



**Fiji Baseball**

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## **DEVELOPMENT OFFICER** **PROGRESSIVE REPORT** **NOVEMBER 2009**

This report will contain information regarding baseball development occurring in Fiji from the month of November 2009 and also recommendation for its future development.

The topics I will discuss are;

- 2009 Calendar updated
- Suva Baseball Clubs Competition continue
- Stop HIV Peer Leader workshop
- World Aids Sports Day
- Development Squad vs. Japan Expat
- Fiji Baseball meeting with Vidhya

### **2009 Calendar Updated**

The Fiji Islands Baseball & Softball Association updated calendar for 2009. The focus now is on the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year. There are also other activities in between the club season program. The calendar is updated every month.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event / Competition</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Status</b>
Feb 09- Mar 27	Primary School Program (7 Wks)	Suva	Done
Feb-21	Development squad vs. Japan Expat (Game 2) 6 - 11	Suva	Done
Mar-27	Primary School Tournament	Suva	Done
Mar-23	Development squad vs. Japan Expat (Game 1) 15 - 9	Suva	Done
May 11- May 15	School Break Little League clinic (1Wk)	Suva	Done
May-16	Development squad vs. Japan Expat (Game 3) 17 - 8	Suva	Done
Jun 01 - Jul 03	Secondary School Program (5 Wks) Extended	Suva	Done
Jun-27	FIBSA AGM (Interim - Board)	Suva	Done
Jul-11	Development squad vs. Japan Expat (Game 4) 8 - 9	Suva	Done
Jul 17 - Jul 26	Baseball Confederations of Oceania Academy (2 Wks)	New Caledonia	Done
Jun 22 – Oct 10	Women in Sports Commission Fiji Project (Children, Men's, Women's Baseball)	Nausori	Done

Jul 06- Sept 11	Club clinics & season prep	Suva	Done
Aug-08	Development squad vs. Japan Expat (Game 5) <b>10</b> - <b>8</b>	Suva	Done
Aug 10-Aug 15	Fiji Baseball Coaching Level 0 & Umpire Level 1 Course	Suva	Done
Aug-12	Formation Suva Baseball Committee	Suva	Done
Aug 24 – Aug 28	School Break Clinics (1Wk) Children: 6yrs – 12yrs	Suva	Done
Aug-29	Japan Fun Day (Baseball Fiji Demonstration)	Suva	Done
Aug 31 – Sep 05	School Break Clinics (1Wk) Youths: 13yrs - 15yrs	Suva	Done
Sept-12	Suva Club season launch (Wk 1)	Suva	Done
Sep 12 – Dec 05	Suva Baseball season (12 Wks)	Suva	Done
Sept 19	Fiji squad vs. Japan Expat (Game 6) <b>14</b> - <b>5</b>	Suva	Done
Sept 07 - Nov 28	Corporate Companies clinics & competition	Suva	Done
Sept 14 – Nov 21	Establishing Women's Baseball clinics	Suva	Done
Sept-26	Corporate House Comp: Westpac vs. Japanese Expat <b>08</b> - <b>15</b>	Suva	Done
Oct 10	Women in Sports Commission End of Fiji Project Tournament (Children, Men's, Women's Baseball Games)	Nausori	Done
Oct 15	Received donated baseball gears from Japan	Suva	Done
Oct 21	Nausori Club Coaching course Level 0	Nausori	Done
Oct 24	Women in Sports Commission Breast Cancer Awareness "Walk & Talk" (Children, Men's, Women's Baseball Games)	Suva	Done
Oct 28	International Schools Clinic (4 Wks)	Suva	Done
Nov 9-11	STOP HIV (Kicking aids out workshop)	Suva	Done
Nov 28	World Aids Sports Day ( Baseball Comp)	Suva	Done
Nov 28	Development squad vs. Japan Expat (Game 7) <b>5</b> - <b>15</b>	Suva	Done
Dec 05	Development squad vs. Japan Expat (Game 8) -	Suva	
Dec 04-06	IBAF Congress	Switzerland	
Dec 19	National Championship	Suva	
Dec-19	FIBSA Awards night	Suva	

### **Suva Club Competition**

The club competition is coming to an end next month and the teams have improved tremendously since the beginning of the competitions. The players are not only learning to play the game but we are also teaching them on how to do scoring and umpiring the games. The Suva Baseball Association is well organized at running the games every weekend but there are still lots of room for improvement. The Central Pirates club is leading the points table followed by the Lami Mariners as both these two teams are filled with experienced national players.

We will be also holding a National Baseball tournament in December 19th which includes clubs from Suva, Nausori, Nadi and Tavua.

### **Stop HIV Peer Leader workshop**

The Sports Training Outreach Program (STOP) on HIV in Fiji conducted its first ever workshop for 16 young coaches as Peer Leaders which was held in Suva from 9 - 11 November, 2009.

The training involved coaches from 10 different sporting bodies like baseball, basketball, volleyball, rugby, athletics, netball, weightlifting, hockey and cricket that participated in the workshop and it was a great success, improving our knowledge on HIV and AIDS and we were also taught how to develop our own action plan to incorporate HIV education into their coaching programs.

The participants, who were from different sporting backgrounds, are the best candidates to promote HIV awareness in their respective sports and I was quite fortunate to be part of the program. The objective of the workshop is to reduce the hasty increase of AIDS within the region starting within Fiji. I believe that apart from the church, sports is another vehicle which we could board to promote the stop of HIV within Fiji and the region. Fiji is one of the countries that have a rapid increase in AIDS. We will be assessed according to how we promote the awareness during training sessions to our players. We were then accredited with Peer Leader certificates after the workshop once the Coordinators were satisfied with the three training sessions they conduct to help us promote STOP HIV.

### **World Aids Sports Day**

FASANOC in partnership with STOP HIV, Marie Stopes and the Ministry of Health, hosted a Sports Day on Saturday for AIDS awareness as part of the activities in the lead up to World AIDS Day on 1st December. The Sports Day was held at the Foreshore Grounds next to the Suva Bowling Club, and saw teams participate in Touch Rugby, Cricket, Volleyball, Baseball and the "Creative Condom Corner". The rain held off for the most part of the morning, but it didn't stop people from getting wet. We had modified baseball games as there were only time limits in every game. Baseball again was fortunate in conjunction with FASANOC to participate on the program. The day was won by FIT-1, made up of students from the Fiji Institute of Technology. The FASANOC All-Stars came second. The STOP HIV champions came in third. Everyone had a fun morning out, and FASANOC look forward to hosting this as an annual event.

### **Development Squad vs. Japan Expat Game 7**

The development side was defeated by the Japanese team by 10 runs which makes the Japanese side lead the series by 4 games to 3. The Japanese side came out with full force and they even had some players that came from Japan for this game. We got a lot of support from the public for this game but the Japanese side was just too strong for the young Fiji side. The next and final game for the year is scheduled on December 05<sup>th</sup>.

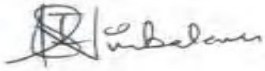
### **Fiji Baseball meeting with Vidhya**

We had a meeting with Mr Vidhya Lakhan Fiji NOC President and Lyndall Fisher concerning Fiji Baseball confirming its full participation in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia. We provided our preparation plan towards the Games and enquire about how to get funding assistance through the Solidarity Funds for our preparation. Also part of the agenda was the future development of Baseball in Fiji and the programs we are organizing are effective as FASANOC could see the hard work we are doing despite the lack of resources.

## CONCLUSION

Fiji Baseball has continued to make positive strides in developing baseball in Fiji. I would like to extend my strongest appreciation to the International Baseball Federation, Baseball Confederation of Oceania, and our Japanese friends from the Japanese Embassy & JICA and other stakeholders for their assistance and wonderful support towards the development of baseball in Fiji. We look forward for your continued support in the future.

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## Stop HIV Peer Leader workshop





## World Aids Sports Day



## Development Squad vs. Japan Expat

