.

Solomon Islands will ratify the UNESCO Anti Doping Convention against doping in sports within the next few weeks. Under Solomon Islands law this is required to be done by Cabinet, not the National Parliament.



### ***Transport***

Honiara City poses one of the highest rates of busses and taxis per capita in the entire South Pacific. Buses can be boarded at five minutes intervals from anywhere in the City. Bus fares range between SBD\$2 and SBD\$5 for adults or USD\$00.40 and USD\$00.50 respectively.

At the time of this Bid there are ten taxi services operating in the City each with a fleet averaging between 10 and 30 vehicles, all linked by radios and numerous other taxi operators working as individuals. Taxis fare is about USD\$1.50 per Km.

In addition to these public modes of transport, there are several hire car businesses operating in Honiara, the most popular are Budget, Supreme Car rentals and Kosol Car Rentals.

### ***Village services***

The Games village will be the nerve centre of the entire Games. It is NOCSI's desire to make these venues places at which there is security, peace and comfort for all athletes. While the villages will be

interconnected in terms of communication and transportation, they each will be independent in terms of management and administration.

Dining facilities will be at each village, to avoid movement from and to dining venues (if they are centrally located).

There will be nightly cultural entertainments at each Games Villages. Solomon islands is a land of abundant cultures and will wish to show case this richness during the Games.

### ***Hotels and Motels accommodation***

Hotel accommodations may be secured by visitors to the Games at various motels and hotels in Honiara. By Games date there will be about 1,200 hotel rooms and more than 400 motel rooms. Current hotel and motel listings in Honiara are as follows:

Hotel	Location	Rooms	Rates (USD)	Group
Kitano	Point Cruz	140	130	PGC PGAS
King Sol	Hibiscus A	120	140	Tech staff
Pacific Casino	Kukum	130	140	VIP
Honiara	China Town	120	130	VIP
IBS	Rove	100	100	VIP
Quality Inn	Vavaya	60	90	VIP
Heritage	Point Cruz	150	150	Media

The hotels are all within 15 minutes travel time to main sporting venues.

# FINANCE

It is the Government's commitment to allocate adequate funds towards the capital and operating costs of the Games.

The operating costs will be provided by the Government as well as from revenue generated through marketing and sponsorship.

The main capital cost component will go towards the construction of the new national sports stadium complex and other related facilities upgrade. Funding for these projects will be provided by the government of the Republic of China.

A summary of the proposed budget is as follow-

REVENUE	SBD	USD
SIG Contribution	200,000,000	13,620,000
Aid Project assistance	150,000,000	20,430,000
Sponsors	5,000,000	681,000
Fundraising	1,500,000	204,300
Ticketing	2,000,000	272,400
Per diem	4,200,000	525,000
Other	2,500,000	340,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>365,200,000</b>	<b>36,072,700</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
<i>Capital</i>		
National Stadium complex	150,000,000	20,430,000
Facilities/equipment	10,000,000	1,362,000
Other venue upgrades	40,000,000	2,742,000

Transport	12,000,000	681,000
	212,000,000	25,215,000
<b>Operating</b>		
Games Expenses*	45,500,000	4,933,700
Organising Committee	10,000,000	1,560,000
Competition equipment	12,000,000	1,823,000
Marketing costs	8,000,000	867,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>287,500,000</b>	<b>41,785,000</b>

## Games Expenses\*

Details of the Games Expenses are as follows-

Expense Item	SBD	USD
Food	10,000,000	1,362,000
Accommodation	3,000,000	408,000
Transport hire	3,000,000	408,000
Villages services	5,000,000	681,000
Telecommunications	12,500,000	476,700
Technical services	6,000,000	816,000
Office rentals	2,000,000	302,000
Utilities	4,000,000	480,000
	45,500,000	4,933,700

### *Sources of Revenue*

The main funding source will be the Government of Solomon Islands and the Republic of China.

In addition a national lottery will be organised and operated jointly by NOCSI and the National Sports Council (NCS).

In consultation with the Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce, agreements will be secured in relation to sponsorship and tax exemptions to attract contribution to the

funds. The consultations will ensure that there is no conflict in sponsorships.

Major sponsorship agreements will be secured with selected corporate houses, in particular the leading banks, the National Provident Fund and other targeted companies operating in Solomon Islands.

Coordination of these fund raising and sponsorship efforts will be done by the OC.

## **GUARANTEES**

As required under the Games Charter, the following guarantees are assured:

- (1) The Government guarantees the payment of the Host Fee. On being awarded the Games the NOCSI will execute forthwith the Host contract and will comply with the commitments stated in Protocols 2, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, & 18 inclusive of a host fee as set by Council.
- (2) All member nations and territories of the Pacific Games Council will be invited to take part in the 2015 XV Pacific Games;
- (3) NOCSI also confirms that members of participating contingents at the Games entering Solomon Islands will be exempted from payment of airport taxes and visa fees (where applicable). All persons entering
- (4) Import duty exemptions will also be secured for Games participants in order to ensure that items brought into the country in connection with the Games will be free of duty.
- (5) The Solomon Islands constitution guarantees freedom from discrimination based on race, gender, religion and association (including political affiliation).
- (6) There are no laws in existence which will restrict, interfere with or interfere with the Games in anyway. Where compliance with local laws are required in respect of any particular sports, the OC will secure permits and or licenses from the relevant authorities.
- (7) All contractual obligations required under the Games Charter will be performed and carried, in particular those which relate the PGC Guides of minimum requirements included in

Solomon Islands will be issued with three months visitors' visas upon entry as is allowed under Solomon Islands Immigration laws.



the Draft Contract relating to Games Village, Media, Marketing and Accreditation.

- (8) This Bid Document is prepared consistent with Regulation 20 of the Games Charter, in particular Protocol I to that Regulation.
- (9) The sport of shooting firearm licenses will have to be obtained from the Firearms and Ammunition Board.
- Applications for such licenses will be made by the OC on behalf of and for each participant in the sport. The relevant law is the Firearms and Ammunition Act.

#### ***International TV and Broadcast Rights:***

##### **Broadcasting the Games**

The OC will seek linkage with sports broadcast specialists, Octagon, and the Solomon Telekom to ensure that maximum broadcasting output is achieved throughout the Games. It is the desire of the OC to ensure that the Games is seen in all the participating nations and territories. The main features of the broadcasting will be the opening and the closing ceremonies. During the Games the broadcast will include a daily feed of sports highlights for 12 days and maximum

number of hours required to broadcast sports actions covering all sports.

##### ***Pre-Games Broadcast***

As part of the pre-Games publicity campaign the OC will, in consultation with Solomon Telekom, One News TV and the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation, run series of educational programmes every week during the twelve months leading up to the Games.

##### ***International broadcast rights***

Consistent with the Games Charter, the OC recognises the exclusive right of the Games Council to international TV and Radio broadcasts, including the archiving of materials related thereto. There are no domestic laws etc which will impinge on those rights, although there regulatory laws.

##### ***Host Broadcast Signal:***

Discussions are underway with the Solomon Islands Television Board and Solomon Telekom to facilitate allocation of TV channels and transmission by visiting media of live broadcasts. Adequate facilities will be provided for the host broadcaster on financial terms to be agreed. Such costs will be born as part of the Games Budgetary commitments.

Local TV and radio coverage will be carried out by the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation and One TV.

The latter will be required, with the assistance and support of the OC, to increase airtime at cost to the OC.

As part of the planning for the Games, the services of Solomon Telekom will be sourced to ensure that the minimum.

standards prescribed by the Council in relation to Television and Radio signal, Internet content, and all Television and Radio archives created for the Games are met. Progress reports on these aspects of the preparation programme will be submitted to the Games Council before the Council meeting in Rarotonga in September 2009

# TECHNOLOGY GUIDELINES

At the time of producing this Bid Document NOCSI is yet to receive advice on the appropriate technological components required in terms:-

- Network configuration (WAN and LAN)
- Major Hardware components
- Registration and accreditation systems.
- Timing / Results Systems (including integration with the Host Broadcast signal)
- Judging / Scoring / Measuring Systems
- Internet
- Electronic Services and Infrastructure (closed circuit TV,
- Scoreboards, video screens/walls, sound and acoustic, audio and video recording

- Equipment requirements (phones / e-mail / fax / office equipment
- Technology support to the media and to the Main Press Centre

Expert advice is being sought through Solomon Telekom and details will be provided in future progress reports to be submitted prior to the Rarotonga Council Meeting.

TV and Broadcast rights are governed by the Television and Broadcasting Act. Obtaining rights from the relevant government agencies will be a matter of formalities. The Media Committee which form an integral part of the OC will coordinate and facilitate the acquisition of these rights as part of the Games preparatory strategies.

The OC will ensure that the appropriate systems are delivered and tested well ahead of the Games date.

# COMMUNICATIONS

## ***Media Committee***

The Media subcommittee will coordinate and supervise all media activities to ensure maximum and free coverage of the Games, subject to accreditation procedures.

## ***Main Press Centre***

The media centre will be located the Panatina Campus of the Solomon Islands College of Higher Education and will come under the management and supervision of the Director for Media Services – a subcommittee of the Games Authority.

The Press and Media Centre will be linked to the sports subcommittee to ensure that there is effective transmission of information on various events and programmes taking place at various venues.

Transportation for the media and the press come under the Services subcommittee. We guarantee that the media will be having access to transportation during the course of the Games.

Accredited international media staff will be accommodated at the King Solomon Hotel along Hibiscus Avenue in Honiara. This hotel is within 15 minutes travel time to all sports venues.

## ***Broadcast Locations***

The national stadium will offer excellent broadcast facilities. Broadcasts from other venues will be arranged with the SIBC and the Solomon Telekom under the coordination of the Media Committee.

## ***Photographers***

Accredited photographers will form part of the media staff and will be serviced by the Media Committee.

Within each venue areas for photographer will be identified and clearly marked.

## ORGANISATIONAL CHART

