

# OFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Expressions of Interest  
to grant a licence to  
manage and operate  
a Club Champion  
participating in the  
OFC Champions League  
2013 and 2014







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## Overview

The Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) is seeking expressions of interest for investors to manage and operate one of the eight (8) Club Champions participating in the OFC Champions League for the 2013 and 2014 competitions.

*“The Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) is one of the six continental confederations that make up FIFA”*

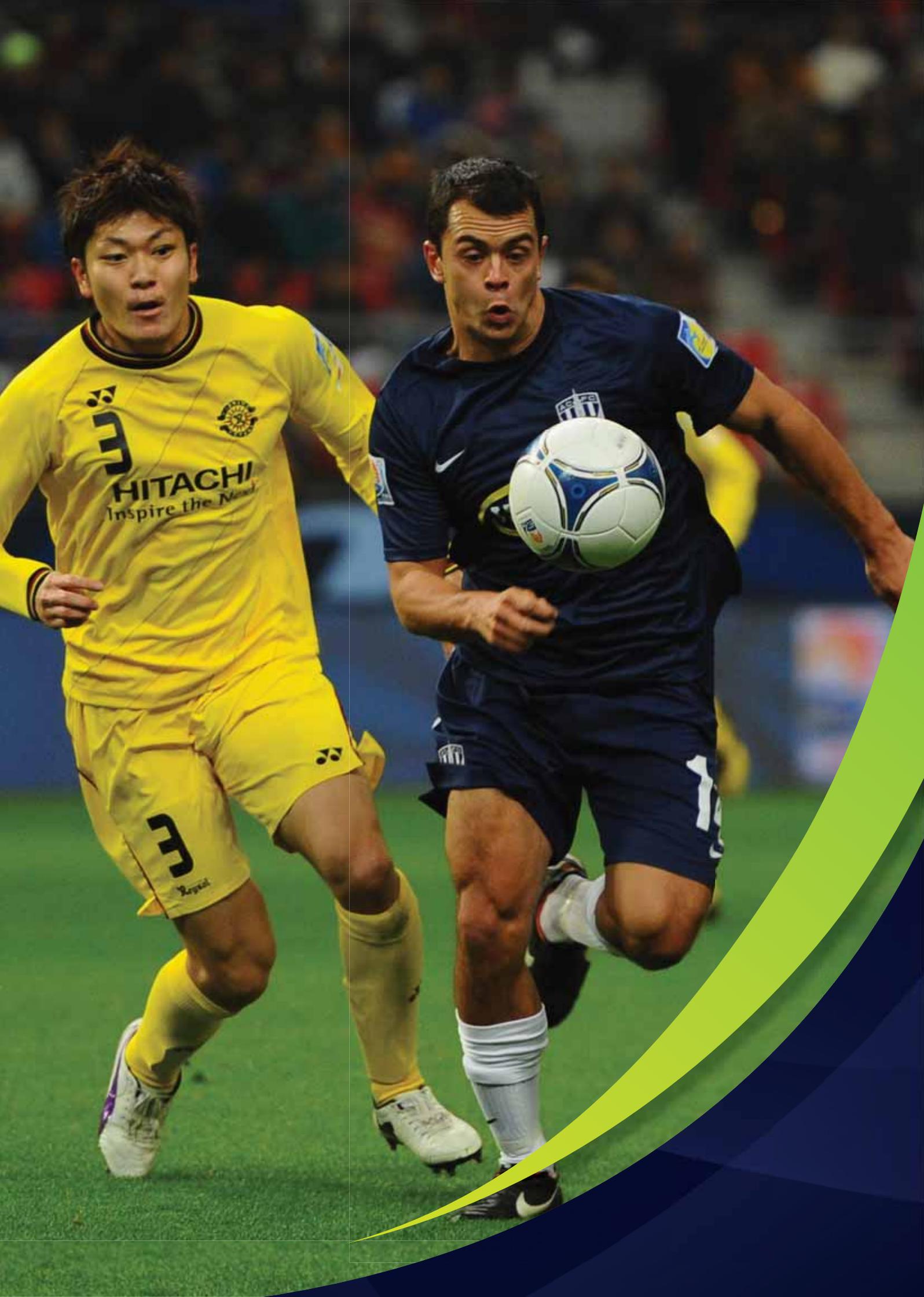
## The Oceania Football Confederation

The OFC is one of the six (6) continental confederations that make up FIFA along with the AFC (Asia), CAF (Africa), CONMEBOL (South America), CONCACAF (North America) and UEFA (Europe). OFC's 11 member associations are American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tonga and Vanuatu.



## OFC Member Associations





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## The OFC Champions League

Each year the top eight (8) club champions in OFC compete in the OFC Champions League which is the premier club competition for the Confederation. The tournament was established in 2007 and is played on a home and away basis in 7 countries with a new format introduced for 2013, with fixtures every weekend from May to July. The winner of the OFC Champions League represents OFC at the FIFA Club World Cup.

	Winner	Runner Up
2012	Auckland City FC (NZL)	AS Tefana (TAH)
2011	Auckland City FC (NZL)	Amicale FC (VAN)
2010	Hekari United (PNG)	Waitakere United (NZL)
2009	Auckland City FC (NZL)	Koloale FC (SOL)
2008	Waitakere United (NZL)	Kossa FC (SOL)
2007	Waitakere United (NZL)	Ba (FIJ)

## OFC Representative at the FIFA Club World Cup

To date there has been 3 different champion clubs representing OFC at the FIFA Club World Cup. The most notable performance was that of Auckland City FC (NZL) in 2009, finishing in 5th place, having defeated both the UAE and African champions.

	OFC Representative	Place	Host Country
2012	Auckland City FC (NZL)	-	Japan
2011	Auckland City FC (NZL)	7	Japan
2010	Hekari United (PNG)	7	UAE
2009	Auckland City FC (NZL)	5	UAE
2008	Waitakere United (NZL)	7	Japan
2007	Waitakere United (NZL)	7	Japan
2006	Auckland City FC (NZL)	6	Japan

## Qualifying for the OFC Champions League

The club champions of Fiji, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tahiti and Vanuatu automatically qualify for the OFC Champions League each year.

For 2013 a second New Zealand club has qualified as the 8th Club Champion. For 2014 the 8th club is found in a preliminary competition involving the club champions of American Samoa, Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga and the runner-up club of the seven (7) member associations mentioned above.



## The format of the OFC Champions League

The eight (8) clubs are drawn into two groups as follows:

### GROUP A



(DRA)  
AS Dragon  
Tahiti



(MON)  
AS Mont-Dore  
New Caledonia



(WAI)  
Waitakere United  
New Zealand



(AKL)  
Auckland City FC  
New Zealand

### GROUP B



(BA)  
Ba FA  
Fiji



(HEK)  
Hekari United FC  
Papua New Guinea



(WAR)  
Solomon Warriors  
Solomon Islands



(AMC)  
Amicale FC  
Vanuatu

Within each group each club will play each other home and away on a league basis with the winner and runner-up qualifying for the playoffs. The semi-finals and final are both played on a home and away basis. The winner of the OFC Champions League final will represent OFC at the FIFA Club World Cup. The season fixtures for 2013 is presented in detail on the next page:

# 2013 OFC Champions League Season Fixtures

## GROUP A

Match Day	Date	Home	Away	City	Stadium
DAY 1	Sat 18 May	AKL	DRA	Auckland	Mt Smart Stadium
	Sun 19 May	WAI	MON	Auckland	Trusts Stadium
DAY 2	Sat 25 May	AKL	WAI	Auckland	Mt Smart Stadium
	Sun 26 May	MON	DRA	Nouméa	Stade Numa Daly
DAY 3	Sat 1 Jun	MON	AKL	Nouméa	Stade Numa Daly
	Sun 2 Jun	DRA	WAI	Faaa	Stade Pater
DAY 4	Sat 8 Jun	DRA	AKL	Faaa	Stade Pater
	Sun 9 Jun	MON	WAI	Nouméa	Stade Numa Daly
DAY 5	Sat 15 Jun	WAI	AKL	Auckland	Trusts Stadium
	Sun 16 Jun	DRA	MON	Faaa	Stade Pater
DAY 6	Sat 22 Jun	AKL	MON	Auckland	Mt Smart Stadium
	Sun 23 Jun	WAI	DRA	Auckland	Trusts Stadium

## GROUP B

Match Day	Date	Home	Away	City	Stadium
DAY 1	Sat 18 May	AMC	HEK	Port Vila	Port Vila Stadium
	Sun 19 May	WAR	BA	Honiara	Lawson Tama Stadium
DAY 2	Sat 25 May	AMC	WAR	Port Vila	Port Vila Stadium
	Sun 26 May	BA	HEK	Ba	Govind Park
DAY 3	Sat 1 Jun	BA	AMC	Ba	Govind Park
	Sun 2 Jun	HEK	WAR	Port Moresby	PMRL Stadium
DAY 4	Sat 8 Jun	HEK	AMC	Port Moresby	PMRL Stadium
	Sun 9 Jun	BA	WAR	Ba	Govind Park
DAY 5	Sat 15 Jun	WAR	AMC	Honiara	Lawson Tama Stadium
	Sun 16 Jun	HEK	BA	Port Moresby	PMRL Stadium
DAY 6	Sat 22 Jun	AMC	BA	Port Vila	Port Vila Stadium
	Sun 23 Jun	WAR	HEK	Honiara	Lawson Tama Stadium

## SEMI FINALS

First Leg  
Sat 29 / Sun 30 Jun

Second Leg  
Sat 6 / Sun 7 Jul

## FINAL

First Leg  
Sat 13 / Sun 14 Jul

Second Leg  
Sat 20 / Sun 21 Jul

### GROUP A



(DRA)  
AS Dragon  
Tahiti



(MON)  
AS Mont-Dore  
New Caledonia



(WAI)  
Waitakere United  
New Zealand



(AKL)  
Auckland City FC  
New Zealand

### GROUP B



(BA)  
Ba FA  
Fiji



(HEK)  
Hekari United FC  
Papua New Guinea



(WAR)  
Solomon Warriors  
Solomon Islands



(AMC)  
Amicale FC  
Vanuatu

## Expressions of Interest to grant a licence to manage and operate a Club Champion participating in the OFC Champions League 2013 and 2014

The eight clubs contesting the OFC Champions League in 2013 and 2014 agree to assign the management of their club to OFC. OFC then seeks expression of interest with potential investors to buy a licence to manage and operate a club champion participating in the OFC Champions League for the 2013 and 2014 competitions.

The annual licence fee to manage and operate the club champion is USD 1 million.

The benefits of investing in the management of a Club Champion for a two year licence include:

- 1 in 8 chance to qualify for the FIFA Club World Cup
- Assignment of the management and intellectual property rights of the Club Champion
- 90% of the gross revenue generated from the club (including all prize money) belongs to the investor
- 50% of the gross revenue generated from the marketing and sponsorship of the OFC Champions League will be distributed back to investor
- The licence fee will be used to provide a solidarity payment to assist in development of the respective club, national league and national association
- All costs for travel, accommodation, meals and insurance of the Club
- Prize money for winning the OFC Champions League (to be determined) and USD 500,000 prize money for qualifying for the FIFA Club World Cup

## Assignment of the management and intellectual property rights of the Club Champion

The legal structure for the assignment of the management and intellectual property rights involves the Club assigning their rights to OFC pursuant to a Club Management Agreement and then OFC seeks expressions of interest for investors to acquire the licence to manage the Club Champion for 2013 and 2014 OFC Champions League.

## Partner with an Investor

The structure for the investment in the management of an OFC Champion League Club entering into:  
i. A Franchise Agreement with the investor; and ii. A Club Management Agreement with the winning Club.

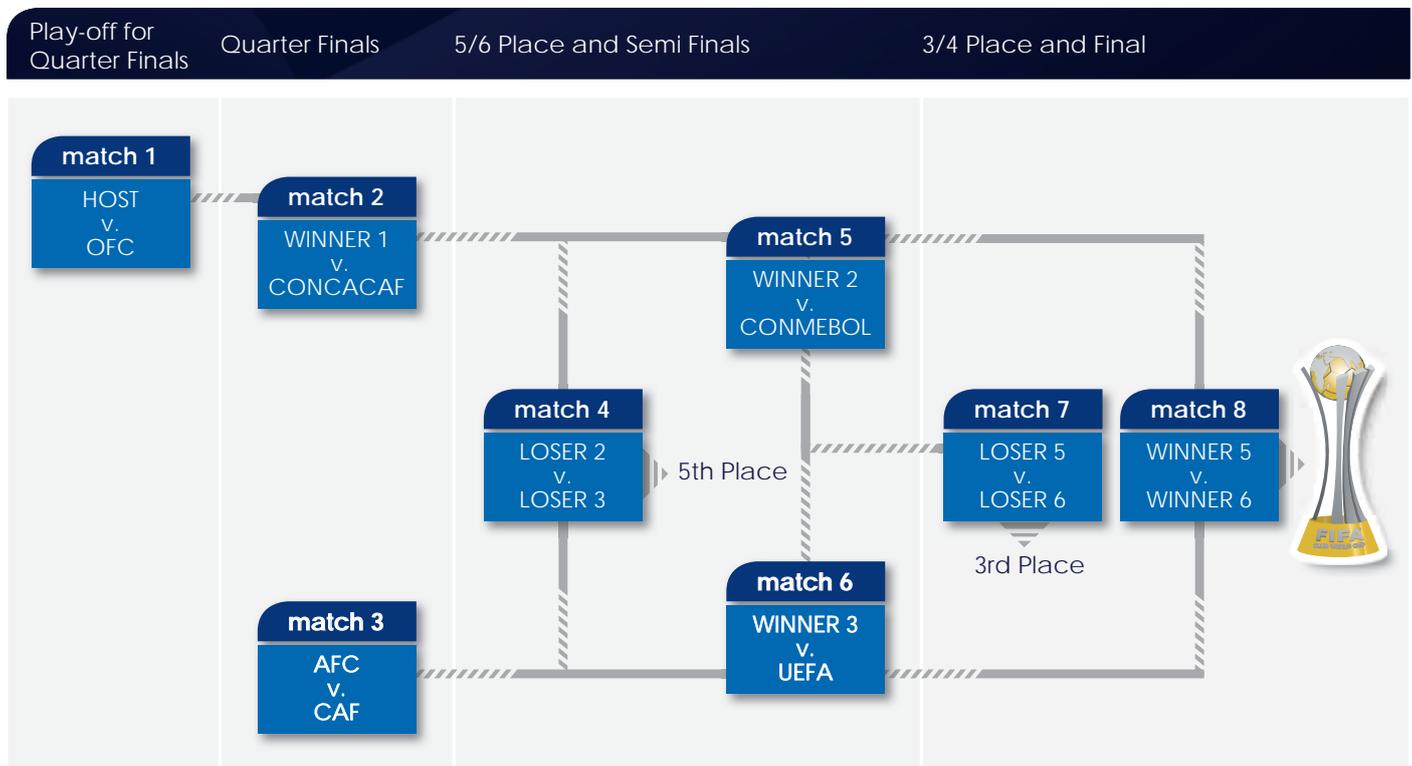


# 1 in 8 chance of qualifying for the FIFA Club World Cup

## Comparison of the qualifying path for the FIFA Club world Cup

	<p>UEFA Champions League Number of Teams: 77 Season: June to May</p>		<p>AFC Champions League Number of Teams: 32 Season: March to November</p>
	<p>OFC Champions League Number of Teams: 8 Season: May to July</p>		<p>CONCACAF Champions League Number of Teams: 24 Season: August to April</p>
	<p>CONMEBOL Copa Libertadores Number of Teams: 38 Season: January to July</p>		<p>CAF Champions League Number of Team: 55 Season: July to November</p>

## Format for the FIFA Club World Cup 2013 & 2014 - Morocco



\*Exact seeding position for the quarter-finals and semi-finals is determined by an official draw



## 90% of the gross revenue generated from the club belongs to the investor

Investors can earn revenue from:

- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Sponsorship         | Corporate Hospitality |
| Match Day Revenue   | Food and Beverage     |
| Merchandising       | Awards Night          |
| Fan Club Membership | Community Events      |

## Marketing and Media Rights

50% of the revenue from the commercial rights (Marketing and Television) will be distributed back to the 8 investors.

For the commercial rights OFC has partnered with MP & Silva to produce and market the OFC Champions League.

OFC TV will produce and broadcast live all 30 matches with MP & Silva marketing the content to the international market over the following platforms: media, TV, radio and live streaming.

50% of the revenue obtained from the marketing rights from specific tournament sponsors based on a 2 year partnership will be distributed back to the 8 investors.

## 60% of the Licence Fee will be used as a solidarity payment to member associations

A grant will be presented to all 11 Member Associations to assist in the promotion and administration of their national league. Additionally, a separate grant will be provided to be distributed back to all other clubs in the national league who will not be participating in the OFC Champions League.

Finally a grant will be given directly to the representative club in the OFC Champions League which is partnered with the investor for forgiving their right to manage and operate the club.

*All costs for travel, accommodation, meals, and insurance of the 8 clubs will be covered by OFC.*

## The Licence Fee (40%) will cover the following

**Travel:** 18 economy class tickets for all away matches, excess freight costs, travel insurance, visa costs, and departure taxes.

**Accommodation:** All teams (18 pax) will be accommodated in a 4 star hotel, with all meals.

**Prize-money:** 20% will be reserved for prize money for the OFC Champions League

**Marketing and Television:** A contribution to the marketing and television production of all home matches including – ground signage, TV production, marketing of players, teams, and officials.

**Preliminary Competitions:** Costs of the preliminary competitions.



## Number of foreign players

- Teams may register as many foreign players as they wish as part of the delegation.
- A foreign player is defined as any player that cannot qualify to represent the national team of the country that the club represents
- The OFC Champions League will implement the 6+5 rule for all matches which states that: "at any one time during the match there can only be a maximum of five foreign players on the field"

Important dates for the registration of players:

- Players can be registered from the 1st April
- Final registration of players closes on 30th April
- There are no transfers allowed during the OFC Champions League season
- Players can be transferred at the end of the competition or when their team is eliminated

## Important Dates

Tender Process

1 AUGUST 2012

Tenders are sought for an investment partner in each of the 8 clubs

1 DECEMBER 2012

Tenders close

## Important Information

Copies of the tender documents, club management agreements, and franchise agreement are available by visiting [www.oceaniafootball.com](http://www.oceaniafootball.com) or by contacting:

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## 2013 CLUB CHAMPION



Ba F.A

## Fiji (FIJ)

Fiji's most successful club side in recent times, Ba, otherwise known as the 'Men in Black', are a force to be reckoned with. The new format of the OFC Champions League will definitely suit the Fijian outfit in their quest to be crowned the champions of Oceania and build on their performance from the 2012 season.

One of the stronger nations within Oceania, their representative Ba has gone closest to lifting the title OFC Club Champions when they were beaten on the away goals rule in the 2007 OFC Champions League final by New Zealand's Waitakere United.

### competition stats

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Club Champion						
Final Placing in OFC Champions League	5th	6th	4th	5th	5th	2nd

## Overview

Fiji plays a very important role in the Oceania region South Pacific Forum. Being a founding and leading member of the South Pacific Forum, it is committed to assisting its neighbouring island countries in their development. Fiji will continue to support regional cooperation in the Pacific Islands region, acting in concert with its neighbouring countries.

Fiji, endowed with forest, mineral, and fish resources, is one of the more developed of the Pacific Island economies, though still with a large subsistence sector. Natural resources include timber, fish, gold, copper, offshore oil and hydropower. Tourism is a major industry in the country, with the majority of international visitors arriving from Australia, New Zealand, and the USA .

Football has a huge following in Fiji but also competes with rugby and rugby league. Futsal has also grown in popularity with Fiji becoming the regular host of the OFC Futsal Championship – now an annual competition.

## National League

The Fiji Sun GP Batteries National Football League is the flagship National League for the Fiji FA and is run from September through until April.

There are ten clubs that compete in the National Football League with the ambitions to qualify for the OFC Champions League, they are Ba, Rewa, Nadi, Labasa, Suva, Tavua, Navua, Savusavu, Nadroga, and Lautoka. The current champions, Ba, have won the National Football League on 16 different occasions.

The Fiji FA supports other domestic cup and tournament competitions that include the Fiji Football Association Cup Tournament (Fiji FACT), the Inter-District Cup (IDC), Champion v Champions, and the Battle of the Giants (BOG).

### Country Information

Capital	Suva
Population	849,000
GDP	
Total	\$4.133 billion
Per Capita	\$4,620

### Football Statistics

All players:	49,688
Registered players:	30,088
Unregistered players:	19,600
Clubs:	410
Officials:	3,046



2013 CLUB CHAMPION



AS Mont-Dore

## New Caledonia (NCL)

The potential for success from the representative of New Caledonia is strong, with their national teams consistently performing admirably. The pedigree of footballer that the country can produce is evident in the likes of Christian Karembeu, who was a vital player for the French team that won the FIFA World Cup in 1998 and the ever successful Real Madrid.

Only 2 clubs, AS Mont Dore and AS Magenta, have represented their country in the OFC Champions League. Both clubs have proven to be difficult opponents, in particular while entertaining their competition on their home turf.

competition stats

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Club Champion				N/A	N/A	
Final Placing in OFC Champions League	8th	5th	6th	N/A	N/A	6th





## Overview

New Caledonia has one of the largest economies in the South Pacific, with a GDP per capita slightly higher than New Zealand, though there is significant inequality in income distribution. Financial support from France is substantial, representing more than 15% of the GDP, and contributes to the health of the economy.

In 2007, exports from New Caledonia amounted to 2.11 billion US dollars, 96.3% of which were mineral products and alloys. The New Caledonian soil is rich and contains about 25% of the world's nickel resources.

Football is one of the strongest sports in the country, with their national team having won the South Pacific Games five times, most recently in 2011, and have placed third on two occasions in the OFC Nations Cup, and second in 2012. With an advanced infrastructure, New Caledonia successfully hosted the South Pacific Games in 2011.

## National League

New Caledonia Super Ligue is the top division of the Fédération Calédonienne de Football in New Caledonia. It is played as a double round robin between the top 4 clubs from the Division Honneur of Grande Terre and the champions of the Îles.

The Super Ligue is an eight team competition and features clubs AS Kunié, AS Löss (Nouméa), AS Magenta (Nouméa), AS Mont-Dore, Gaïtcha FCN (Nouméa), Hienghène Sport, Mouli Sport and Thio Sport. The top four teams from the Super Ligue are joined by the champions club of the Îles in a Championship play-off to determine the champions.

JS Baco and AS Magenta have won the Super Ligue the most recording six league titles each. AS Mont Dore are the current championship holders. Fédération Calédonienne de Football also support a Cup competition known as the Coup de Nouvelle Calédonie.

### Country Information

Capital	Noumea
Population	256,275
GDP	
Total	\$7.95 billion
Per Capita	\$32,240

### Football Statistics

All players:	9,800
Registered players:	5,200
Unregistered players:	4,600
Clubs:	105
Officials:	300



**2013 CLUB CHAMPION**



Waitakere United

## New Zealand (NZL)

With 2 previous appearances at the FIFA Club World Cup, this strong and resilient side have proven their worth having taken the hard route to qualifying for the OFC Champions League. With an unusual round robin performance in their domestic season, Waitakere United fought back to win their semi-final in dramatic fashion which was followed up a week later in the final.

They have proven to be the team to beat in previous years, having won 3 consecutive domestic titles. With an exciting mix of players who are not shy in front of goal, they managed to defeat AS Tefana 10-0 in the opening round of the 2012 OFC Champions League.

**competition stats**

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Club Champion						
Minor Premier						
Final Placing in OFC Champions League	3rd	4th	2nd	3rd	1st	1st
FIFA Club World Cup Appearances						

## Overview

New Zealand, a wealthy Pacific nation in which agriculture is the economic mainstay, manufacturing and tourism are also important and there is a world-class film industry. New Zealand has diversified its export markets and has developed strong trade links with Australia, the US, and Japan. In April 2008 it became the first Western country to sign a free trade deal with China.

With a strong history of sporting success, New Zealand's national rugby union team is often regarded as the best in the world. However, it is football that is the most popular sport from a participation aspect, and notably it was the national football team, the All Whites, that were the only undefeated team at the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa.

## National League

In 2004, a franchise based national league was established consisting of 8 teams playing on a home and away basis, with a top 4 finals series. To date, only Auckland City FC and Waitakere United have been successful in being crowned champions. Although, in recent years the likes of Team Wellington and Canterbury United have both applied pressure to the top 2, having both progressed to the grand final on different occasions. The league operates on a closed league format with there being no lower divisions in the Premiership, no promotion and relegation. This is likened to the leagues in Australia and in the United States.

### Country Information

Capital	Wellington
Population	4,422,700
GDP	
Total	\$122.193 billion
Per Capita	\$27,668

### Football Statistics

All players:	198,757
Registered players:	102,257
Unregistered players:	96,500
Clubs:	342
Officials:	19,800

### 2013 CLUB CHAMPION



Auckland City FC

## New Zealand (NZL)

Auckland City FC is the most successful club from both New Zealand and Oceania, having won their domestic league 4 times and the OFC Champions League on 3 occasions. With 3 appearances at the FIFA Club World Cup (4th appearance in December 2012), their most notable performance was in the 2009 edition held in UAE where they successfully defeated the UAE Champions Al Ahli FC, and the African Champions, TP Mazembe to finish 5th overall.

In their ranks, are Ivan Vicolich and David Mulligan who were part of the undefeated All Whites squad at the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa. Also, the club has a Spanish contingent with some current players having previously plied their trade for Spanish giants Barcelona FC.

### competition stats

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Final Placing in OFC Champions League	1st	1st	3rd	1st	3rd	3rd
FIFA Club World Cup Appearances						

\*Also represented OFC at the 2006 FIFA Club World Cup having won the predecessor to the OFC Champions League



## 2013 CLUB CHAMPION



Hekari United FC

## Papua New Guinea (PNG)

Hekari United's achievements stand as a shining light for Oceania clubs after the Papua New Guinea champions won the OFC Champions League to qualify for the FIFA Club World Cup UAE in 2010.

Although defeated 3-0 by Al Wahda, Hekari United's achievement in becoming the first club outside of Australia or New Zealand to win the continental title is an inspiration to clubs everywhere. Prior to Hekari United's historic victory, Papua New Guinea clubs struggled to make an impact on the Oceania club scene.

### competition stats

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Club Champion					N/A	N/A
Final Placing in OFC Champions League	4th	7th	1st	4th	N/A	N/A
FIFA Club World Cup Appearances						

## Overview

Papua New Guinea is richly endowed with natural resources. Agriculture provides a livelihood for 85% of the population. Mineral deposits, including oil, copper, and gold, account for 72% of export earnings. The country also has a notable coffee industry and other crops include cocoa, oil palm and tea.

Papua New Guinea is one of the most heterogeneous nations in the world. There are hundreds of ethnic groups indigenous to Papua New Guinea, and with over 820 indigenous languages, representing twelve (12) percent of the world's total, has more languages than any other country.

Sport is an important part of Papua New Guinean culture

and has been described as a replacement for tribal warfare as a way of explaining the local enthusiasm for the game (a matter of life and death). Many Papua New Guineans have become instant celebrities by representing their country or playing in an overseas professional league.

## National League

Papua New Guinea National Soccer League (PNGNSL) is the top division of the Papua New Guinea Football Association in Papua New Guinea. It is a nation-wide 8-team semi-professional league and was formed in 2006. Due to sponsorship from PNG Telekom it is officially named the Telekom NSL Cup.

### Country Information

Capital	Port Moresby
Population	6,187,591
GDP	
Total	\$16.863 billion
Per Capita	\$2,532

### Football Statistics

All players:	196,900
Registered players:	68,800
Unregistered players:	128,100
Clubs:	463
Officials:	6,400



2013 CLUB CHAMPION



Solomon Warriors

## Solomon Islands (SOL)

The S-League champion has performed creditably in the OFC Champions League having gained 2 finals appearances only to lose on aggregate. Presenting a fast-paced style of football, that is attractive to watch, there have been 4 different clubs represent their country in the OFC Champions League.

The Solomon Warriors will grace the OFC Champions League with their presence in 2013, seeking to gain the first finals appearance since 2009 for the Solomon Islands. The football mad nation has featured previously in both the FIFA Futsal and Beach Soccer World Cups with the majority of the players also featuring in the 11-a-side game.

competition stats

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Club Champion						
Final Placing in OFC Champions League	7th	3rd	7th	2nd	2nd	5th





## Overview

Consisting of nearly one thousand islands, the economy of Solomon Islands is small, but growing strongly. Logging activities have recently been one of Solomon Islands most important sources of economic growth. But this source of growth is unsustainable. The country is therefore broadening the base of the economy, with mining, agriculture exports, fisheries, and tourism all being targeted for fast economic growth.

The security and safety that RAMSI brought to Solomon Islands in 2003 has also provided a strong base for economic growth. New investors in the country are now able to start businesses with a renewed sense of confidence and certainty about the future.

A gold mine on Guadalcanal started producing gold early in 2010. International airlines are now competing vigorously on routes to and from Solomon Islands. And the Solomon Taiyo company is producing tuna for export markets around the world.

With bountiful oceans, beautiful scenery, and rich mineral deposits, this is only the beginning for a new and revitalised Solomon Islands economy.

## National League

There are eight teams competing in the S-League, under a double round robin format to decide the champion. All teams of the league also play a knockout tournament after the season, the Championship Series. The winners of both competitions play a two legged playoff for a place in the OFC Champions League. Both titles are awarded with a \$150,000 (local currency) winners purse. Should a team win both competitions, they automatically qualify for the Champions League.

### Country Information

Capital	Honiara
Population	523,000
GDP	
Total	\$1.725 billion
Per Capita	\$3,191

### Football Statistics

All players:	26,820
Registered players:	8,820
Unregistered players:	18,000
Clubs:	212
Officials:	560



## 2013 CLUB CHAMPION



AS Dragon

## Tahiti (TAH)

Rarely has a club suffered such humiliation and turned it around to advance to an OFC Champions League Final, yet this was the reality for AS Tefana in 2012 who were beaten 10-0 by Waitakere United in the first round of the group stage. This performance is a vast improvement on the previous 2 seasons where the Tahitian representative finished in last place.

The 2013 season welcomes a new representative in the likes of AS Dragon who dominated the Super Ligue to gain their spot and will no doubt look to emulate the success of AS Tefana from the previous season.

### competition stats

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Club Champion				N/A		
Final Placing in OFC Champions League	2nd	8th	8th	N/A	6th	4th

## Overview

After the establishment of the CEP (Centre d'Experimentation du Pacifique) in 1963, the standard of living in French Polynesia increased considerably and many Polynesians abandoned traditional activities and emigrated to the urban centre of Papeete.

The main trading partners are France with about 40% of imports and about 25% of exports, the other main trading partners are the US, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

Tahitian pearl (black pearl) farming is also a substantial source of revenues, most of the pearls being exported to Japan, Europe and the US. Tahiti also exports vanilla, fruits, flowers, monoi, fish, copra oil, and noni.

Tourism is an important money-earner; travellers favour Tahiti and Bora Bora. Boasting a year-round warm climate, volcanic peaks and tranquil lagoons, it is easy to see why the islands are popular.

## National League

The Tahitian First Division is the top division of the Fédération Tahitienne de Football in French Polynesia. The league is currently named Super Ligue Mana for sponsorship reasons.

The competition is divided into two sections: the regular season and the play-offs. The regular season involves a league with each team playing each other. At the end of the regular season the top teams along with the winners of the Moorea Island league enter a championship play-off league to determine that season's overall champions as well as the qualifiers for the OFC Champions League. Meanwhile the lower teams enter a play-off league along with the top teams from the Second Division to determine which league they will be in next season. The regular season is competed between the 10 strongest club sides based in Tahiti.

### Country Information

Capital	Papeete
Population	267,000
GDP	
Total	\$5.65 billion
Per Capita	\$21,999

### Football Statistics

All players:	16,396
Registered players:	9,796
Unregistered players:	6,600
Clubs:	171
Officials:	128



2013 CLUB CHAMPION



Amicale

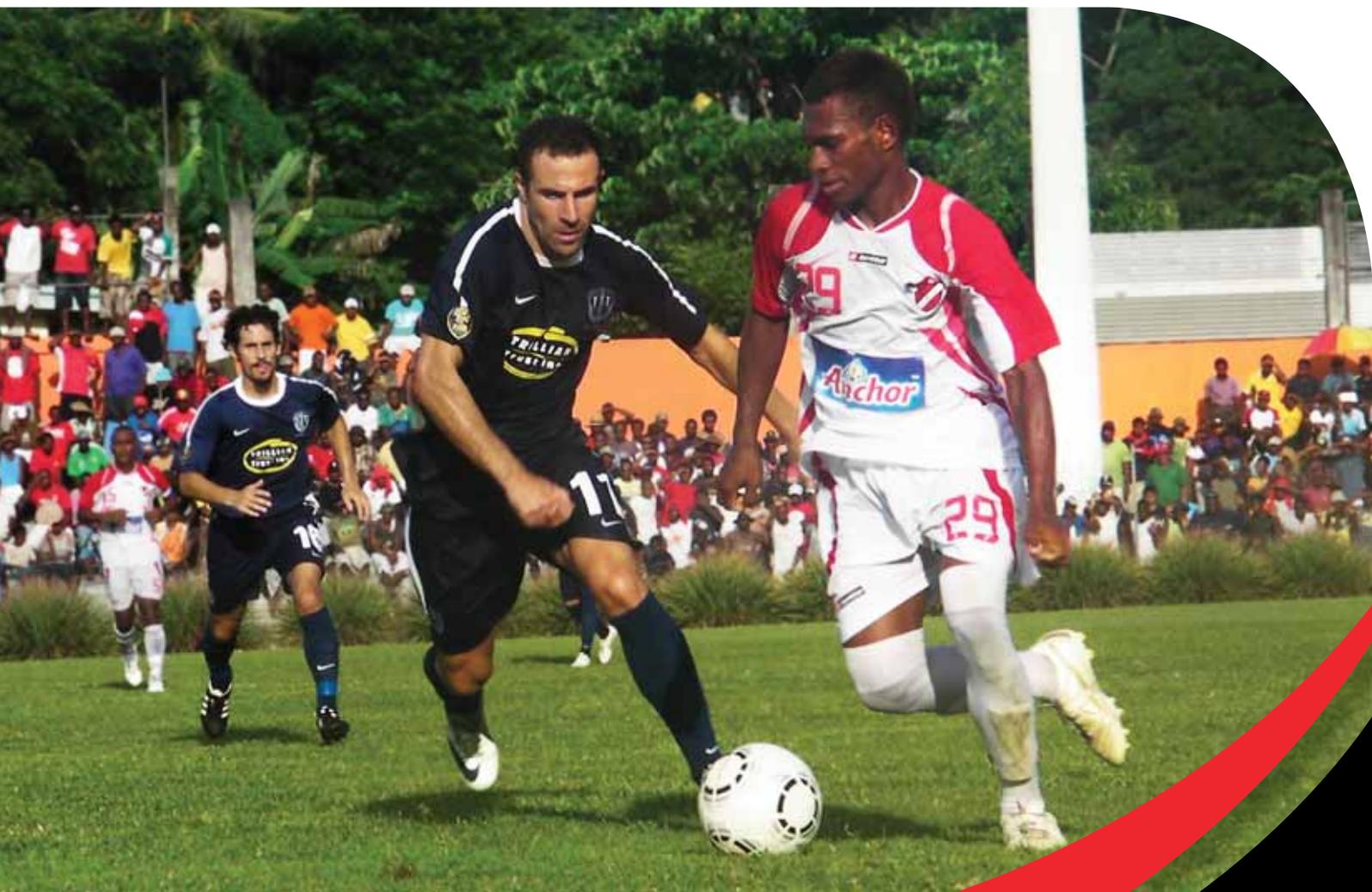
## Vanuatu (VAN)

Amicale finished the 2012 OFC Champions League campaign on a high after a 1-0 win over defending champions Auckland City FC thanks to a Kensi Tangis goal after 60 minutes. That was the high water mark for a campaign that failed to reach the heights of 2011 when Amicale became the first club side from Vanuatu to reach the final.

Although Amicale has featured in the past 2 seasons of the OFC Champions League, it is Tafea FC with the best domestic record having been crowned champions 15 times.

competition stats

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Club Champion						N/A
Final Placing in OFC Champions League	6th	2nd	5th	6th	4th	N/A





## Overview

Vanuatu is an island archipelago consisting of approximately 82 islands. The four mainstays of the economy are agriculture, tourism, offshore financial services, and raising cattle. There is substantial fishing activity, although this industry does not bring in much foreign exchange.

Exports include copra, kava, beef, cocoa, and timber, and imports include machinery and equipment, foodstuffs, and fuels. In contrast, mining activity is unsubstantial. While manganese mining halted in 1978, there was an agreement in 2006 to export manganese already mined but not yet exported. Tourism brings in much-needed foreign exchange. Vanuatu is widely recognized as one of the premier vacation destinations for scuba divers wishing to explore coral reefs of the South Pacific region.

## National League

Vanuatu Premier Division is the top division of the Port Vila Football League. Since the Vanuatu Football Federation does not run a national league as such but on occasions runs invitational tournaments involving clubs from the various affiliate associations, the Port Vila Football League is considered the major football competition in Vanuatu. Tafea FC has won 15 titles between 1994 and 2009, with Amicale ending that 15-in-a-row sequence with back-to-back title triumphs in 2010 and 2011.

### Country Information

Capital	Port Vila
Population	224,564
GDP	
Total	\$1.204 billion
Per Capita	\$4,916

### Football Statistics

All players:	27,400
Registered players:	6,400
Unregistered players:	21,000
Clubs:	230
Officials:	316



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