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17th National Olympic Academy 2021



Looking to the future with hope and wisdom

It is a great privilege to convey herewith that the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka (NOC SL) with the collaboration of the Olympic Solidarity and Olympic Council of Asia, is conducted its 17th Edition of the National Olympic Academy (NOA) Session from 6th to 9th December, 2021 virtually.

As the world is recovering from a global pandemic and beholding for a balanced reconstruction of the society entailing physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing, we believe, this calls the mission of "Olympism" to play its role on the ground more than ever through the deliberation of the

ways that Olympic idea can serve as a vehicle for inspiring human actions. Hence, the central theme we embrace this year is "Olympic Wisdom and Humanized Actions".

As you might have conjectured, our discussions will subsequently focus on

- 1) New Normal Sport Culture;
- 2) Hope "Pandora View" : Significance of Mythological Behaviors; and
- 3) A Peaceful Society through Sustaining Olympic Values.

Elaborating on the programme course director B.L.H. Perera explained "The National Olympic Academy is a concept driven entity all over the world. Sri Lanka adopted this policy in 2011, with the main objective to initiate the idea of Olympism among young people. Just to give you an insight of it – what is Olympic Movement and what is Olympism for young people.

"Then we thought the best target group would be the under graduates of the universities and we started with that.

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"For many years we conducted the programme successfully, but at a point it was really producing anything we had to change the ground level arrangement and still we are trying to do that.

"My suggestion is the real stake holder of this the National Federation. Now we must move towards the National Federations and we must invite five nominees who has the relevant qualifications to be a part of.

"In this manner we would have at least 170 participants from all 34 National Federations taking part in this programme.

"This would be a good base for us to progress upon."

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Eranga Fernando one of the main cogs and group leaders in the NOC forum explaining the programme through her eyes pondered "Our Academic Sessions this year, we selected forty participants from private and the public and also from National Federations and Sports Associations, regional delegated from South Asian NOCs and what are seeking is to pass the message on.

The 2021 sessions we had "Olympic Wisdom and Humanized Actions" as our central theme and to protrude matters that we are working on.

Olympism is the fire, Olympic movement all round the world and work under one parasol.

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"We must give the next generation of aspirants the necessary ingredients to work on akin to father enriching his sibling with the values learned through the years.

"We must keep moving with these traditions – our seniors guided us and in the vein it is our duty to enrich the next generation of participants. During the 2020 Olympics they added the word together because of the pandemic situation because if we do not work as a family the entire system may collapse.



"The second day of the programme we went back – hope, the Pandora View. It's a myth, but the myth it-self and how it reflects in the society.

"Here what we were trying to do was to seek avenues of moving forward with the younger participants.

Pethum Weerakkody also another group leader said that though the atmosphere has changed owing to the pandemic situation they are working to enhance the Olympic Values in a collective forum that they worked during the sessions.

"So, this year we strongly emphasize that they must take this in a human aspect is a sense that you must be all aware of the human qualities and emotions.



"In the first day we got in the theme the new normal sports culture. For instance, the Sri Lankans have a different culture, the Maldivians have a different culture but we are all gathered in an another culture called sports, through the Olympic movement.



NOC SL and NOC Albania reach new horizons

The National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka and the Albanian National Olympic Committee agreed to develop a specific cooperation avenue in sport and Olympism with the objective of creating greater understanding between the two countries.

This agreement was initiated by the President of the Sri Lanka National Olympic Committee Mr. Suresh Subramaniam and the Albanian National Olympic Committee President Fidel Ylli when they met in Albania in early December.

The points discussed and signed upon were:

@ Extend cooperation and partnership between the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka and the Albanian National Olympic Committee in areas of organizational Development, resource generation, and marketing strategies.

@ Sharing information in the areas of event management and marketing and the logistics required to administer multisport events.

@ Sharing best practices approaches to professional organizational staff training, with focus on leadership, management, and organizational development.

@ Sharing best practices in the field of sports facility design, construction, management, maintenance, and ongoing care of sports installations and facilities.

@ Future Collaboration opportunities between individual sports federations of the two countries, with special emphasis on Olympic Sports.

@ Exchange information regarding the education and development of coaches, sports medicine, technical officials, and sports administrators.

@ Exchange of sports training programmes regarding the development of national teams and sports clubs.

@ Exchange of friendly sports competitions for national teams and sports clubs.



Mr. Fidel Ylli NOC Albania and Mr. Suresh NOC Sri Lanka



Senura and Muthumali Crowned Champions at the 74th Senior TT Nationals

The Table Tennis Association of Sri Lanka conducted its 74th Senior National Championships during this weekend on the 4th and 5th December 2021, at the Bandaragama Indoor Stadium.

16-year-old Senura Silva of Ananda College continued his fine form from last week having won the Junior Boys National Title to win the prestigious Senior Men's National title for the very first-time beating Krishan Wickramarathna of Vidyarthana Kandy OBA 4/3 in a final that was fought to the last set.

Senura is a recipient of the Crysbro Next Champ Scholarships arranged by the National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka.

The Women's Singles National Title was competed between two Sri Lanka Navy players, Muthumali Priyadarshani and Hansani Piymila.

The Women's National title was won by Muthumali Priyadarshani beating Hansani Piymila 4/0.

Senura Silva was adjudged as the Best Men's player, whilst Muthumali Priyadarshani was adjudged as the Best Women's player

A total number of 192 players comprising of 128 Men and 64 Women, competed to be crowned the prestigious national champion crown.

The National championships that could not be held during the year 2020 as the country was on lockdown several times and sports activities could not be held.

The TTASL somehow conducted this 2020 championship as there can be only one national champion each year and did not want to deprive its players the opportunity to be crowned the title.

The Chief Guest at the finals was Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage, State Minister of Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Improvement, who along with the President of the TTASL and President of the South Asian Region TT Federation, Hon. Kanaka Herath distributed the awards to winners.

Cash prizes were awarded to the Winners, Runner-up and Semi Finalist in the Men's and Women's Singles event, as generously donated from former national players Mr. Veediya Bandara, Mr. Thilina Piyadasa, Mr. Chamara Fernando, Mr. Sajith Priyadarshana and Mr. Gayan Herath all who are residing overseas.

Results

Men's Singles

Semi Finals: Senura Silva (Ananda) bt Milinda Lakshitha (OMBC) 4/3 Krishan Wickramarathna (VCK OBA) bt Prasad De Silva (Emjay) 4/1.
Final: Senura Silva (Ananda) bt Krishan Wickramarathna (VCK OBA) 4/3

Women's Singles

Semi Finals: Hansani Piymila (SL Navy) bt Maneesha Salindi (Dharmashoka Ambalangoda) 4/1 Muthumali Priyadarshani (SL Navy) bt Kasuni Pitigala (SL Army) 4/1
Finals: Muthumali Priyadarshani (SL Navy) bt Hansani Piymila (SL Navy) 4/0

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Women's Singles: Muthumali Priyadarshani (SL Navy) bt Hansani Piumila (SL Navy)

Men's Doubles: Senura Silva & Chameera Ginige Krishan bt Wickramarathna & Nirmala Jayasinghe

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Men's Doubles

Semi Finals: Senura Silva & Chameera Ginige bt Nimesh Ranchagoda & Thisas Ranchagoda 3/0 Krishan Wickramarathna & Nirmala Jayasinghe bt Supuna Warasavithana and Hiruna Warasavithana 3/1

Final: Senura Silva & Chameera Ginige bt Krishan Wickramarathna & Nirmala Jayasinghe 3/0

Women's Doubles

Semi Finals: Jithara Warnakulasuriya & Thanushi Rodrigo bt Ishara Madurangi & Hansani Piumila 3/2 Thedini Thushara & Manisha Salindi bt Muthumali Priyadarshani & Naduni Surasinghe 3/2

Finals: Thedini Thushara & Manisha Salindi bt Jithara Warnakulasuriya & Thanushi Rodrigo 3/2

Mixed Doubles

Semi Finals: Hansani Piumila & Nimesh Ranchagoda -

bt N. Niroshana / K. Pitigala 3/1 Jithara Warnakulasuriya & Senura Silva bt. Ishara Madurangi & Thisas Ranchagoda 3/1

Finals: Hansani Piumila & Nimesh Ranchagoda bt Jithara Warnakulasuriya & Senura Silva 3/2

Men's Consolation Singles

Semi Finals: Pasan Nimindu bt Lakshitha Sankanath 2/0 Damithu Fonseka bt Tharusha Dulmith 2/1

Finals: Damithu Fonseka bt Pasan Nimindu 2/0

Women's Consolation Singles

Semi Finals: Dinoli Nuwangana bt Heshi Nirmi 2/1 Shamalsha Dewmi bt Minna Hasim 2/1

Final: Shamalsha Dewmi bt Dinoli Nuwangana 2/0

Final Results

Category Champion Runner Up

Men's Singles: Senura Silva (Ananda) bt Krishan Wickramarathna (VCK OBA) -

Women's Doubles : Thedini Thushara & Manisha Salindi bt Jithara Warnakulasuriya & Thanushi Rodrigo

Mixed Doubles : Hansani Piumila & Nimesh Ranchagoda bt Jithara Warnakulasuriya & Senura Silva

Men's Consolation Singles Damithu Fonseka bt Pasan Nimindu

Women's Consolation Singles Shamalsha Dewmi bt Dinoli Nuwangana

Best Player (Men's) – Senura Silva (Ananda College)

Best Plater (Women) - Muthumali Priyadarshani (SL Navy)

