



## Year In Review 2022

Leadership. Scholarship. Prowess.

As we reflect on the past year, we couldn't be more grateful to our sponsors and partners, and proud of our team for the collective effort over the last 12 months to ensure that school and youth basketball at the grassroots stays alive.

Youth Development is a critical component of the YBG organization.



In spite of the challenges and inadequate access to facilities, lack of institutional support, shortfall in funding, and overall inequity in the development of the game of basketball at the grassroots; YBG nevertheless had the most extraordinary year – from hosting our inaugural Student-Athlete Conference, the first Tertiary Basketball League, and later knockout tournaments for technical institutes and university teams, the return of the National School Basketball Festival for the fifteenth year, after two years absent due to the pandemic, hosting of Regional Series and Skills Competitions, recruitment and development of new referees and officials, support for teachers and coaching development, we organized summer camp for over 100 campers, support camps in Linden and Berbice, improve school and community courts, and continue to maintain a year-round basketball academy for developing and elite players.

Once again, Youth Basketball Guyana has distinguished itself as the main server for young ballers ages 4 to 21.

We are serious about creating a sustainable and progressive platform for school and grassroots basketball, particularly for aspiring student-athletes.

The past year has really tested our resolve and stretched our team, it hasn't been easy to sustain such a high level of output for so long, but we are committed, and we give it our best effort.

For us, it is not just about basketball or sports but the opportunity to change lives and make a difference in an area that is often times neglected, so we believe that the work we do makes a difference beyond the basketball court and are thankful to all those who are helping us to make this possible.

Coming off of 2021, and a successful restart initiative, 2022 delivered some great moments. We thank our media partners and volunteers who continue to capture these amazing moments.

Here are some highlights from 2022.

Thank You!

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

# Highlights...

## YBG ACADEMY

Our Academy continues to prioritize getting more children and girls involved in basketball at the nursery level. Children and Youth 4-19 years old have access to year-round training and development opportunities, at several hubs across the country.



# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

To help better support our teachers and coaches, we created a “Players Development Curriculum” along with an advanced level coaching template compliments of California to Guyana Basketball Foundation and hosted our first coaches retreat.



Several former players took up the challenge of joining the officiating ranks.



# CHALLENGE SERIES AND SKILLS

The Challenge Series - Skills Combined, Free-throw, Three-point competitions were held in Linden, Kwakwani, Bartica, New Amsterdam, and Georgetown, which saw some of the best student-athletes from across the country competing for prizes and recognition of being the most skilled in a number of basketball skills and fundamentals.



**EXPANSION**

The first Mini Regional Basketball Tournament for schools on the West Coast Demerara.



**West Demerara Secondary U 16 Team with Headteacher, Mr. Harry Narine**

Improvement was made to the Covent Garden Court to serve as a hub for basketball on the East Bank of Demerara.



**Court marking and backboards being installed at Covent Garden**

## NEW TOURNAMENTS

The inaugural Tertiary League and Tertiary Knockout may prove to be the next big thing on the national sports calendar. And while the initial tournament was low-funded, it made a big impression on players and fans alike.



The University of Guyana and Government Technical Institute duke it out in the league finals. The University of Guyana and New Amsterdam Institute went down to the wire in the knockout finals. The University of Guyana won both titles.



## 15th Anniversary Championship

After two years, the National School Basketball Festival returned with ExxonMobil as the title sponsor. This year's tournament saw 30 schools participating in three championship divisions; under 19, under 16, and Girls Developmental. Other sponsors include Edward B. Beharry and Company Ltd, onboard for an unmatched thirteenth consecutive year, the National Sports Commission, and newcomer G-Boats GY.



The Festival is the premier high school basketball tournament in Guyana



The 2022 Champions are Aoirima (U19), Kwakwani (Female), and President's College (U16).



## A few more memorable shots...

NSBF past players came out in their numbers to support the next generation. The Minister of Education was on hand to support the girls, and fans could always rely on some goodies compliments of Edward B. Beharry Ltd.



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Had the privilege of meeting the girls' basketball teams of Kwakwani Secondary and Queen's College over the weekend. Kwakwani got the trophy. It was a beautiful match to watch and exactly the kind of things our girls should be doing. 🏆



# SUMMER CAMPS

The year also saw the successful return of summer camps for hundreds of children home for the august holiday period.



We also supported development camps in Linden and Berbice



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