



# National Track & Field Championships this weekend at Marion Jones

BELIZE CITY, Thurs. May 12, 2022

Our sports desk is yet to receive an official notice from the Belize Athletics Association (BAA) on the National Track & Field meet to be held this weekend at the Marion Jones Sports Complex under the auspices of the BAA and its president Deon Sutherland; but from different quarters in the athletics field, we have received information that seems credible, that there will indeed be a big national track and field event this weekend.

On yesterday morning's Krem WUB, Belizean American Greg Meyers, a U.S. certified athletics coach, said his three children who recently participated in the Carifta Games in Jamaica on the Easter weekend, one of whom, then 13-year-old Demetrie, won Silver in the U17 3000m, will all be arriving in Belize on Friday to take part in the National Track & Field Championships 2022 which are scheduled for this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 14 & 15, at the Marion Jones Sports Complex track. A motorcade is planned to celebrate Demetrie's achievement in Belmopan after they arrive on Friday. According to Greg, all the Meyers children have committed to run for Belize in international competition, and he is hoping to inspire other Belizean youth and athletics officials on what is achievable for Belizean athletes with proper training plans and supervision. His kids may not all win, as they are running in age categories well above their actual years, but the dedication and hard work of their training regimen has lifted up their performance to a trajectory that spells a promising future.

We also received a full schedule of the events from Daland Jones, a veteran multi-sport athlete who is currently associated with a track & field club that is participating in the event. Jones is one of those who is not happy with the current BAA leadership and is looking forward to great improvements on the Belize athletics scene.

It is noteworthy that the BAA has not attempted to utilize our medium to help highlight this weekend's national event, and we have to wonder if its embattled president Deon Sutherland has an issue with this newspaper for revealing some of the discontent shared by a number of prominent individuals in the athletics arena. In that regard, we have confirmed reports that a group of "Concerned Belizean Athletes" sent a complaint in early April to World Athletics president, Sir Sebastian Coe, asking for an "investigation into... a recently held presidential election that took place on April 2, 2022, in Belize City." Among the charges made in the letter, was that Sutherland acted in conflict of interest by "dictating the vetting of applications and ruling out persons that knowingly would not support him" in his re-election bid. Sutherland is reportedly still BAA president, having succeeded in the April 2 elections, but yesterday attorney Nicolas Dujon shared with us an email correspondence dated May 10 from the desk of the World Athletics president acknowledging receipt of a "complaint regarding the recently held elective General Assembly of the Belize Athletics Association," and indicating that he had "spoken to the General Secretary of NACAC and he will initiate an investigation."

Those issues certainly should not dampen the spirit of fans and athletes looking forward to compete in Belize's National Track & Field Championships this weekend.

Below is the event schedule for the National Track & Field Championships shared with our news desk by Daland Jones:

### Day 1, Saturday, May 14

- 9:00 a.m. – 100m (W) Semi-final
- 9:15 a.m. – 100m (M) Semi-final
- 9:00 a.m. – High Jump (W) Final
- 9:00 a.m. – Shot-put (M) Final
- 9:35 a.m. – 1500m (W) Final
- 9:50 a.m. – 1500m (M) Final
- 10:00 a.m. – Shot-put (W) Final
- 10:15 a.m. – 400m (W) Semi-final
- 10:20 a.m. – High Jump (M) Final
- 10:30 a.m. – 400m (M) Semi-final
- 10:50 a.m. – 100mH (W) Final
- 11:00 a.m. – 100mH (M) Final
- 11:00 a.m. – Long Jump (W) Final
- 11:00 a.m. – Discus (M) Final
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- 12:30 p.m. – 100m (W) Final
- 12:45 p.m. – 100m (M) Final
- 1:00 p.m. – Long Jump (M) Final
- 1:00 p.m. – Discus (W) Final
- 1:15 p.m. – 400m (W) Final
- 1:30 p.m. – 400m (M) Final
- 3:00 p.m. – 4x100m Relay (W) Final
- 3:15 p.m. – 4x100m Relay (M) Final

### Day 2, Sunday, May 15

- 8:00 a.m. – 3000m (W) Final
- 8:30 a.m. – 5000m (M) Final
- 9:00 a.m. – 200m (W) Semi-final
- 9:20 a.m. – 200m (M) Semi-final
- 9:30 a.m. – Javelin (W) Final
- 9:45 a.m. – 800m (M) Final
- 10:00 a.m. – 800m (W) Final
- 10:15 a.m. – Triple Jump (W) Final
- 10:30 a.m. – Javelin (M) Final
- 11:15 a.m. – Triple Jump (M) Final
- B R E A K**
- 12:00 noon – 200m (W) Final
- 12:15 p.m. – 200m (M) Final
- 1:30 p.m. – 4x400m Relay (W) Final
- 1:45 p.m. – 4x400m Relay (M) Final

# Bay City FC still undefeated at Week 5 of NAWL Closing Season

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Rumberas FC suffered their first loss in Group A, but Group B's Bay City FC remains undefeated at Week 5 of the National Amateur Women's League (NAWL) 2022 Closing Season. All four Week 5 games took place on Saturday, May 7.

In a Group A showdown at the Isidoro Beaton Stadium, it was scoreless in first half, but shortly after second half resumed Jewel Fury's Fatima Romero (52') netted what proved the game winner for the 1-nil victory over Rumberas FC, who suffered their first defeat of the tournament.

The other Group A encounter was at the Norman Broaster Stadium, where this time it was the visitors, Sagitun Girlz FC from Independence who came away with a 4-3 win over Verdes Rebels FC of Cayo. Shaking the net for Sagitun Girlz were Sabrina Eiley (19'), Zulma Ortega (63' & 87') and Reah Burgess (73'); while Verdes' goals were by Nyersha Obando (56') and Shanay Nasario (88' & 90+5').

Meanwhile in Group B at the Carl Ramos Stadium, it was nil-nil in first half, but Cayo Dreamers FC pulled out the 2-1 victory over home standing Wagiya United SC on a late goal by Daysi Paiz. Cayo Dreamers got a goal each from Ilyn Cruz (59') and Daysi Paiz (88'), while Wagiya's lone goal was by Tanya Arnold (66').

In the other Group B match, Corozal's Bay City FC pulled no punches on their district counterpart, Corozal United Warriors, who were demolished, 16-0, by the undefeated group leaders. Bay City goals came from Kaite Jones (7', 35' & 88'), Anahie Blanco (20', 24', 27', 39', 50' & 54'), Alisha Terry (47' & 56'), Ashari Zuniga (59'), Shante Chacon (66' & 71'), Darina Tzul (70') and Marcia Ara (89').

Upcoming NAWL Week 6 schedule:

### Saturday, May 14

- 3:00 p.m. – (A) Verdes Rebels vs San Pedro Pirates – Norman Broaster Stadium
- 4:00 p.m. – (A) Jewel Fury FC vs Sagitun Girlz – Isidoro Beaton Stadium
- 3:00 p.m. – (B) Corozal United Warriors vs Santa Elena Strikers – Ricalde Stadium

### Sunday, May 15

- 3:00 p.m. – Bay City FC vs Wagiya United SC – Ricalde Stadium

Nat'l Amateur Women's League 2022 Closing Season								
Standings at Week 5, Saturday, May 7, 2022								
GROUP A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Sagitun Girlz	4	3	0	1	10	8	2	9
Jewel Fury FC	4	2	1	1	8	3	5	7
Rumberas	4	2	1	1	5	1	4	7
San Pedro Pirates	4	1	1	2	3	7	-4	4
Verdes Rebels	4	0	1	3	4	11	-7	1
GROUP B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Diff	Pts
Bay City FC	4	4	0	0	38	0	38	12
Cayo Dreamers	4	3	0	1	13	6	7	9
Wagiya United SC	4	2	0	2	14	6	8	6
Corozal United Warriors	3	0	0	3	0	23	-23	0
Santa Elena Strikers	3	0	0	3	0	30	-30	0