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Letter to all Clubs and State Leagues

Oceania Championships, Australia 2019

The FIPJP is represented through out the world by confederations – Oceania, North America, Asia, Europe etc.

Confederations committee are elected by their respective National federations and in some case by leagues e.g. in Oceania with Wallis & Futuna and New Caledonia.

Australia is a member of the Oceania confederation and must direct all inquiries and request to the FIPJP through the Oceania confederation.

The Oceania committee is elected for a 4 years term it is made up of a president, secretary and treasurer plus a representative of each league and Federation sitting as V-president. PFA is represented by Andre Deramond PFA director and as its Chief Umpire.

The confederation set up rules and regulations and controls its main event e.g. Oceania championships, set up confederation umpire exam and appoints its umpires. Run regular workshop in the Pacific and seek new members e.g. Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Cook Islands.

The confederation is now trying with the assistance of its members to join and participate in the Pacific Games.

The Oceania's championships are held every 2 years between the Men's world championships and the Oceania's championships are used for qualification purpose for the Men's world championship of the following year e.g. Oceania 2019 in Melbourne to qualify for 2020 world championships in Lausanne Switzerland. It is also use to qualify men and women team for the confederations cup. Oceania championships are awarded on a rotation base amongst its members and it held every 2 years New Zealand 2017 - Australia 2019 – Tahiti 2021.

Oceania championships include 5 events

Single, double, triple, pointing and shooting for men and women in separate competition

Medals are attributed to each winner and a trophy is presented to the winning country in each category (men and women). Winning country decided through number of medals

- Gold, silver and bronze

The confederation has an appointed chief umpire, Andre Deramond from Australia International umpire is the actual holder of the position having been appointed by FIPJP committee and Confederation committee, the chief umpire is responsible for running umpire examination to the confederation level, exams are taking place during the Oceania's championships.

Candidates are presented by their national federations they must be of national level and must be experienced and have umpired national and international competitions.

A successful candidate in the confederation exam can then sit the FIPJP international umpire exam at a world championship. The candidate will be presented by the confederation.

This year the Oceania championships will be held in Melbourne – Caulfield Park Petanque club from the 2nd to the 6th of October 2019. The PFA Board has budgeted for the event but needs extra funds to face the cost of hosting such event. PFA is responsible for the accommodation and transport of 10 members per delegation and providing food for the duration of the event, which will cost an estimated \$35,000.

An appeal has been made in our July newsletter and will be repeated in the August edition, for donations from our leagues and clubs alike, our players attending events in Asia and Oceania are always warmly welcome and looked after by their host and it is our turn to show some good Australian hospitality to our visitors.

Please show your generosity by donating to PFA to assist with these costs, such an event only comes our way every 10 years.

PFA Bank Account

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When making a donation please indicate your league's or club' name. I look forward to your support for PFA to make this event a success

Regards

PFA Board