



ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE SPORTS SECTOR OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH & SPORTS IN ANAMBRA STATE





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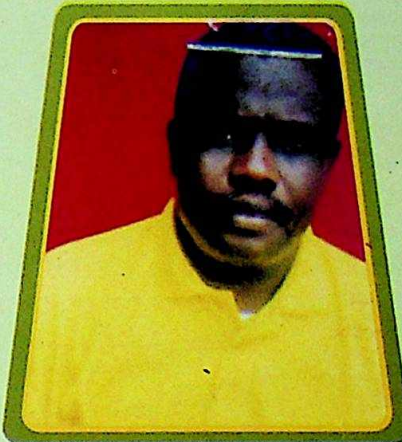


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This publication - Key Activities/Achievements in the sports sector, of the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Anambra State is a compendium of activities and achievements in the sports sector of the Ministry from mid 2009 to May 2011. It could be regarded as a **MUST READ** for anyone who seeks to be well-informed about the sports programmes, activities and achievements recorded in Anambra State within the two years period.

Highlighted in the publication is the sports policy thrust of Governor Peter Obi's Administration, in keeping with the tenets of Anambra State Integrated Development Strategy (ANIDS). ANIDS is the state government's vehicle for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) in the year 2015.

Specific issues covered in the publication include: stadia development initiatives, U-13, U-15 and U-17 football competitions, National sports festivals, grassroot sports programmes, international sporting outings of the state and laurels won. Others are Suddick Open Volleyball Championship and historical perspective in the development of school sports and football in the state.

One will get to know other major activities and achievements in sports by reading this book especially as it concerns the State Grassroots Sports Programme.

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This book will be very useful to all sports coaches, organizing secretaries of sports, sports officers in primary, post-primary and tertiary institutions both in Nigeria and in the diaspora. Football administrators, journalists, lecturers and students studying physical education and sports management will need this book. Hopefully, other sports stakeholders will be gladdened by the information contained in this book and as a result will be better poised for more action in sports.

CHINWE C. ANOWAI
Hon. Commissioner,
June 2011.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS

1. STADIUM DEVELOPMENT

Justice Chuba Ikpeazu Memorial Stadium in Onitsha North local Government Area, the first ever stadia to be built by any Government of Anambra State since the creation of the state in 1991, was built by Mr Peter Obi's administration. The Onitsha South Mini Stadium is almost completed. Efforts are being made towards building more stadia in other zones of the state,

2. 17TH NATIONAL SPORTS FESTIVAL

The potential state contingent actively participated in the South East Zonal elimination of the 17th National Sports Festival held in Enugu for team events. Our state teams qualified to represent the zone in three events namely: football, volleyball and hockey. The state is set to participate in the national festival which will hold in Port Harcourt as from 27th June to 12th July 2011. As a result, the ministry has embarked on two monitoring programmes that supervised the coaching of athletes as stated below:-

MONITORING OF TRAINING OF ATHLETES IN PREPARATION FOR THE 17TH NATIONAL SPORTS FESTIVAL

LIST OF THE MONITORING TEAM

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<i>Hon. Commissioner</i> | - | Co-ordinator |
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	NAME		EVENT MONITORED
3.	Amuzie C.C.	-	Taekwondo /Football
4.	Umudu J.O	-	Athletics/Kung-fu
5.	Okwonna Faith	-	Tennis /Weight lifting
6.	Inno Nwakwo	-	Boxing /Judo
7.	Nwokeannia Nnamdi	-	Traditional wrestling /Kick-boxing
8.	Okoli Justina	-	Traditional wrestling /Kick-boxing
9.	Eze Basil	-	Karate/Chess
10.	Obiakor Paul	-	Football
11.	Offor Jude	-	Wrestling /Ayo
12.	Okonkwo Chizoba	-	Kung-fu
13.	Obi Udechukwu	-	Ayo /Kung-fu
14.	Nwokike Ifeyinwa	-	Football
15.	Aka Chika	-	Volley ball /Tennis
16.	Onugbolu Greg	-	Traditional wrestling /Kick-boxing
17.	Mbanefo Chidiogo	-	Chess/Volley ball
18.	Okafor Chigozie	-	Tennis/Athletics
19.	Okoro Ikechukwu	-	Weight Lifting/Ayo

10TH-17TH APRIL, 2011 (1ST PHASE)

S/No	NAME	SPORTS	VENUE	DATE	TIME
1	Amuzie C.C	Taekwondo	White View Hotel Awka	Wed/Fri.	3.30pm
		FootBall Boxing	Temp. Stadium Awka Comp. Sec. School Onitsha	Wed/Thur/Fri	4pm
2	Umudu J.O	Athletics	Chuba Ikpeazu / Nimo Coll. of Edu. Nsugbe	Wed/Thurs/ Friday	4.pm
		Hockey		Mon/Friday Mon	4pm
3	Faith Okwonna	Badminton	Chuba Ikpeazu / Nimo Awka Onitsha Sports Club	Tues./Wed	9am/3pm
		weight lifting		Wed /Thurs	3.30pm
		Tennis		Wed /Thurs/ Fri	4.pm
4	Nwankwo Inno	Boxing	Army Baracks Onitsha	Sun/ Wed/ Sun.	4.pm
		Judo	Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium	Wed/ Thurs	3pm
5	Nwokeannia Nnamdi &	Traditional Wrestling	Temp. Stadium Awka	Tues. /Thurs	3.pm 3.pm
6	Okoli Justina	& Kick-Boxing	Temp. Stadium Awka	Tues/Wed/Thur	
7	Okonkwo Chizoba	Taekwondo	White View Hotel Awka	Wed/Thur	3.30pm
		Kung-fu	Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium	Tue/ Fri/ Sun.	5.pm(Mon-Sun)
8	Aka Chika	Badminton	Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium	Tues/Wed/Thurs	9.am
		Tennis	Onitsha Sports Club	Wed/Thurs	3.pm
		VolleyBall	Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium	Tues/Wed	3.30pm
9	Eze Basil	Karate	Comp. Sec. School Onitsha	Sunday	5.pm 10.am-3pm
10	Obiakor Paul	Football	Temp. Stadium Awka	Wed/ Thurs/ Fri	11.am
11	Okafor Chigozie	Traditional Wrestling	Temp. Stadium Awka	Wed/ Thurs/ Mon	3.pm
		Tennis Kick Boxing	Onitsha Sports club Temp. Stadium Awka	Wed/ Thurs	3.30pm
12	Offor Jude	Wrestling	FED Coll. Tech Awka (GTC)	Tues/ Thurs/ Fri.	3.30pm
		Kick Boxing	Temp. Stadium Awka	Wed/ Thurs	3.pm

10TH-17TH APRIL, 2011 (1ST PHASE)

S/No	NAME	SPORTS	VENUE	DATE	TIME
13	Mbanefo Chidiogo	Chess Volleyball Karate	Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium Comp. Sec School Onitsha	Sunday/ Wed Wednesday Sunday	10am-5pm 3.30pm 10am-3pm
14	Obi Udechukwu	Weight lifting Kung-fu	S.M Okeke Ave(Beside Uche's Place Awka) Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium	Wed/ Thurs/ Tue/ Fri/ Sun	3.30pm 5pm /11am

4TH-11TH MAY, 2011 (2ND PHASE)

1	Nwankwo Inno	Boxing Judo	Army Baracks Onitsha Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium	Sun/ Wed/ Sun. Wed/ Thurs	4.pm 3pm
2	Nwokeannia Nnamdi & Okoli Justina	Traditional Wrestling & Kick-Boxing	Temp. Stadium Awka Temp. Stadium Awka	Tues. /Thurs Tues/Wed/Thur	3.pm 3.pm
3	Okonkwo Chizoba	Taekwondo Kung-fu	White View Hotel Awka Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium	Wed/Thur Tue/ Fri/ Sun.	3.30pm 5.pm(Mon-Sun)
4	Aka Chika	Badminton Tennis VolleyBall	Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium Onitsha Sports Club Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium	Tues/Wed/Thurs Wed/Thurs Tues/Wed	9.am 3.pm 3.30pm
5	Eze Basil	Karate	Comp. Sec. School Onitsha	Sunday	5.pm 10.am-3pm
6	Obiakor Paul	Football	Temp. Stadium Awka	Wed/ Thurs/ Fri	11.am
7	Okonkwo Jonah	Traditional Wrestling Tennis Kick Boxing	Temp. Stadium Awka Onitsha Sports club Temp. Stadium Awka	Wed/ Thurs/ Mon Wed/ Thurs	3.pm 3.30pm
8	Okafor Chigozie	Wrestling Kick Boxing	FED Coll. Tech Awka (GTC) Temp. Stadium Awka	Tues/ Thurs/ Fri. Wed/ Thurs	3.30pm 3.pm
9	Offor Jude	Taekwondo FootBall Boxing	White View Hotel Awka Temp. Stadium Awka Comp. Sec. School Onitsha	Wed/Fri. Wed/Thur/Fri	3.30pm 4pm
10	Amuzie C.C	Athletics Hockey	Chuba Ikpeazu / Nimo Coll. of Edu. Nsugbe	Wed/Thurs/ Friday Mon/Friday Mon	4.pm 4pm
11	Umudu J.O	Badminton weight lifting Tennis	Chuba Ikpeazu / Nimo Awka Onitsha Sports Club	Tues./Wed Wed /Thurs Wed /Thurs/ Fri	9am/3pm 3.30pm 4.pm
12	Faith Okwonna	Chess Volleyball Karate	Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium Comp. Sec School Onitsha	Sunday/ Wed Wednesday Sunday	10am-5pm 3.30pm 10am-3pm
13	Mbanefo Chidiogo	Chess Volleyball Karate	Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium Comp. Sec School Onitsha	Sunday/ Wed Wednesday Sunday	10am-5pm 3.30pm 10am-3pm

3. **GOVERNOR PETER OBI INTER-LOCAL GOVERNMENT U-13 AND U-17 FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS:**

The Ministry organized the above competitions from the community levels through Local Government levels to the state finals. The state finals took place at Justice Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium, Onitsha on 17th January, 2010. His Excellency, Mr. Peter Obi Governor of Anambra State was the Chief Guest of Honour during the state finals. The results of the finals were as follows:

U-17 Category

1 st position	-	Njikoka L.G.A
2 nd position	-	Ekwusigo L.G.A
3 rd position	-	Idemili North L.G.A

U-13 Category

1 st position	-	Ogbaru L.G.A
2 nd position	-	Anambra West L.G.A
3 rd position	-	Anaocha L.G.A

4. **2010 NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVAL**

The state participated in the 2010 National School Sports Festival held in Kano from 19th to 29th October, 2010. The state performed excellently. The state won 33 gold, 36 silver and 46 bronze medals and clinched the 5th position in the overall medal table. This was against the poor background of 3 and 14 gold medals that were won in 2008 and 2009 respectively. All the athletes that won medals were given scholarships of various categories. The list of medalists and their events are as follows:

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS, AWKA

COMPILATION ON HEROES OF 2010 SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVAL IN KANO

S/N	Name of Athlete	School/Address	Age	Sex	Town/LGA	Event	Medal won	Contact Telephone No
	TENNIS							
1.	Mmaduabuchi Egestonu	Onitsha High School	14	M	Onitsha North	Tennis	Gold	07043036373
2.	Ifeanyi Okonkwo	Onitsha High School	16	M	Onitsha North	Tennis	Bronze	08037625905
3.	Obumneme Chukwukelu	Dennis Memorial Grammar School	16	M	Onitsha North	Tennis	Bronze	08065785685
4.	Tochukwu Ezech	Our Lady of Assumption	11	M	Onitsha North	Tennis	Bronze	08033243717
5.	Obiageli Aneh	B.C.M. Primary School	7	M	Onitsha North	Tennis	Bronze	08038884258
6.	Godwin Ekweonu	Onitsha High School	14	M	Onitsha North	Tennis	Bronze	08038945692
	TAEKWONDO							
1.	Dirichukwu Christian	Igwebuike Grammar School Awka	15	M	Awka South	Taekwondo	Gold	07061977183
2.	Oti Chukwuebuka		15	M	Onitsha North	Taekwondo	Gold	07061172177
3.	Nwoye Chinelo	N. G. S. Ifitedune	16	F	Oyi	Taekwondo	Gold	07037054945
4.	Chiamaka Oguejiofor	Eastern Academy	16	F	Onitsha North	Taekwondo	Gold	07068653761
5.	Olleh Ifeanyi	P.M.H.S. Onitsha	17	M	Onitsha North	Taekwondo	Gold	08035503433
6.	Amala Amakom	St. Raphael Awkuzu	17	F	Oyi	Taekwondo	Gold	08038221920
7.	Erigbo Chukwuebuka	P.M.H.S. Onitsha	14	M	Onitsha North	Taekwondo	Silver	08161393846
8.	Chizoba Nzeakor	G. H. S. Ifitedunu	14	F	Njikoka	Taekwondo	Silver	08060835852
9.	Amakom Onyinye	St. Raphael Secondary School Awkuzu	15	F	Oyi	Taekwondo	Silver	08038221920
10.	Okolie Chukwendu	AOMSS Onitsha	17	M	Onitsha North	Taekwondo	Silver	07037076213
11.	Onyinye Ezanogu	New Era Secondary School Ntaje	17	F	Oyi	Taekwondo	Bronze	08060723278
12.	Okeke Chukwudi	C. S. S. Okpunor	14	M	Awka North	Taekwondo	Bronze	08165584812

FOOTBALL										
1.	Ugwa Ifeanyi	Nnewi High School	15	M	Nnewi	Football	Silver	07062418879		
2.	Amu Nnaemeka	Nnewi High School	15	M	Nnewi	Football	Silver	07066743186		
3.	Ede Oghonna	St. Michael's Nimo	15	M	Nimo, Njikoka	Football	Silver	08138786345		
4.	Jideobi Chimezie	C.S.S. Ebenebe	15	M	Ebenebe Awka North	Football	Silver	08065432880		
5.	Amadi Geofrey	Royal Magesty School, Nnewi	15	M	Nnewi	Football	Silver	08163136052		
6.	Obi Nkemjika	Pactodins Secondary School, Ihiala	15	M	Ihiala	Football	Silver	08035845099		
7.	Owerekwe Nonso	Our Ladys High School Onitsha	15	M	Onitsha South	Football	Silver	07061138465		
8.	Igwe Macben	St. Michael's Nimo	15	M	Nimo	Football	Silver	08162456930		
9.	Nnemeka Charles	I. G. S., Awka	15	M	Awka	Football	Silver	07033264185		
10.	Igbokwe Collins	C. S. S. Okpuno, Awka	15	M	Awka	Football	Silver	07035582926		
11.	Odumegwu Nnabuchi	Metu Grammar School Onitsha	15	M	Onitsha South	Football	Silver	07068071009		
12.	Arinze Ononenyi	Bishop Onyebor M.S.	15	M	Onitsha North	Football	Silver	07038934311		
13.	Akoniko Ogochukwu	Our Lady's H. S. Onitsha	15	M	Onitsha North	Football	Silver	08182552605		
14.	Uduma ThankGod	G.T.C. Onitsha	15	M	Onitsha North	Football	Silver	08035497968		
15.	Obidigbo Onyechi	Nnewi High School	15	M	Nnewi	Football	Silver	08167800591		
16.	Chibuzo Lawrence	D. M. G. S. Onitsha	15	M	Onitsha	Football	Silver	08066631049		
17.	Ogwazu Chimezie	Mctu Memorial Secondary School Osha	15	M	Onitsha	Football	Silver	07038782132		
18.	Maka Charles	Apart Comp School Ihiala	15	M	Ihiala	Football	Silver	08135727280		
19.	Obi Michael	St. Michael's Nimo	15	M	Nimo	Football	Silver	08133700953		
20.	Osiki Emmanuel	Ogbaru High School	15	M	Atani	Football	Silver	07088188284		
21.	Arinze James	I. G. S., Awka	15	M	Awka	Football	Silver	08057232401		

14.	Uzuchukwu Ndiukwu	Army Day Secondary Sch. Onitsha	16	M	Nnewi	Judo	Bronze	0806689898
15.	Happy John	Army Day Secondary Sch. Onitsha	15	M	Uyo	Judo	Bronze	08169226897
16.	Chinemem Chikezie	Urban Boys Secondary School Onitsha	13	M	Nnewi	Judo	Bronze	08031385396
17.	Chukwudi Onuorah	Agulu Awka Com. Sec. School	17	M	Awka	Judo	Bronze	08167658683
	WRESTLING							
1.	Rosemary Nweke	St. John Secondary School Awka	14	F	Awka South	Wrestling	Gold	
2.	Emeka Elenam	C. S. S. Nwafia	14	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Gold	
3.	Chinedu Nwodo	Igwebuikwe Grammar School Awka	17	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Gold	
4.	Friday Samuel	Igwebuikwe Grammar School Awka		M		Wrestling	Gold	
5.	Raluchukwu Chinenye	Comm. Sec. School Omor	18	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Gold	
6.	Emeka Nwafor	C. S. S. Nwafia	13	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Gold	
7.	Onyebuchi Ude	C. S. S. Nwafia	13	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Gold	
8.	Beka Nwafor	Comm.. Secondary School Agulu Awka	12	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Gold	
9.	Ifeanyi Onyegolu	Comm.. Secondary School Agulu Awka	16	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Gold	
10.	Izuchukwu Ndubisi	St. Michael Nimo	17	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Gold	
11.	Ifeanyi Nwuba	Comm.. Secondary School Awka	18	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Silver	08130464005
12.	Uchenna Ejiofor	Nnebuzo Primary School Awka	14	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Silver	08033241577
13.	Charles Dinyelu	St. Paul Omor	16	M	Ayamelum	Wrestling	Silver	08130464005
14.	Peter Jonah	St. Paul Omor		M		Wrestling	Silver	08033241577
15.	Ifeanyi Onyegolu	Comm. Secondary School, Agulu Awka	15	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Silver	08130464665
16.	Sunday Patrick	Rene-Dike Memorial School, Awka	16	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Silver	08033241517
17.	Adeze Nwafor	Central School, Awka	12	F	Awka South	Wrestling	Silver	08130464005
18.	Sunday Musa	Central School, Awka		M		Wrestling	Silver	08033241517
19.	Abuchi Igwenagu	Practising School, Awka	12	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Silver	08130464005

20.	Ifeanyi Nwuba	Comm. Secondary School, Omor	18	M	Ayamelum		Bronze	08130464005
21.	Ralu Chinenye	Comm... Secondary School, Omor	18	M	Ayamelum	Wrestling	Bronze	08033241917
22.	Chinedu Nwodo	Igwebuikwe Grammar School, Awka	17	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Bronze	08130464005
23.	Ofonu Samuel	St. Paul Omor	14	M	Ayamelum	Wrestling	Bronze	08033241917
24.	Emeka Elenam	C. S. S. Nwafia	14	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Bronze	08130464005
25.	Ekene Nwadiobu	St. Paul Omor	16	M	Ayamelum	Wrestling	Bronze	08033241917
26.	Ndubuisi Izuchukwu	St. Michael Nimo	17	M		Wrestling	Bronze	08130464005
27.	Sunday Patrick	Keneth-Dike Memorial School, Awka	16	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Bronze	08033241917
28.	Onyebuchi Ude	C. S. S. Nwafia	13	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Bronze	08130464005
29.	Emeka Nwafor	C. S. S. Nwafia	13	M	Awka South	Wrestling	Bronze	08033241917
30.	Friday Samuel	C. S. S. Nwafia				Wrestling	Bronze	08130464005
	ATHLETICS							
1.	Agubo Juliet	Uzoakwa C/S Ihiala	12	F	Nnewi	High Jump	Gold	08063633305
2.	Okezie Chinedu		13	M		4x400M Relay/4x100M	Gold	08055905408
3.	Okolie Ugochukwu		13	M		4x100M	Gold	08036825012
4.	Okeke Chidi	C/S Ukepor Nnewi	11	M	Ukepor	1500M	Gold	08037685553
5.	Nwafor Nonso	Obiokosi P/S Onitsha	11	M	Onitsha	1,500M, 4x400M Relay	Gold	08133440181
6.	Ebele Chukwuemeka	Ado Girls Secondary School Onitsha	14	F	Onitsha	400M	Gold	08033588036
7.	Anene Amala	G. S. S. Abagana	14	F	Njikoka	High Jump	Gold	08036758567
8.	Chibuikwe Egbochinam	Metro Secondary School, Onitsha	14	M	Onitsha	200M, 100M, 4x100M, 4x400M	Gold	07036366945
9.	Onyechocha Nwamaka	G. S. S. Abagana	17	F	Abagana	Discus	Gold	
10.	Agubo Juliet	Uzoakwa C/S Ihiala	12	F		100M, 200M	Silver	08063633305
11.	Nwachukwu Chidera	Okwuani C/S Nnewi	12	F		4x400M Relay	Silver	08033889360

12.	Ekwuno Emelie						100M, 4x100M Relay	Silver	
13.	Basseyy Miracle	C/S Oba				Ogidi	Long Jump	Silver	
14.	Okeke Chidi	C/S Ukpokor Nnewi South	11	M			800M	Silver	08037685533
15.	Chibuikwe Egbuchinam	Metro Secondary School, Onitsha	14	M			100M	Silver	07036366945
16.	Ofofiele Ngozi	Rosary College Nise	14	F		Awka	4x400M Relay	Silver	07065917577
17.	Udemezue Tochukwu		14	F			4x400M Relay	Silver	
18.	Chukwukelu Ifunanya	G. S. S. Onitsha	14	F		Onitsha	4x400M Relay	Silver	
19.	Ebele Chukwuemeka	Ado Girls' Secondary School, Onitsha	14	F		Onitsha	4x400M Relay	Silver	08033588036
20.	Anene Amala	G. S. S. Abagana	14	F		Njikoka	4x400M Relay	Silver	08036758567
21.	Agwua Cynthia	Eastern Academy Onitsha	14	F		Onitsha	100M	Silver	07062225573
22.	Chiamaka Egbuchinam	Obiokosi Primary School, Onitsha	12	F		Onitsha	100M	Bronze	
23.	Ogugua Chidinma	St. Mary Comm. Ukpokor	12	F		Ukpokor	Long Jump	Bronze	
24.	Ekpeleamaka Ahamefuna	Obiokosi Primary School, Onitsha	12	F		Onitsha	800M, 1,500M	Bronze	
25.	Ekwuno Emelia						200M	Bronze	
26.	Ugeh Kasia	G. S. S. Abagana	16	F		Njikoka	Discus	Bronze	
27.	Adibo Rita	G. S. S. Abagana	13	F		Nimo	High Jump	Bronze	
28.	Ofofiele Ngozi	Rosary College, Nise	14	F		Nwofia	100M	Bronze	

5. SPONSORSHIP AND HOSTING OF THE 1ST EDITION OF DIM CHUKWUEMEKA ODUMEGWU OJUKWU U-14 MALE SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

The Ministry of Youth and Sports in collaboration with the Youth Sports Federation of Nigeria (YSFON) South-East Zone organized the 1st Edition of Dim Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu U-14 Male Soccer Championship at Gabros Sports Field, Nnewi from 11th to 17th December, 2010. The colourful and well attended championship was to honour and immortalize the great living legend of our time - Dim Odumegwu Ojukwu. It was fully sponsored by Anambra State Government. Seven states participated. The states were: Anambra, Imo, Abia, Ebonyi, Enugu, Akwa Ibom and Rivers. The championship created opportunities to discover budding talents to be groomed to stardom; it helped to promote social cohesion and friendship among the youth of the states that participated. Enugu state emerged as champion while Abia and Anambra states came second and third respectively.

6. OLYMPIC DAY RUN:

The 2010 Olympic Day Run was successfully organized in July, 2010. The event was used to sensitize the people of the state on the need to get involved in sporting activities for physical and mental fitness. Almost all the paramilitary organisations, sports clubs and academies were part of the event including schools and civil servants.

7. SPONSORSHIP OF OFFICIALS TO 2010 WORLD CUP

Three officials of the Ministry were sponsored by the state government to the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

8. SPONSORSHIP OF OFFICIALS TO 2010 OLYMPIC GAMES:

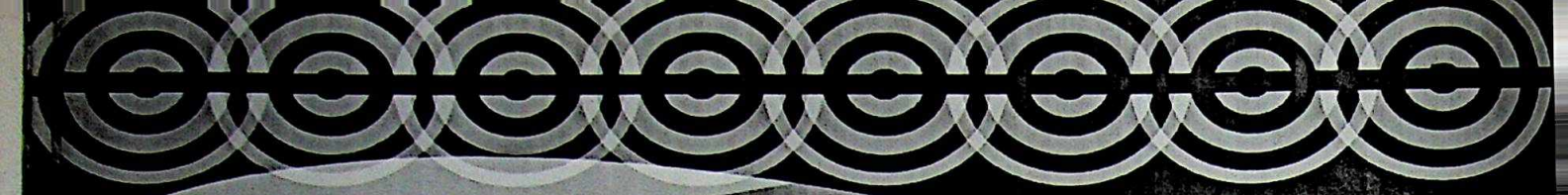
The state wrestling coach, Mr. Emeka Obidinma was sponsored to the 2010 Youth Olympic Games held in Singapore from 14th to 26th August, 2010.

9. GRASSROOT SPORTS DEVELOPMENT:

As part of the effort to promote sports at the grassroots, coaching clinics were initiated and organized at Justice Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium, Onitsha as part of capacity building for selected coaches, organizing secretaries, sports officers, games teachers and physical education instructors and athletes in August 2009. The key resource persons at the programme were international sports stars like Mary Onyali-Omagbemi and Col. Charles Okeke. The programme has since been extended to all the sports zones in the state and is still going on.

10. WEEKEND SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMME:

The state government has initiated weekend school sports programme. Under the programme, athletes in primary and secondary schools are trained on weekends by



the coaches of the Ministry of Youth and Sports and Volunteer Sports Vanguard. The aim is to catch them young, groom and develop their God given talent so that they could become international sports stars.

11. DATA BANK OF ATHLETES:

The ministry is continuously building a data bank of athletes in all the sporting events in which the state is very active. The initiative started in 2009, and has been very useful in making informed decisions and formulation of policies. Data bank on the underlisted 21 sporting events are now available in the ministry.

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| 1. Athletics | 2. Football | 3. Table Tennis |
| 4. Taekwondo | 5. Wrestling | 6. Chess |
| 7. Scrabbles | 8. Traditional wrestling | 9. Kung-fu |
| 10. Judo | 11. Tennis | 12. Boxing |
| 13. Weight lifting | 14. Hockey | 15. Kick-boxing |
| 16. Volley ball | 17. Hand ball | 18. Basketball |
| 19. Badminton | 20. Ayo | 21. Karate |

12. VOLUNTEER SPORTS VANGUARD:

The ministry has established Volunteer Sports Vanguard. These volunteers are either young active athletes or retired sports men and women who are not under the employment of the state government. Most of them have the patriotic zeal to assist in sports development in the state by way of giving free services to the ministry. They compliment the efforts of coaches and sports officers in the Ministry of Youth and Sports. Efforts are being made to recruit the young ones among.

13. FORMATION OF SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, AND REGISTRATION OF SPORTS CLUBS AND ACADEMIES:

The moribund sports associations in the state are being revived now through the formation of vibrant sports associations with patrons and patronesses. Similarly, the government has encouraged the formation of sports clubs and registration of same with the Ministry of Youth and Sports for effective co-ordination of their activities. So far forty sports clubs have been identified but only four of them have registered with the ministry. *The registered ones are:*

1. Morning Stars Football Academy, Onitsha.
2. Nwawulu Football Academy, Ogbaru.
3. Dynamic Academy, Aguluizigbo.
4. ATC Football Academy, Nkpor.

14. COMMON WEALTH LAUREL:

Miss Ifeoma Nwoye is the new Common Wealth and African Champion in female wrestling (51kg weight category). She won two (2) gold medals in the 2nd Cadet African Wrestling Championship and became African qualifier for Youth Olympic Games which were held simultaneously in Cairo Egypt from 22nd to 25th April, 2010. She also won a gold medal in the same weight category at the Common Wealth Games held in India in October, 2010. She hails from Enugwu Ukwu in Njikoka L.G.A. of Anambra State. She is a product of the state's grassroots sport that started in 2009.

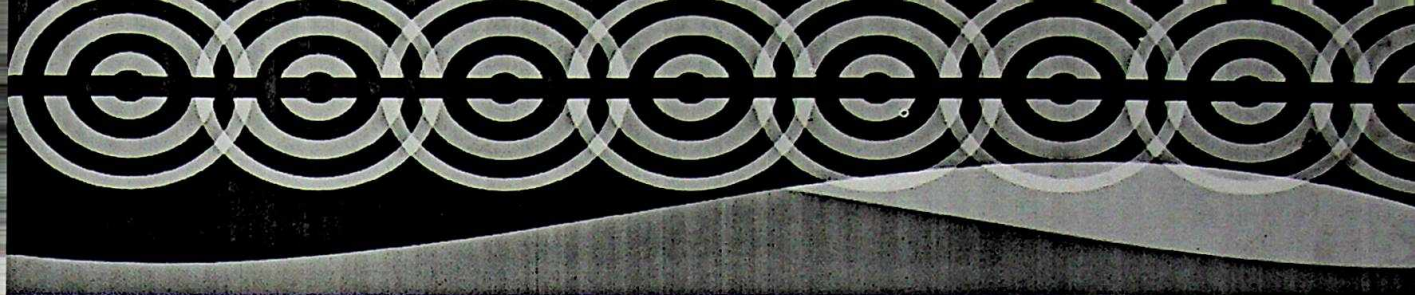
OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE MINISTRY.

During the two years period the ministry;

- a. Participated in the National Trial for Youth Olympic Boxing qualifiers held at the National Stadium, Surulere, Lagos 11th- 13th March, 2010.
- b. Inaugurated the State Chapter of Youth Sports Federation of Nigeria (YUSFON) on 26th March, 2010 at the Conference Hall, Government House, Awka,
- c. Hosted the 14th Edition of Howzat National Junior Cricket Super League for Philip Asiodu trophy from 29th March to 4th April 2010.
- d. Inaugurated the State Chapter of Nigeria Wrestling Federation on 18th April, 2010. Organized Pro Wrestling Championship at Justice Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium, Onitsha on 18th April, 2010.
- e. Organized trials in Judo at Justice Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium, Onitsha from 11th - 25th April 2010. The objective was to discover new athletes in the sporting event and improve the skills and standard of performance of old ones.
- f. Participated in the National Wrestling Trials in preparation for Common Wealth Games held at Liberty Stadium, Ibadan from 30th April to 4th May, 2010. Miss Ifeoma Nwoye emerged champion which qualified her to represent Nigeria in the Common Wealth Games, Delhi, 2010.
- g. Participated in the 2nd Athletics Federation of Nigeria (AFN) Golden League held in Lagos from 30th April to 1st May, 2010.
- h. Inspected the sites for the proposed zonal stadia at Ekwulobia, Nnewi-Ichi and Ogidi on 13th April, 2010.
- i. Inspected the Onitsha South Stadium Project in company of official of Ministry of Works, Sports Vanguard, Officials of the Ministry and the contractor on 17th April, 2010.
- j. Organized In-House Workshop for the purpose of man-power development of the staff of the Ministry from 21st to 22nd April, 2010.
- k. Hosted members of the State Football Association on 16th April, 2010 to

discuss the way forward in football development and administration in the State.

- l. Organized trials in Kung-fu and Volleyball on 11th May, 2010 at Justice Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium, Onitsha.
- m. Organized trials in handball and tennis on 13th April, 2010 at UNIZIK, Awka and Recreation Club Onitsha simultaneously in the two venues..
- n. Organized trials in badminton on 13th May, 2010 at Justice Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium, Onitsha.
- o. Organized trials in basketball on 18th May 2010 at UNIZIK, Awka.
- p. Organized trials in weight lifting, kick-boxing, wrestling and boxing on 25th May, 2010 at No. 18 S. M. Okeke Avenue, Awka and Temporary Stadium, Awka respectively.
- q. Organized trials in Chess/Scrabble and Hockey on 25th May, 2010 at Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium, Onitsha and Nwafor Orizu College of Education, Nsugbe respectively.
- r. Organized trials in Gymnastics and Judo on 26th May, 2010 at Justice Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium, Onitsha.
- s. Participated in the 1st Sarduana National Karate Championship and referees course held in Kano from 30th April to 5th May, 2010. The State won 1 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze medals and placed 4th in the overall medal table.
- t. Participated in the 4th Athletic Federation of Nigeria (AFN) Golden League held in Makurdi from 20th to 23rd May, 2010.
- u. Inspected the vast area of land at Nteje donated by Oyi LG for development of Games Village in the State.
- v. Organized trials in taekwondo and dart on 1st June 2010 at Marble Arch Hotels, Awka and Justice Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium, Onitsha respectively.
- w. Organized trials in cricket on 2nd June 2010 at Regal Secondary School. Nri.
- x. Participated in the 21st Edition of the Nigeria/NNPC EXXON Mobil Track and Field Trials for 2010 Common Wealth Games held at Esuene Stadium, Calabar from 24th to 26th June, 2010.
- y. Engaged in the first pre-handing over inspection of Onitsha South Stadium Project on 8th June 2010.
- z. Participated in the 20th Edition of Nigeria/NNPC/EXXON Mobil Track and Field Championships held in Abuja from 23rd to 25th July, 2010. The State won 2 silver and 2 bronze medals.
- a2. Organized holidays sports programme for school children for identification of potential athletes to be groomed to stardom. The programme involved



coaching clinics which were conducted in various communities in the state. Most of the athletes that represented the State in the 2010 National School sports held in Kano were products of this programme.

- b2. Participated in the 33rd Nigerian Breweries Plc International Chess Open Championship held in Lagos from 22nd to 29th August 2010. The state won bronze medal in the veteran section of the tournament.
- c2. Organized the first ever consultative forum of School Sports Stakeholders meeting at the Conference Hall, Government House, Awka on 28th August 2010. The meeting involved all the sports officers from the education sector and the Ministry of Youth and Sports.
- d2. Organized athletics and football competitions to mark the 50th Independence anniversary of Nigeria at Justice Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium, Onitsha. The programme started on 28th September and ended on 30th September 2010.
- e2. Sponsored 16 athletes and two officials to National Black Belt Grading Examination course for referees/coaches held in Lagos from 18th to 25th September, 2010.

GRASSROOTS SPORTS TRIALS AND GAINS

The main duties of the ministry are to introduce, discover, develop and project athletes to local, state, national and international competitions as well as to provide opportunities for those who can no more participate in competitive sports to use it as recreation for a healthy living. When different types of sports are introduced to people at our locality, the coaches then develop their potential skills in these games. Those that are exceptional are then projected to represent the state and Nigeria at large. In a nut shell the duty of the ministry is to produce athletes for local, state, national and international level competition. In order to achieve the above, trials were organised on various sports at different venues through out the state to give equal opportunity to all potential athletes to show case their talents and be nurtured and groomed to stardom.

The present regime had in August 2009 initiated and embarked on development of grassroot sports where the likes of Mary Onyali, Kanu Nwankwo introduced many sporting skills to the ministry's coaches, sports administrators, games-masters/mistresses. The trainees in return replicated the acquired skills to others in the rural communities. The efforts yielded the desired result as exemplified by the state performance in the last National School Sports Festival held in Kano where the state came 5th in the overall medals table with a total of 115 medals made up of 33 gold, 36 silver and 46 bronze medals.

The state is working hard to have up to twenty-five different sports associations. The efforts of the association when tapped would engage our teeming youths to gainful sporting ventures and reduce the crime rate prevalent in our society today. If the aggressive nature of our youths today are channeled to sports like boxing, Karate, Judo and others, they could rise to become world champions in their different weight categories. The state exposes the athletes to outside sporting competitions. Selection of athletes for outside competition is on the bases of outcome of trials that precede the competition.

The aims of the trials are to:-

- (1) encourages mass participation in sports,
- (2) identify new talents in different sports,
- (3) know the standard of our athletes at the moment,
- (4) have a strong data base in sports,
- (5) put the athletes in a competitive mood ,
- (6) create more sports awareness in our community.
- (7) know our strength and weaknesses in various sporting events,
- (8) know and categorise our athletes for the national festival and schools sports.

In all, a total of 23 sports associations participated in the first phase of the trials. Events covered were:

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| (1) Athletics | |
| (2) Ayo | |
| (3) Badminton | |
| (4) Basketball | |
| (5) Boxing | (14) Kick-Boxing |
| (6) Chess | (15) Kung-fu |
| (7) Cricket | (16) Scrabble |
| (8) Dart | (17) Table Tennis |
| (9) Gymnastics | (18) Tennis |
| (10) Handball | (19) Traditional wrestling |
| (11) Hockey | (20) Volley ball |
| (12) Judo | (21) Weight-lifting |
| (13) Karate | (22) Wrestling |

In the second phase of the trials that took place between November and December, 2010 the following events were covered

- (23) Taekwondo
- (24) Abula
- (25) Swimming

Below is a table showing venue for the trials.

	VENUES	EVENTS
(1)	Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium Onitsha	Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Gymnastics, Judo, Karate, Scrabble, Chess, Table Tennis, Volleyball and Kung-Fu.
(2)	Nnamdi Azikiwe University Sports Field, Awka.	Basketball/Handball
(3)	Nwafor Orizu College of Education, Nsugbe	Hockey

(4)	Temporary Stadium, Awka	Kick-Boxing, Traditional Wrestling, Amateur Wrestling
5)	Recreation Club Fegge, Onitsha	Tennis
(6)	Reggal Secondary School, Nri	Cricket
(7)	Uche's Place, No. 18 S.M. Okeke Avenue, Awka	Weight lifting.

Football was specifically left out because of the large fellowship which would make it very impossible to finish in one day. Nevertheless follow up of football groups that given grant in November 2010 in all the 177 communities is being planned.

SUPERVISION:

The supervisory team was made up of the Hon, Commissioner, the Permanent Secretary and all the Directors of the Ministry who added more glamour to those activities. At the end of the exercise the Ministry's sports technical team met and gave recommendations on the performances of various sports. At a glance one can say that most teams were outstanding which included.

- (1) *Boxing*
- (2) *Karate*
- (3) *Judo*
- (4) *Cricket*

ACHIEVEMENTS:

It is worthy to note that the grassroots trials had an instant achievement, in the sense that two athletes were called to the National Camp. They are new discovery from this Internal trials. Immediately after the programme, Otuodinma Uzoamaka who started Karate about a month before the trials went with the team to Kano for an Open Karate Championship. She won the Gold medal and was called to National Camp from where she moved to represent Nigeria at Niger Republic, and won a Bronze Medal. Also in Athletics Akachukwu Igwebuikwe went to the U-18 Athletics Championship at Oghara Delta State and won a Gold Medal in Javelin and was called to the National Camp. He went further to represent Nigeria at Regional /CAA Youth Olympic Qualification held in Dakar, Senegal and won Gold Medal and qualified to represent Nigeria in the Junior Olympics in Singapore. Along the line he was dropped and eliminated by the National officers for unscrupulous reasons.

The Ministry is very appreciative of all the supports that made grassroots spots development a huge success in its two years of existence and pray that more private companies and public spirited individuals would come to her aid by sponsoring more community sporting outings.



GAINS OF GRASSROOTS SPORTS

ATHLETICS

A product of grassroots sports development of the state, Akachukwu Igwebuikwe represented the state in the National U-18 Nkoyo Ibori Athletics Championship held at Oghara Delta State in March 2010. He won 3 gold medals. He was called to the National U-18 Camp in May 2010. He was further selected among the athletics team that represented Nigeria at Region/2 CAA Youth Olympic Qualification held in Dakar, Senegal in Javelin. There, he *again* won a gold medal.

KARATE:

Otuodimma Uzoamaka another product of the grassroots sport development programme of the state represented Anambra State at the National Open Karate Championship held in Kano between 30th of April and 5th May 2010. She won a gold medal. The competition qualified her for Olympic even though she was later dropped for reasons best known to the national selection committee. She represented Nigeria and won a bronze medal at the Niger Republic International Karate Tournament. She also qualified to represent Africa in another International Karate Championship in South Africa.

WRESTLING:

Miss Ifeoma Nwoye is the new Common Wealth and African Champion in female wrestling (51kg weight category). She won two gold medals in the second cadet African Wrestling Championship. She was the African qualifier for Youth Olympic Games held in Egypt from 22nd – 25th April, 2010. She also won a gold medal at the Common Wealth Games in India in October 2010 where she represented the nation and African continent.

THE U-13 AND U-17 GOVERNOR PETER OBI BOYS FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS, HELD AT JUSTICE CHUBA IKPEAZU STADIUM, ONITSHA ON 17TH JANUARY, 2010.

PREAMBLE:

On Sunday 17th Jan., 2010, a lot of activities carried out by the Ministry of Youth and Sports in 2009 were successfully concluded. The activities that were carried out included: prayer session by the youths for free and fair elections in Anambra State, presentation of awards to youth achievers in creative literary works and sports, march past activities, presentation of an eighteen seater bus to the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) Anambra State Chapter by His Excellency, Mr Peter Obi Governor of Anambra State, finals of the U - 13 and U-17 Boys Football Competitions and presentation of trophies to winners in the football competitions.

The U-13 and U-17 Football Competitions between the twenty-one LGAs in Anambra State started in the first week of December 2009. The preliminaries of these championships ended in December 2009. The quarter - final stages started from 4th of Jan. 2010 and was brought to an end on Sunday 17th Jan., 2010. It was a keen competition between teams from the twenty-one LGAs in the state.

At the end of the preliminaries, teams from eight LGAs out of the twenty-one that make up the state emerged for the quarter - finals in the U - 13 category. The teams were from - Aguata, Anambra West, Anaocha, Dunukofia, Idemili North, Nnewi North, Nnewi South and Ogbaru LGAs.

In the U - 17 boys Football Competition, teams from Aguata, Anambra East, Awka South, Ekwusigo, Idemili North, Njikoka, Nnewi North and Onitsha got to the quarter final stage. At the semi - final stages teams that qualified in the U - 13 category were from - Anambra West, Anaocha, Idemili North and Ogbaru LGAs. In the U - 17 category teams from - Awka South, Ekwusigo, Idemili North and Njikoka LGAs reached the semi-final qualifiers.

At the finals of the U - 13 competition, Ogbaru LGA team thrashed the Anaocha L.G.A team, by eight goals to nil while in the same category, Anambra West defeated Idemili North through a penalty shoot-out of 6 goals to 4.

In the U - 17 Competition, it was quite tough for the teams to get to the finals. In the first semi-final match, it was a clash of the titans as Njikoka and Idemili North LGAs teams used penalty shoot-out to decide who moved into the finals. The tough match was full of excitement and expectation as the team from Njikoka narrowly edged out the Idemili North team by 7 goals to 6 in the penalty shoot out that ensued.

The second semi - final match was more exciting than the first one. The encounter was between teams from Awka South LGA and Ekwusigo LGA. The match also ended on a penalty shoot out but this time, it was so exciting that all the eleven players in each team

took part in the penalty shoot-out. The encounter ended in 13 goals to 12 in favour of Ekwusigo LGA's team.

The third place matches were equally played on Sunday 17th January, 2010 in the morning period at the "Ime - Obi" football pitch, Onitsha. In the third place match between Anaocha and Idemili North LGAs teams Anaocha team defeated Idemili North team by 4 goals to 2, in the U-13 category.

In the U-17 encounter for the bronze medal, Awka South team narrowly lost to Idemili North team by 0-1. After a grueling -encounter, Idemili North team captured the bronze medal in U-17, while Anaocha got the bronze in the U-13. The stage was finally set for Ogbaru team to take on with Anambra West while Ekwusigo locked horns with Njikoka LGA team in the U-13 and U-17 finals respectively.

As the match continued, Ogbaru LGA. players displayed superior soccer skills and outplayed their Anambra West counterpart. The encounter ended in 5 goals to one in favour of the team from Ogbaru LGA. In summary, the U-13 competition ended in this line- up; 1st position -Ogbaru LGA. 2nd position -Anambra West LGA, 3rd position - Anaocha LGA.

In the U-17 finals, the encounter was very thrilling, exciting and interesting. The budding Flying and Super Eagles displayed their soccer wizardry that attracted the applause of His Excellency, Mr. Peter Obi, Governor, Anambra State and members of his entourage. The match ended in a penalty shoot-out. The two teams that displayed this soccer mastery were from Ekwusigo and Njikoka LGAs. At the end of the grueling encounter the team from Ekwusigo narrowly lost to the team from Njikoka by 4 goals to 5. The stand of the teams at the end of the competition was;

1st position	-	Njikoka L.G.A.
2nd position	-	Ekwusigo L.G.A.
3rd position	-	Idemili North L.G.A.

Finally the Hon. Commissioner for Youths and Sports thanked the Executive Governor for being very supportive in all round development of youth. Presentation of trophies to the winners followed thereafter..

Dignitaries that witnessed the finals of the matches were His Excellency, Mr. Peter Obi - the Governor, Wife of the Executive Governor, Her Excellency Mrs. Margaret Obi, the National Chairman of APGA, Chief Victor Umeh, the State Chairman of APGA, Chief Mike Kwentoh, the Head of Service Barr. Mrs. Ngozi Melifeonwu, Chairman Civil Service Commission, Engr. Dr. Kitt Emetarom, Chairman Post Primary Schools Service Commission - Sir N Robert Obi, many traditional rulers, top civil servants, traders and businessmen. The chief host - Lady Chinwe Anowai and the Permanent Secretary - Barr. Mrs. Nwando Joy Obika of the Ministry of Youth and Sports were equally present.

ADDRESS PRESENTED BY LADY CHINWE C. ANOWAI, HON. COMMISSIONER FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS ON THE OCCASION OF ANAMBRA YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION AND FINALS OF U-13 AND U17 INTER-LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS, GOVERNOR PETER OBI FOOTBALL COMPETITION ON SUNDAY 17TH JANUARY, 2010

I am highly delighted to welcome you to this occasion of Anambra State Youth Day Celebration. It is a day set aside to celebrate the youth of the state, particularly those of them that have distinguished themselves in the areas of creative literary works and sports. The achievements of these youths have projected the image of the state and are worthy of commendation.

One of the cardinal policies of the present administration in the state under ANIDS is to empower and encourage the youths to positively channel their creative energies and to contribute effectively towards the building of a better society. It is a thing of joy to observe that the youth of the state have risen to the challenge. ANIDS means Anambra State Integrated Development Strategy. It is a means by which the present administration develops all sectors of the economy of the state simultaneously.

It is heart warming to note that the youths of the state have shown so much interest in the area of literary and creative works. Following Your Excellency's approval, the Ministry called on youths with published works to submit them. The response was beyond our imagination. The volume of published works submitted by these youths were over-whelming. They were collated and assessed by a panel of experts in literary work chosen from the universities. Some of the selected young authors will be presented to Your Excellency and indeed the people of the state for recognition as a way of encouraging them and other youths to use their brain in a more creative manner.

I am equally glad to inform you that the state contingent which participated in the 2009 Edition of National School Sports did wonderfully well. The State participated in eleven out of fifteen events scheduled for the competition and for the first time won a total of seventy-seven (77) medals -14 Gold, 15 Silver and 48 Bronze medals as against 18 medals -3 gold, 7 silver and 8 bronze won in the 2008 edition of the competition. The State clinched 7th position in the overall medals table. It is for this unprecedented feat that these worthy ambassadors of the state are being honoured today for their excellent and effective representation of the state in the competition.

Similarly, the cricket team of Bishop Crowther Seminary, Awka which represented the state in the 2009 edition of Philip Asiodu National Cricket competition retained the trophy which it won in 2008. By this feat, it became the first team to have successfully defended the trophy since the inception of the tournament. Members of this great team are among those being honoured today.

The finals of U-13 and U-17 I-nter Local Government Areas, Governor Peter Obi Football Competitions will also be played today in this stadium.

The National Youth Council of Nigeria, Anambra State Chapter under the Leadership of Mr. Nwabufo Nwankwo has equally done the state proud by the wonderful achievements it has recorded which included:

- Award winner (2nd) at the World Youth Day Celebration 2007, Abuja
- Award winner (3rd position) at the National Day Youth Cultural Festival, 2007 Abuja
- Award winner: Best State Youth Council 2009, Abuja
- Award winner: Best Behaved State Delegate 2009, Abuja
- NYCN South East honours/Award at Enugu 2008; Best State Chapter South East
- NYCN Award Winner, 2007
- Best NYCN State Chairman South East 2007

It is gratifying to note, Your Excellency, that the conducive environment created by the present administration in the state under your able leadership is indeed yielding the desired democratic dividend in the area of youth and sports development.

Without Your Excellency's magnanimity in approving requests for sponsorship of our youth to national and international sports competitions and training tours including youth related programmes, today's celebration could not have been possible. On behalf of the youth of the state, I wish to thank our amiable, sports loving and youth friendly Governor, His Excellency, Mr. Peter Obi for the good work he is doing to make life meaningful to the youth and entire people of Anambra State, Your Excellency, we are very grateful.

Finally, I wish to thank all those who have made out time to be part of this celebration of our youths. May the good Lord reward you all.

Thank you and God bless.

Chinwe C. Anwai
Hon. Commissioner.
17th January, 2010.

THE 1ST SUDDICK OPEN VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2ND - 4TH DECEMBER, 2009.

The maiden edition of the Suddick Security Services' Open Volleyball Championship took place between 2nd -4th Dec; 2009 at Igwebuiké Grammar School Awka. Awka South L.G.A.

Suddick Security Services Ltd has shown interest in the development of sports in general and volleyball in -particular. In responding to the ministry's call for grassroot sports development the establishment presented a beautiful trophy to the ministry and consented to sponsor an Open Volleyball Championship in the state.

The open and closing ceremonies were glamorous and well attended by important dignitaries in the state. The Hon. Commissioner for Youth & Sports, Lady Chinwe Anowai, who was the Special Guest, attended the opening and closing ceremonies and she awarded medals, trophy and cash prizes to the winners.

The officiating team was made up of credible umpires versed in the game of volleyball. Four (4) umpires – Mr. Akabugu retired, Mr. Gab. Onwuzulike, Mrs. Stella Oti and Mr. Chika Aka, the association's secretary officiated. The officiating was of international standard based on Nigeria Volleyball Federation Rule and Regulations.

The umpires gave a good account of themselves and were fair and unbiased' in their decisions hence the smooth and tension-free atmosphere throughout the championship.

The State Volleyball association will forever be grateful to Suddick Security Services Ltd for the kind gesture bestowed on them..

OVERALL RESULT:

The results of the volleyball championship are as follows:

Group-A

Finishers of Awka	- 3	=	Finishers of Awka Qualified
Vs			
Eagle Spikers of Onitsha	- 1		

Group -B

Emfra Volleyball Club, Awka	- 3	=	Emfra of Awka Qualified
Vs			
Spalding of Nanka	- 0		

Final

Finishers of Awka	- 3	=	Emfra of Awka Won
Vs			
Emfra of Awka	- 0		

The final result stand was:

1. Emfra of Awka	-	1st Position
2. Finishers of Awka	-	2nd Position
3. Eagle Spikers	-	3rd Position



HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL SPORTS IN ANAMBRA STATE

BACKGROUND:

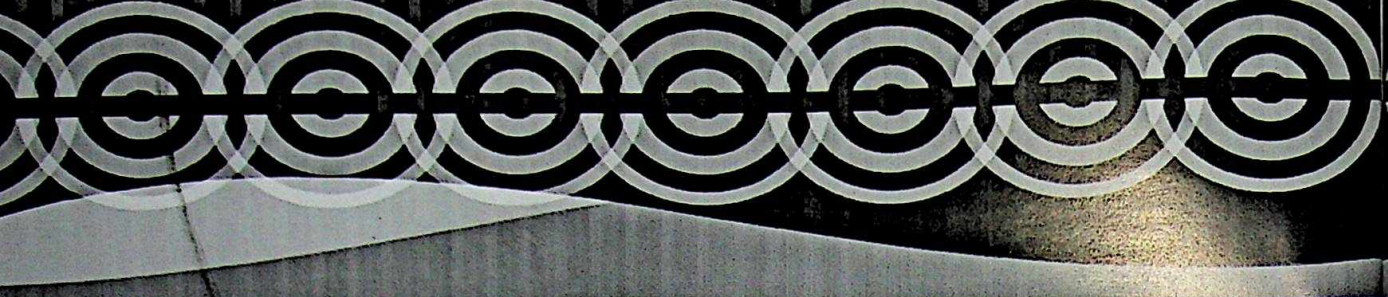
School sports competition in Nigeria was introduced in schools by our colonial masters. The sports competition had its rise from the Empire Day Celebration Games down to the independence period when the competition came to lime light. Prominent schools - primary, post primary and teacher training colleges at the various regions and divisions under their school administrators and head teachers engaged in inter-house and inter-scholastic games.

The overseers of school sports by then were the Regional and Divisional School Boards in collaboration with school administrators and teachers.

It is interesting to highlight that school sports competitions like the amateur track and field sports popularly called "AAA", the Greater Tomorrow and the "Academicals" cum other sporting events were part of the school sports programmes that popularized many schools and teacher training colleges. Some of the schools known for sports within the period included - the famous Christ the King College (CKC) Onitsha, College of Immaculate Conception (CIC) Enugu, Dennis Memorial Grammar School (DMGS) Onitsha, Nike Grammar School Enugu, St. Charles TTC, Onitsha, Igwebuikwe Grammar School Awka, Okongwu Memorial Grammar School Nnewi, St. Paul's TTC Awka, St. Theresa's Secondary School Nsukka, Presbyterian College Abakaliki, St. Patrick's Secondary School, Obollo-Eke, Colliery Comprehensive Secondary School Ngwo, Father Joseph Secondary School Aguleri, Zixton Secondary School Ozubulu, St. Peter's Secondary School Achina, Agulu Grammar School Agulu, among others.

Scholars that excelled in sports gained admission or transferred to schools of their choice especially the schools that love sports and competed regularly. Star athletes discovered from some of these schools included -- Emmanuel Ifeajuna, the Commonwealth Gold medalist in high jump, Regina Okafor (sprinter), Beatrice Molokwu (nee Emodi), Mary Onyali Omagbemi (All African Games gold medalist), Evelyn Nwabuisi, nee Okeke (Shot put), Mbanefo Akpom (high jump), Johnny Igboka (high jump) and many others.

Other star athletes discovered in the area of football were as follows: Dominic Ezeani,



Christian Chukwu, Foster Ikeagu, Late Nnamdi Nwokocha, Paul Obiakor, Patrick Okala and a host of others in various sporting fields.

It is worthy to note that the then sports councils, now Ministries of Youth and Sports in many states collaborated with the Ministries of Education in the organization of school sports. This is as a result of vast deposit of potential athletes within the Nigerian schools.

The National Sports Commission, established in 1971 later called on the Federal Ministry of Education to set standard on school sports competitions in Nigeria. This idea was later emphasized in the Nigerian Constitution under the National Policy on Sports where one of the roles of the sports sector in National Planning is to collaborate with institutions of learning for the development of sports. Based on this challenge, the National Sports Commission facilitated the setting up of the Nigeria School Sports Federation in 1976. In the same year, Brigadier Henry Adefope stopped the Sectorial Grier/Powell/Hussey Shield competitions and replaced it with the Nigeria School Sports Federation (NSSF). The first National President of the new body was Mr. Idahosa A. Osifo while the Secretary General was Mr. Wilson Omonode both of the then Bendel State. The Nigeria School Sports Federation is an affiliate of International School Sports Federation (ISSF) with its secretariat in Belgium. The first National Secondary School Sports competition was held in Lagos in 1977 while the second was organized in Calabar in 1978.

SCHOOL SPORTS COMPETITION IN ANAMBRA STATE

In the new Anambra State that was created in 1991, the first State School Sports Competition was organized in 1992/93 academic year under the auspices of the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the then Sports Council as technical partner.

The Local Government and zonal education levels of the competition were handled by the Zonal Inspectors and Area Inspectors of Education assisted by the Sports Council Coaches and Organizing Secretaries.

Not much was done in the area of school sports between 1993 and 2002. However in 2003/2004 the competition was organized. This facilitated the selection of athletes who participated in the National Secondary Schools Sports Competition held in Owerri.

Since creation of the state, the Anambra State School Sports Federation (ASSSF) was in charge of the organization and administration of school sports up till the year 2007 when the State Executive Council resolved that school sports in Anambra State is to be

managed by the Ministry of Youth and Sports in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION IN STATE COMPETITIONS

In line with the provisions in the constitution, ASSSF at the state, zones and local government levels organized competitions in consonance with the school sports calendar approved each academic year. Every school, primary and post-primary participated from the sub-zones to the local government levels. Games teachers, physical and health education instructors and sports officers along with the various sports committees at each level, coordinated and organized sports whenever the school sports calendar was released. Virtually, all schools in each category participated in track and field events, racket games, ball games and swimming for secondary schools students. Events like chess and scrabble were introduced in 2008 while Judo, Wrestling and Taekwondo were competed for the first time in 2009 State and National School Sports Festivals. Nestle Milo Basketball and Shell Cup Football Competitions were equally competed for by interested schools.

To all intent and purposes, sponsored events/games e.g. Nestle Milo Basketball and Shell Cup were competed for by sports loving schools who were able to sponsor themselves at the grassroot levels before moving to the state finals organized by the State Executive Committee. Some of the schools with the events/games they were good at or known for, are as follows:

SPORTING EVENTS THE DIFFERENT SCHOOLS WERE KNOWN FOR

S/N	School Name	Their favourite Events/Games
1.	Christ The King College, Onitsha	Football, Basketball, Tennis
2.	Dennis Memorial Grammar Sch, Osha	Football, Basketball, Tennis
3.	Igwebuikwe Grammar School, Awka	Football, Athletics/Basketball
4.	Comprehensive Secondary Sch., Nawfia	Football, Hockey
5.	Bishop Crowther Seminary, Awka	Cricket
6.	Destiny Comprehensive Sec. Sch., Awka	Football
7.	National Comprehensive College, Awka	Football, Athletics
8.	Abbot Girls' Secondary Sch., Ihiala	Basketball
9.	Nneamaka Girls' Sec. School Abagana	Handball, Basketball
10.	Nnamdi Azikiwe Sec. Sch. Abagana	Athletics, Football

11.	St Charles Special Sc.Sch., Onitsha	Football, Athletics, Tennis
12.	Nnewi High School	Football, Table Tennis
13.	Maria Regina Girls' High Sch., Nnewi	Volleyball, Basketball
14.	St. Marys High School, Ifite Dunu	Football, Athletics
15.	Holy Ghost Juniorate, Ihiala	Basketball
16.	Supreme Knowledge College, Nkpor	Football
17.	Federal Government College, Nise	Volleyball, Athletics
18.	Christ Redeemer College, Amesi	Athletics
19.	Community Secondary Sch., Nanka	Football, Athletics
20.	Agulu Boys Secondary Sch., Agulu	Athletics
21.	The famous Global Secondary School, Onitsha, won the 2003 Edition of National Secondary Schools Shell Football Cup competition.	

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF SCHOOL SPORTS IN ANAMBRA STATE

There was no defined structure from 1992-1996. Nevertheless, the State Ministry of Education and Youth Development controlled and supervised the organization of school sports. Local Government and Zonal competitions were coordinated under the auspices of the then Area Inspectors and Zonal Inspectors of Education Offices in collaboration with Local Government and Zonal Sports Councils. Principals and Head-teachers, Physical and Health Education Instructors, games teachers and other sports loving teachers were never left out. State final competitions were handled by the Ministry of Education including the organized national school sports competitions and sponsored ones by corporate bodies.

It is pertinent to note that in 1998, the Hon. Minister of Sports, Air Cdr Emeka Omeruah (Late) facilitated the setting up of a task force on school sports with a view to restructuring and resuscitating School Sports Federation and its programmes that were moribund. Thus, NSSF was born again and its operational guidelines were passed to states through their various Ministries of Education. As a follow-up, they were urged to form their state schools sports federation without delay. The State Ministry of Education, with Prof. Z.S.C. Okoye as the Hon. Commissioner, championed the formation of the State School Sports Federation in 1997 and was able to produce and adopt Anambra State School Sports Constitution in 1998. The newly elected Anambra State School Sports EXCO led by Nzemeka Olisa as the Chairman and Chris Ejiofor of the Exams and Staff Development Department, Ministry of Education as the Secretary (statutory) along with other EXCO members co-ordinated the election into the Zonal and Local

Government School Sports Committees. The elected committees were inaugurated on the 23rd of September, 1998 at Igwebuike Grammar School, Awka. The Hon. Commissioner then was the patron of the Local Committees including the ASSSF (EXCO).

The structure (Committees) for the organization and administration of school sports as provided in the constitution in the three main committee levels were as follows:

A. STATE LEVEL:

1. Representative of MOE - 2 persons i.e. Director of ESD and the sports officer who statutorily is the State Secretary of the Federation (ASSSF)
2. Representative of ANSEC (PPSSC) - 1 person
3. Representative of ASPEB (ASUBEB) - 1 person
4. Representative of Sports Council (MYS) - 1 person
5. Representative of ANCOPS - 1 person
6. Representative of COPSHON - 1 person
7. Representative of Approved Secondary Commercial/Vocational Schools Proprietors' Association - 1 person
8. Representative of Approved Private Primary and Secondary Schools Proprietors Association - 1 person
9. Other interest groups (optional) are:
 - The enforcement agent - 1 person
 - SWAN/Media - 1 person

The education zones and local government sports committees, maintained the above structure till 15th August 2007, when the State Executive Council took a decision and directed that the organizers of the State Schools Sports should be Ministry of Youth and Sports in collaboration with Ministry of Education. Sequel to this, it became necessary to set up the structure that will give effect to the decision of the State Executive Council. This necessitated the setting aside of the existing structure at the State level and the setting up of a new one. Consequent upon this, two committees were set up: A four-man policy making committee known as Anambra State School Sports Apex Committee (ASSSAC) and the thirteen-man implementation committee known as Anambra State Schools Sports Implementation Committee (ASSSIC) which is the main organizing body.

STRUCTURE OF THE APEX COMMITTEE (ASSSAC)

- Hon. Commissioner for Youth and Sports - Chairman
- Hon. Commissioner for Education - Vice Chairman
- Permanent Secretary Ministry of Youth & Sports - Member
- Permanent secretary, Ministry of Education - Member

It was later agreed in a meeting of stakeholders held on 28th September, 2010 in the Conference Hall, Government House, Awka that the Chairman and Secretaries of PPSSC and ASUBEB will join the members of ASSSAC to make it an eight man-committee.

STRUCTURE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (ASSSIC)

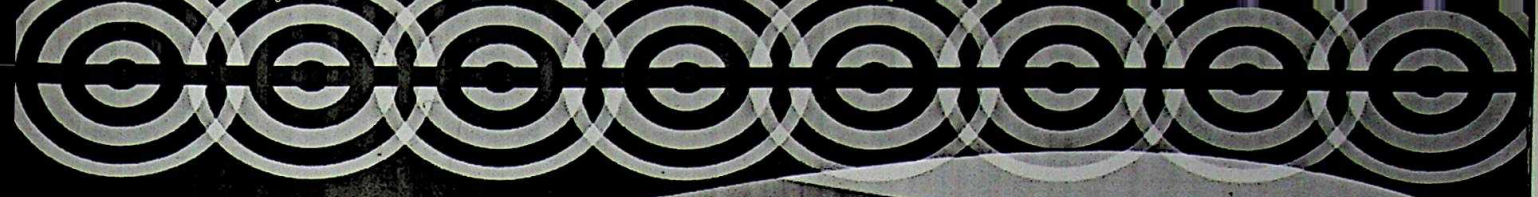
- 2 representatives of MOE (Director ESD and the Sports Officer)
- 1 representative of PPSSC
- 1 representative of ASUBEB
- 1 representative of ANCOPS
- 1 representative of COPSHON
- 1 representative of NAPPS
- 1 representative of NAPER-SD
- 1 representative of MYS as Secretary
- 1 representative of MYS from Dept. of Sports Operations
- 1 representative of MYS from Dept. of Sports Resources
- 1 representative of MYS from Dept. of Sports Services
- 1 representative of MYS as PRO

MEMBERS OF THE ABOVE STRUCTURES FROM 2007-2010 ASSSAC MEMBERS

1. Lady Elsie Ikemefuna (Hon. Commr. MYS) 1st Chairman 2007-08
2. Lady Chinwe C. Aniwai (Hon. Commr. MYS) 2nd Chairman 2009-date
3. Dr. Kay Onyechi (Hon. Commr. MOE) Vice Chairman 2007-date
4. Onejeme V. A. (Perm. Sec., MYS) Member 2007-2008
5. Nkiru Okeke (Mrs) (Perm. Sec., MYS) Member 2008-2009
6. Barr. Ada Unobuagha (Perm. Sec., MOE) Member 2007-2010
7. Barr. Nwando Obika (Perm. Sec., MYS) Member 2010-date

ASSSIC MEMBERS

1. Mark-Anthony Ezeuchegbu (DD Sports, ASUBEB) Chairman, 2007-2010
2. Chiezie Anthony O. (Sports Officer, MOE) Asst. Sec/Chairman 2009/2010
3. Anyikwa Festus (Director Sports Operations, MYS) Vice Chairman, 2007-2009
4. Nwangwu Victor (D.D. Sports, MYS) Secretary, 2007-2008 (Rtd)
5. Uche I. Ndubuisi (Sports Officer, MOE) Asst. Sec. 2007-2008
6. Okwonna Faith (Chief Sports Officer, MYS) Secretary 2010
7. Odunze Emmanuel (Director ESD, MOE) 2007-2008 (Rtd)
8. Nnadi Chika (Director ESD, MOE) 2008 (Rtd)
9. Molokwu Beatrice (Director Sports Services MYS) 2007-2008 (Rtd)
0. Dr. Mrs Kanu Ngozi (Director ESD, MOE) 2010
1. Azuka Maduagwuna (Director Sports Resources) 2007-2008 (Rtd)

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12. Amuzie C.C. (NAPHER-SD Rep.2007-09/Dir.Sports Services MYS) 2010
 13. Umeh Fidelis (PRO, MYS 2007-09/Dir. Sports Resources, MYS) 2010
 14. Ikeaba C.K. (ANCOPS Representative) 2007-2010
 15. Udealor Chris (COPSHON Representative) 2007-2010
 16. Otiji Austin (NAPPS Representative) 2007-2010
 17. Onyejike V. (D.D. Sports/PHE Division, PPSSC) 2007-2008 (Rtd)
 18. Adinuba PC. (D.D. Sports/PHE Division, PPSSC) 2009-2010
 19. Madueke Pat. (Ag. Director, ESD, MOE) 2009
 20. Mbanefo Chidiogo (Ag. Director, Sports Operations, MYS) 2010

FUNDING OF SCHOOL SPORTS IN ANAMBRA STATE

As from 1991, the State Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports as it was then known re-introduced the payment of school sports levy as it was done in the old Anambra State. The sports levy did not meet the expectation, since, the modalities for the collection and remittance of the levy was not clearly followed as approved by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.

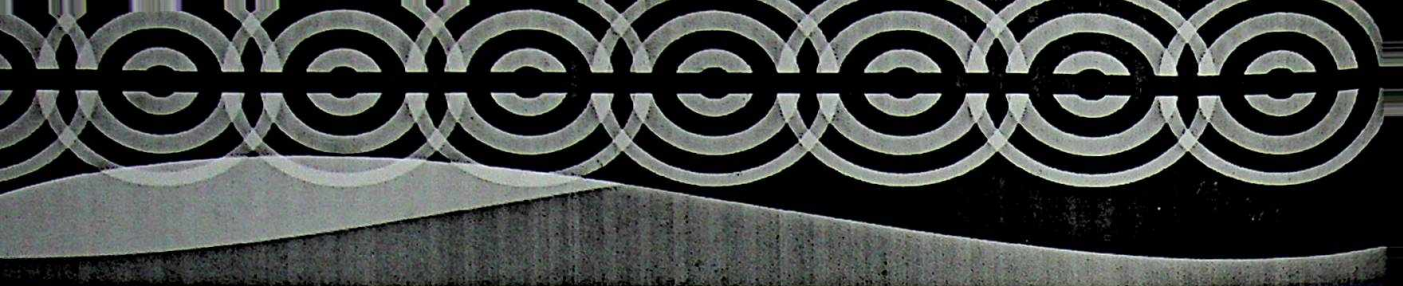
Later, a better defined modality was introduced, but, the levy exercise did not meet with success for two or more years and thus, organization of School Sports Competition in the State stopped.

In 2003/04 Session, the modalities for collection, sharing and remittance of PTA School Sports Levy was reviewed.

As agreed in a joint State Schools Sports Stakeholders meeting with effect from second term 2003/04 session, schools were to pay their shares of the levy into one joint account, quite unlike before where each body spends its own collected fund at the level of its school sports commitment. The reason for the above measure was to ensure uniformity and common standards in training of sports officers, physical and health education instructors and games teachers, as well as monitoring of physical education and sporting activities at all levels.

The Ministry of Education's share of the levy was for organizing state final competitions, national and international school championships including sponsored competitions. The levy per student per term for secondary and primary schools respectively was voted for the purchase of sports equipment by the schools authorities.

In 2006, when Mr. Peter Obi came on board as the Governor of Anambra State, he



directed that all Government monies be paid into Government coffers. Sequel to this, funds for the organization and management of school sports were being approved for release by the Governor. This development differed from what obtained in the past when the Hon. Commissioner for Education approved the release of funds for school sports programmes.

The above practice was improved in 2008/09 session when State and National budgetary allocations on school sports were first approved and released by the State Government. This step of action boosted school sports as more money on school sports competitions was guaranteed quite unlike some years back, when non payment or collection of sports levy posed a problem.

Although, the school sports levy was abolished only in public primary and junior secondary schools because of the free education, UBE, payment of school sports levy still holds in private primary and secondary schools as well as in senior public secondary schools.

It is a thing of joy and welcome development to highlight that no administration in Anambra State has invested up to two third of what Mr. Peter Obi's Government has so far released in terms of fund for the sponsorship of school sports programmes from 2008-2010.

In conclusion, school sports in Anambra State judging from the results obtained in 2009 and 2010 state finals and National Schools Sports Festivals in Abeokuta and Kano respectively, has strongly regained its pre-eminent position.

RESULTS OF ANAMBRA STATES PARTICIPATION AT THE NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS COMPETITIONS

YEAR	COMPETITION ORGANIZED	CATEGORY	MEDALS WON				POSITION
			G	S	B	TOTAL	
2004	2 nd National Primary School Games Kano, 27 th April - 3 rd May 2004	Primary	-	-	2	2	11 th out Of 24 States
2004	All Secondary Schs. Sports competition, Owerri, Heart Land 2004	Secondary	7	7	11	25	22 nd out of 24 States
2005	3 rd National Primary Schools Sports Competition (kiddies Olympics Osogbo, 13 th -21 st May 2005	Primary		2	7	9	Not available
2006	1 st Annual Emerg A Games at Abuja, 2006	Primary JSS SSS	4	5	15	24	9 th out of 26 States
2008	1 st National Schools Sports Festival, Lagos, 6 th - 19 th March, 2008	Primary JSS SSS	3	7	9	19	11 th out of 28 States
2009	2 nd National Schools Sports Festival, Abeokuta, 8 th - 20 th October, 2009	Primary JSS SSS	14	15	48	77	7 th out of 26 States
2010	3 rd National Schools Sports Festival, Kano	Primary, JSS, SSS	33	36	46	115	5 th out of 22 States

Since 2008 till date elaborate reception are given to all athletes that represent the state in sports festival. Various degrees of scholarship are also being awarded to those of them that win medals.




BRIEF HISTORY OF FOOTBALL IN NIGERIA

It is difficult to say when the game of football first started in Nigeria. The records show that it first flourished in schools and from there spread to clubs. The game was popular with the English and it was only natural that when the early missionaries and schoolmasters came from Britain, they had to introduce the game in their schools and establishments. Speaking at a banquet organised by the Nigeria Football Association (N.F.A) in September, 1949 Ernest Okoli, a prominent Nigerian journalist, mentioned that from 1914, Baron Mulford organised weekly matches between European teams and Kings' College, a prominent Secondary School at the time. Mulford, an English man who was a keen player himself, and was at various times games-master at CMS Grammar School, King's College, St. Gregory and Igbobi College all in Lagos facilitated the matches just before a Nigerian National Team toured Britain in 1949. P.A Courtney, who was the Chairman of the Lagos District Amateur Football Club, mentioned at a dinner organised for the team that the tour was the result of revolution brewed by Mulford since 1931. It therefore presupposes that 1931 could be regarded as the starting point of organised league football in the country.

The Lagos District Football Association was started with foundation club sides who competed in the Mulford Cup.

The teams that participated in the league were the Railway Africs, the Police, the Lagos Town Council, the Calabar 1st XI, the Harbour 1st XI, the Corinthians, U.A.C, CFAO, a French Company which fielded all - European team. In 1949 the five Governors Cup Competitions were held. Representative teams from Lagos, the Northern, Eastern, and Western Regions participated. This was the beginning of the turning point when the N.F.A started to consider the prospect of a Nigerian team side undertaking a tour of the United Kingdom. The eighteen footballers who eventually went on the tour, became known as the U.K Tourists by football officials and followers of the game-alike. Two major problems faced the organisers of the tour. The first, was how to raise enough money to cover all expenses and the second, was which players to take along for the experimental trip.



When eventually, the final team list was released, it contained five forwards of the Lagos Railway Unions Lions, namely Titus Okere, Baby Anieke, Teslim Balogun, Sokari Dokuboh, and G. Anosike plus one of their defenders Onwudiwe Justin from Ogbunike - (left fullback). Five players from Marine namely: Henshaw (the captain), Edet Ben, (inside forward), Mesembe Otu (outside right), Hope Lawson and A.T.B Oltun - (defenders). Dan Anyiam and Shittu both defenders were chosen from the Lagos U.A.C From the provinces outside Lagos came Chukwurah, Abeokuta brought Isaac Akioye - (goalkeeper), half back- John Dankoro came from Jos, Sam Ibiam came from Port Harcourt, Kano, the central defender from the Lands and Survey team, was made a player/secretary.

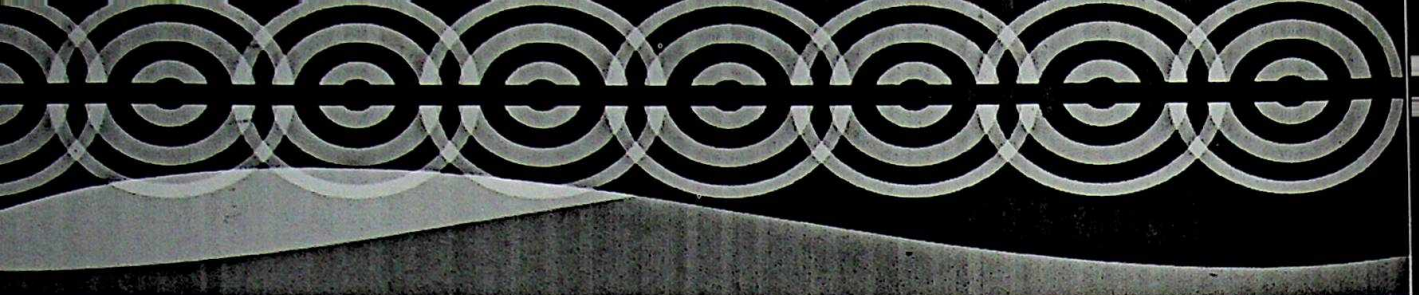
THE CHALLENGE CUP:

Even though the League Club Football in Lagos dates back to 1931, and Schools' Football dates back even further, it was not until 1938 that the idea of a Challenge Cup came clearly into view. Baron Mulford, who was the chief motivator of organised football in Lagos, presented the Mulford Cup for competition between Lagos Clubs. This competition continued up till 1952. Earlier than this, there was the Berdedorf Cup, won by Zik Athletic Club (ZAC) in 1938, beating Lagos Township Club (LTC) the junior team of Lagos league. The War Memorial Challenge Cup was launched during the war years but was renamed the Nigeria Challenge cup and matches in the competition were played under rules and regulations of the Nigeria Football Association, hence the name F.A Cup. Nigeria was affiliated to FIFA in 1959 and entered a soccer team for the Olympic Games the following year-1960.

The Zard Cup was re-assigned for competition among Lagos Secondary Schools, while the junior league cup competitions were cancelled. The Zard cup is a forerunner of what is today known as the Principals' Cup in Lagos football. Methodist Boys High School, Lagos was the first to win the Zard cup, beating Baptist Academy 2 - 0.

After the civil war in 1970, during that time, 12 States had been created, the competition assumed wider dimensions.

The number of states increased to 19 in 1975 when General Murtala Mohammed became Head of State in bloodless Military coup. According to the rules of the



competition, teams in Lagos and other states were to organise matches and to pick the best team to represent them at the Federal level. These teams were to engage one another on a knockout basis narrowing down to the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals which were played in Lagos. Initially, the finals were played in Onikan Stadium, until in 1973, the final shifted to a better stadium, when the National Stadium in Lagos was opened.

The story of the F.A Challenge Cup is in reality, the story of Nigerian Football for it was this competition that all that was best in Nigerian Soccer was paraded before the eyes of partisan crowds (Akpabot, 1983).

All the matches of the F.A cup was played in either Onikan or National Stadium annually from 1945 to 1972, when a replay between Bendel Insurance FC and Mighty Jets FC was played at Liberty Stadium, Ibadan after a disputed 2-2 draw in Lagos.

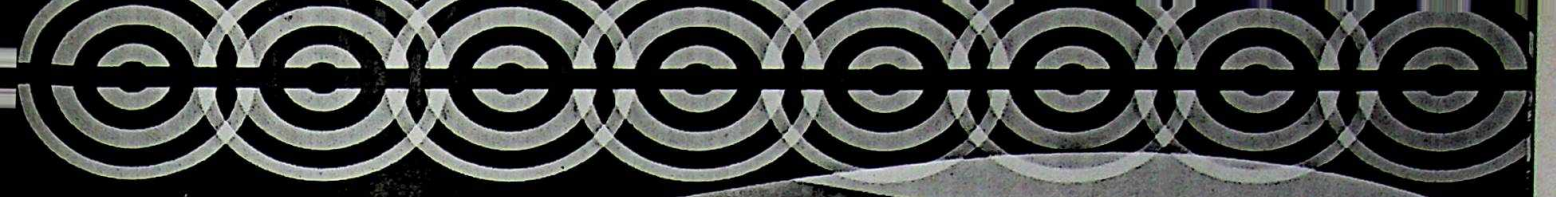
The famous F. A cup or Challenge cup was also called the Governor's Cup. The first club that won the Governor's Cup in 1945 was the Marine team in Lagos which beat Corinthians by a lone goal.

The indomitable Rangers International FC of Enugu was formed in 1970 immediately after the civil war. The formation of the club was 'muted' during the "wee" days of the Nigerian Civil War. As at then, skipper Joe Obodozie was to use the outfit to travel outside the shores of Biafra to canvas and solicit for fund for the execution of the war.

After the war with the instrumentality of Jerry Enyeazu and Dan Anyiam, Rangers was founded. It created a lot of waves in the Nigerian Soccer scene. It is the only club that has not been relegated since its formation.

The name of Air Vice Marshal Bayo Lawal and Late Air Commodore Tony Ikazoboh (Rtd) will ever be remembered with nostalgia in the Annals of Nigerian football. It was the duo that really saw to the establishment of Professional Football in the country.

As the then Minister of Sports and Social Development, Air Vice Marshall Bayo Lawal on February 8, 1989, set up a committee to work out the modalities for the introduction of professional football in Nigeria. The committee members were:

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1. Chief Nathan Idowu - Chairman
 2. Alhaji Yusuf Ali - Member
 3. Chief Ben Osi Umunna (Late) Member
 4. Mr. Segun Odegbami - Member
 5. Mr. Patrick Okpomo - Member
 6. Mr. Chris Olorie - Member
 7. Mr. Obeng Dalley - Member
 8. Mr. Elifiam Akheha - Secretary.

Based on the recommendations of the committee, the minister of Youth and Sports - Air Commodore Tony Ikazaboh signed the establishment Decree of April 9, 1990 into Law - thus Professional Football in Nigeria was born.

Consequently 16 different teams/clubs on the criteria of the Professional Football Implementation Committee were registered for participation in the Nigeria's first - ever attempt at Professional Football.

The 16 teams were:

1. ACB Football Club, Lagos.
2. B.U, Lions Football Club, Gboko
3. Bendel United Football Club, Benin
4. Bendel Insurance Football Club, Benin
5. Calabar Rovers Football Club
6. Enyimba Football Club, Aba
7. Iwuanyanwu National Football Club, Owerri
8. JIB Rocks Football Club, Jos
9. Jos Highlanders Football Club
10. Julius Berger Football Club, Lagos
11. Kano Pillar Football Club
12. Obanta United Football Club, Ijebu-Ode
13. Randrers Bees Football Club, Kaduna
14. Rangers International Football Club, Ibadan

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15. Shooting Stars Football Club, Lagos
 16. Stationary Stores Football Club, Lagos.

The league kicked-off historically on may 12, 1990 - between Stationary Stores, Football Club, Lagos and Iwuanyanwu Nationale Football Club, Owerri. The Professional League, started in 1990 while the Premier League started in 2004. Presently we have the Premier League with 40 clubs manned by the Nigeria Premier League (NPL) Board and the National League manned by the Nigeria football Federation (NFF). The National League is organised in two divisions - A & B.

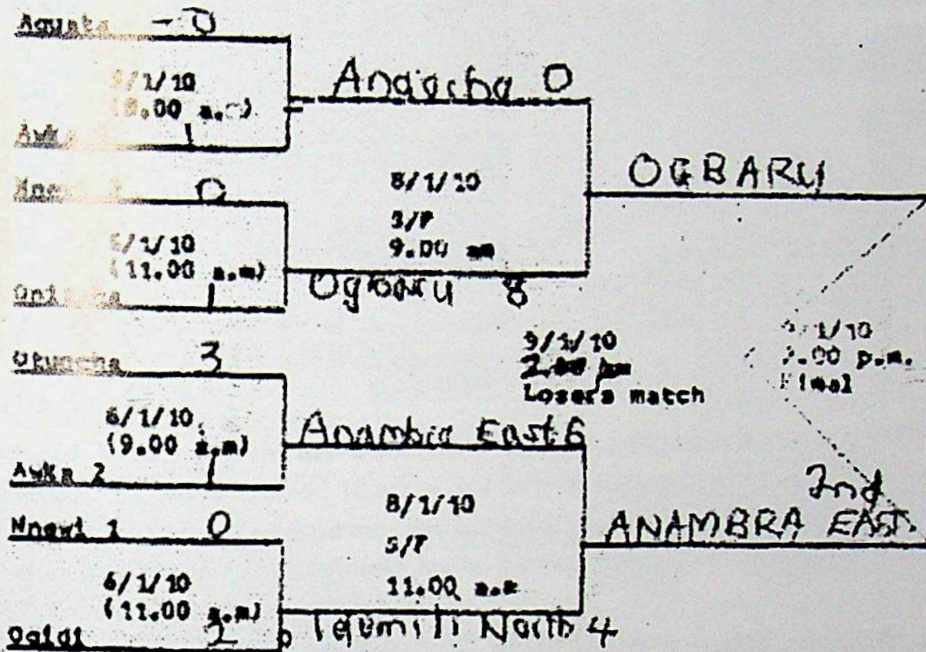
At the National level Nigeria has four teams in the MALE category, namely:

- i. U-17 Boys - Golden Eaglets
- ii. U - 20 Boys - Flying Eagles
- iii. U - 23 Boys - Dream Team
- iv. Super Eagles - The Senior National Team.

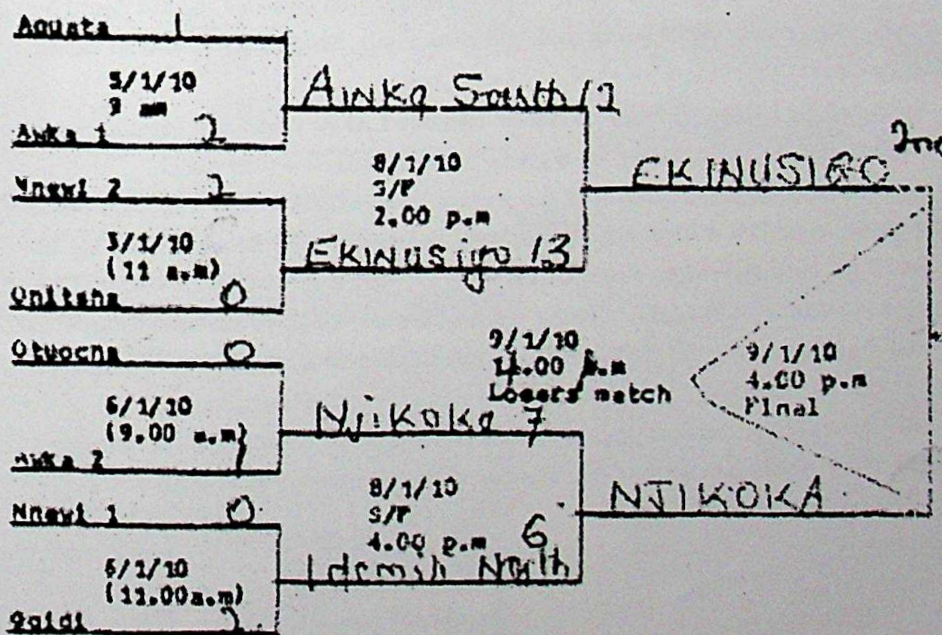
In the FEMALE category we have:

- v. The Falconets which is U-20 and
- vi. The Super Falcons, the Senior Female Team.

QUARTER FINAL TO FINALS U-13 BOYS

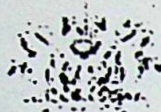


QUARTER FINAL TO FINALS U-17 BOYS



GOVERNMENT OF ANAMBRA STATE OF NIGERIA

COMMISSIONER FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS



Government House
P. M. B. 5019
Awka
8th January, 2010.

To
All Media.....
Anambra State.....

PRESS RELEASE

The finals of the on-going Governor Peter Obi's Cup 2009/2010 for under 13 and under 17 years Boys Football competition, in the 21 Local Government Areas in the State. Scheduled for 10th January 2010 has been rescheduled for Sunday 17th Jan. 2010 at the Justice Chuba Ikpeazu Sports Stadium, Onitsha. The change in the date is deeply regretted.

Meanwhile four enterprising teams have emerged for the Finals of the Championships. In the U - 13 Boys encounter Ogburu L.G.A team walloped Aniochu L.G.A team by 8 - 0 to reach the finals, while Anambra East defeated Idemili North by 4 goals to 4 in a penalty shoot out to qualify for the finals, hence Ogburu will be taking on Anambra East in the finals for the U - 13 category.

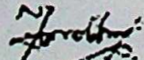
In the U - 17 Boys football encounter Njikoka L.G.A. edged out Idemili North L.G.A after a penalty shoot out by 7 - 6 goals, in the first semi - final match.

In another grueling encounter in the second semi - final, which also ended in a penalty shoot - out, Ekwusigo L.G.A narrowly defeated Awka South L.G.A. by 13 goals to 12 goals to get to the finals of the U - 17; hence Ekwusigo L.G.A. will be slugging it out with Njikoka L.G.A. in the finals of the U - 17 Boys championships.

All the matches for the finals and the third place encounter in all the categories will be played on Sunday 17th Jan., 2010, at the venue as earlier stated.

The general public and all Anambrians are cordially invited for these matches.

His Excellency, Mr. Peter Obi, The Executive Governor of Anambra State is expected to be the Guest of Honour.


Sir Fidelis Umeh (KSSJ)
Chairman Publicity Comm.
For Hon Commissioner

PHOTOSHOP OF SOME ACTIVITIES OF THE MINISTRY OPENING OF CHUBA IKPEAZU STADIUM - JULY 2009



**THE Mr. Peter Obi, Kanu Nwankwo,
Mary Onyiah Omagbemi and other dignitaries
arrived at the Stadium**



**Governor Obi cutting the tape to formally
Commission the Stadium**



**Gov. Obi with Kanu Nwankwo,
waving to the guests.**



**Hon. Commissioner for Youth & Sports presenting
the publication of the ministry to His Excellency, Mr. Peter Obi.**

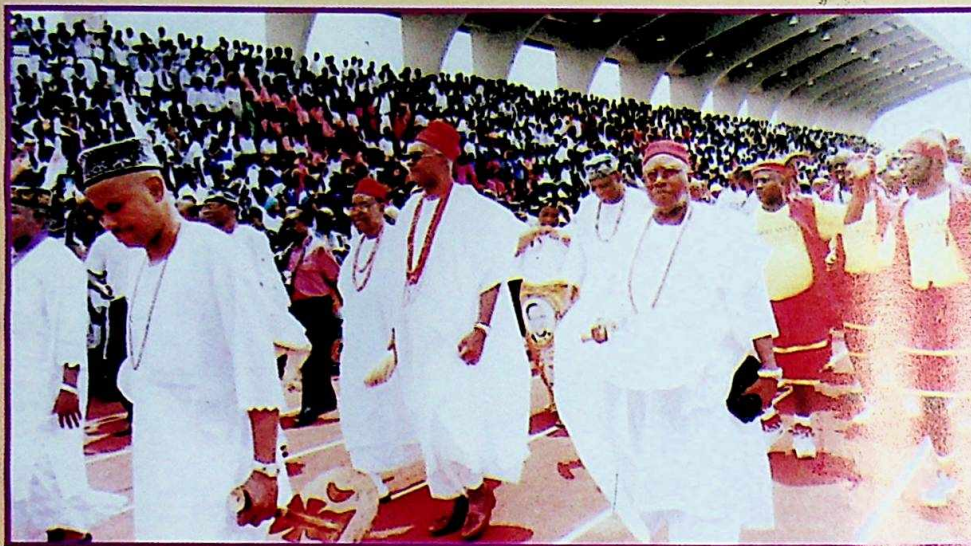


**Gov. Obi, Kanu Nwankwo
and Match Officials**



**Hon. Comm. Gov. Obi and
Kanu on the Tracks.**

OPENING OF CHUBA IKPEAZU STADIUM CONT.



Traditional Chiefs grace the occasion.



H/E Mr. Peter Obi in a hand shake with the players.



Guests sitting at the stadium



His Excellency, Mr. Peter Obi, Hon. Commissioner for Youth and sports Lady Chinwe Anowai, Kanu Nwankwo and other dignitaries at the commissioning.



His Excellency Mr. Peter Obi, Hon. Commissioner for youth & sports Lady Chinwe Anowai, Kanu Nwankwo pose with one of the entertaining musical groups.



The Hon. Comm. Lady C. Anowai, the Permanent Secretary Barr. Mrs. N.J. Obika and the Directors pose with members of Anambra State Tennis Association during the inauguration of the Association



Ebere Chukwuemeka of Ado Girls' Sec. School, Onitsha leads in 200m race in one of the trials organized by the ministry at Chuba Ikpeazu Stadium Onitsha.



Honourable Commissioner Mrs. Chinwe Anowai with jubilant crowd.



The Hon. Comm. Lady C. Anowai with the Director Sports Operations. Mr. Chidiogo Mbanefe during the inauguration of Tennis Association on 18th January, 2011



Ministry of Youth & Sports - Lady Chinwe Anowai, the Hon. Comm. in a handshake with the Secretary, Tennis Association, Fath Okwanna during the inauguration of Tennis Association on 18th January, 2011.



Ifeoma Nwoye (middle) Common Wealth Gold Medalist with Bronze medalist (left) and Silver medalist (right) at Indian CWG



Ifeoma Nwoye Common Wealth Gold Medalist flying high the Nigeria Flag after her final fight.



Pole Vault Landing Foam recently procured by the Ministry for training of athletes



High jump landing foam recently procured by the Ministry for training of athletes



Hon Commissioner for Youth and Sport Lady Chinwe C. Anwai taking delivery of High jump and pole vault landing foams from the representative of the manufacturers, Elephant Chemical Industries LTD. Mr. Isaiah Okeke



Anambra State athletes coming first in the 100m male/junior category at the 2010 National School Sports Festival held in Kano.



Chess training session in one of the coaching clinics organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

