

API welcomes best of Far East, Palau

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Guam's best high school cross-country runners will have one last chance this year to run not only against each other, but against some of the best teams in the Far East.

The annual Guam Asia-Pacific Invitational, or API cross-country meet will feature more than a dozen teams hailing from Japan, Korea, Palau and Guam.

"I am excited to see how our local runners will fare against our visiting teams,"

said Jay Antonio, coach for the John F. Kennedy High School Islanders and founder of the API, now in its 17th year. Locally, the Islanders took the boys and girls cross-country titles at the All-Island meet held Monday at JFK.

Each participating school can have up to seven runners each for the boys and girls races. The first five finishers can score points — a runner's placing determines the points scored — while the other two runners act as pushers. A pusher cannot score, but they can fill in a spot otherwise taken by a scoring runner.

Guam's teams will have some familiarity with the course, as JFK's Ramsey Field was also the site for the All-Island meet, but that's about as much advantage as they will get. Antonio and his crew have been busy over the last weeks, and have lined the entire



PDN FILE PHOTO
High school boys division competitors begin their race for the Guam Department of Education ISA All-Island Cross-Country meet at John F. Kennedy High School's Ramsey Field in Tamuning on Dec. 14, 2021. The annual Guam Asia-Pacific Invitational cross-country meet returns Oct. 21-22, 2022.

5K course with hundreds of coconuts.

Runners from Guam, Korea and Palau will have to contend with runners from The American School in Japan Mustangs, which have won every team trophy since the first race almost two decades ago.

The race is held over two days with the first being the 5K, scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Friday. The second race is a coed relay held 6 a.m. Saturday at Ypao Beach. A champion is determined by a school's placing in the boys and girls 5K plus Saturday's relay.

The event also recognizes and awards the top 15 overall runners in each gender division.

Return

The API XC has become so popular over the years, that one off-island league has used it as their season finale. While there are 16 schools entered for 2022,

Antonio said there were as many as 31 schools competing in the past. This year's race will be the first one since late 2019 prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Besides the local public school entries and Guam Adventist Academy, the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, the Guam High Panthers and the St. John's Knights will also compete. The Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam's schools moved cross-country to the second quarter on the sports schedule, so the API XC will be a warmup for their season, said Antonio.

And while the Saturday relay is critical to a team's overall ranking in the event, the fact that it's held at the beach brings out more than just the competitive runner in each athlete.

"Everybody becomes a kid again at the relay," said Antonio.

The public is invited to watch and admission is free. Spectators can bring chairs and umbrellas and cheer on their favorite athletes, said Antonio.

"It's definitely gonna be fun," he said.

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EMS Commission & EMS for Children Advisory Committee Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)

Join Zoom Meeting:
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Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to order
- II. Confirmation of Publication 10/20/2022 and 10/25/2022
- III. Roll call
- IV. Approval of Agenda/Minutes
- V. Administrator's Report
- VI. Legal Counsel Report
- VII. Complaints (1) EMS-CO-22-01
- VIII. Committee Reports (1) Statutes and Rules and Regulations (Draft Amendments to Chapter 84) (2) Policies and Protocol Booklet (3) Ambulance Diversion Policy and Interfacility Transfer
- IX. Old Business (a) Agency Reports (USNH, GMHA, GCC, GDOE, DPHSS, DPW, EMSC, EMD) (b) Paramedic Program Update
- X. New Business (1) Venue for launch of EMS Policies and Protocol for EMS Personnel (2) Continued Practice for AEMTs (3) POLST Form (4) Recertifications:
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjournment

To view the names of the applicants being considered go to <https://guamhplo.org/emsc> LIVE Streaming link <http://facebook.com/HPL0Guam>

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Guam CAHA Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, October 27, 2022, 3pm
Hybrid Zoom and in-Person

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Review and approval of minutes for August '22
4. Executive Director's Report
5. Financial Report
6. Old Business
 1. None
7. New Business
 1. Grant Extensions/Changes
 2. FY2023 Budget
 3. NEA Extensions
 4. Revolving Account
 5. WestAF Investment
8. Board Development
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment

CALL OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF CHAMORRO EQUITIES, INC.

To: **ALL STOCKHOLDERS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to the §2.02 of the By-laws of CHAMORRO EQUITIES, INC., the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of Chamorro Equities, Inc., will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at the principal office of Chamorro Equities, Inc. that is located at 205 Oka Commercial Center, 221 Farenholt Avenue, Tamuning, Guam 96913.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2022.

/s/ Robert V. Ulloa
President