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Hon. Regional Minister, MPs, MMDCEs, Torgbiwo, Mamawo, Volta Regional Football Association, National Sports Authority, Volta Regional Athletics Association, Volta Regional Red Cross Society, Districts Football Association, Distinguished Practitioners of the Media Fraternity, Ladies and Gentlemen.


The Duamenefa Regional Tournament of the Volta Region is an initiative of Crystal Lens Radio (Fafaa 100.3 Fm), Dzodze. A private Commercial Radio Station in association with its affiliate Non-Governmental Organization, "Duamenefa Foundation", an NGO which has over 26,864 registered and certified volunteers (still counting) ref. - [www.duamenefafoundation.org //membership](http://www.duamenefafoundation.org//membership).

These volunteers are scattered across the various communities of the Volta Region with the mandate to promote peaceful coexistence of people in the various communities. Hence the name of the tournament is branded "Duamenefa" to wit, let us coexist in peace.

The tournament is an annual event which started in the year 2017 as super gala and marathon with forty-six (46) football clubs and 72 marathon racers participating. A combine team of Ghana Police Service Officers and Ghana Immigration Service officers provided security for the 22 kilometer marathon racing from the Denu traffic light to Dzodze R/C Demonstration Basic School.

The following year, 2018, witnessed competition of seventy-seven (77) football clubs. An overwhelming edition of 2019 saw as much as one hundred and four (104) football clubs participating with some teams from the Republic of Togo. In that same year, two strong Blind sports teams, Accra Thunderbolt from the Greater Accra Region and the Red Lions from the Volta Region participated. The Goal ball competition remains one of the most entertaining parts of the Duamenefa Regional Tournament.

The 5 months tournament of 2019, has 208 football matches played across different centers in the Volta region, 40 days of play on weekends, with the finals which took place in November, 2019. The tournament has been witnessing between 5,000 to over 20,000 spectators of sports enthusiasts who throng the various match venues from different parts of the region to support teams from their various communities and districts.



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The former Volta Regional Director of the National Sports Authority, Mr Amponfi Kwame jnr, together with officials from the Athletics Association and the Ghana Football Association were eye witnesses to these great events since its inception. The National Sports Authority has no hesitation than to promote the Duamenefa Super Gala to Duamenefa Regional Tournament in the year 2018. The National Sports Authority through its former Volta Regional Director appealed to MPs and MMDCEs in the region to use part of their Common Fund to support and promote this noble initiative.

This endorsement by the National Sports authority has motivated the organizers of the tournament and the participants, hence 104 football teams featured in the 2019 edition of the tournament. While the expectations were very high to register more teams for the 2020 edition, the unexpected COVID 19 struck and the tournament was placed on hold from 2020, until this year 2022.

The target objective of the tournament is to:


1. Expose the hidden talents of the various football teams in the Volta Region to the nation Ghana and the entire world
2. Help the young talented footballers in the Volta region to nurture their young talents, and move them to the next level for marketing through our international scouts
3. Expose them to coaches and sports officials for the necessary assistance
4. Inspire the young footballer and runner to aim higher, train harder, stay focus, and get to the top
5. Build various networks among players and runners from all districts of the volta region

Few achievements during the period under review:

1. The recognition and promotion by the NSA to Regional Status
2. Recognition and collaboration with the Ghana Football Association to nurture the young talents to be moved to the next level
3. Recognition and collaboration with the Regional Athletics Association to feature athletics to represent the Volta Region at National Competitions
4. A number of players have been scouted and taken abroad
5. Teams which hitherto would not finish matches while losing, now do so
6. The tournament has ensured peaceful coexistence among various communities

Even though the tournament took two years recess due to the corona virus pandemic which necessitated a temporal ban on sporting activities throughout the world, the tournament has, however, returned to full gear this year 2022 with sixty one (61) football clubs, made up of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty (1,830) registered players to compete in One Hundred and Eleven (111) matches.

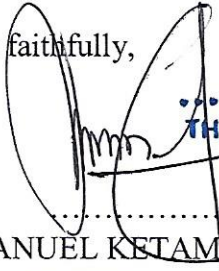
The 2022 edition of the Duamenefa Regional Tournament is bid to kick start on Saturday the 7th day of May, 2022, at the Dzodze – Penyi Senior High School Park. Matches would be played in various centers till the 27th day of August, 2022.



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We wish to put on record that the aforementioned achievements wouldn't have been possible without the kind collaborations of the National Sports Authority, the Ghana Football Association and Ghana Athletics Association. We are also very grateful to his Eminence Person Chief Francis Albert Nyonyo, Member, Council of States Presidency of Ghana, Hon. Dr. James Klutsey Avedzi, MP, Ketu North. Hon. Richard Quashigah, Former MP, Keta, Hon. Elliot Agbenorwu, former MCE, Ketu South, Hon. Lawson Clever Kofi, former MCE, Ketu North, Hon. Anthony Avorgbedor, MCE, Ketu North, Hon. Makafui Kofi Woanya, NPP Volta Regional Chairman, Hon. Edwin Edudzi Effah, former MCE, Keta, Traditional Rulers from various Traditional Councils of the Volta Region, Private Enterprises, Churches, Duamenefa Tadiha Factory, Media Houses and Individuals. The pivot of security provision from the Ghana Police Service and the Ghana Immigration Service during the tournament is laudable.

The aforementioned tournament runs between an annual budget of Two Hundred Thousand Ghana Cedis (Ghc 200, 000.00) and Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Ghana Cedis (Ghc 250, 000.00). Therefore, the request for the kind support of benevolent members of the society as well as, well meaning Ghanaians and stakeholders cannot be over emphasized. We, therefore, call on all and sundry to support this year's tournament. Let us join hands to unearth the hidden talents embedded in our youths and to market same to the nation Ghana and the international community.

Yours faithfully,


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3. Volta Regional Minister, Ho
4. Volta Regional Commander, Ho
5. Volta Regional Football Association
6. Volta Regional Red Cross Society, Ho
7. MPs., Volta Region
8. MMDCEs, Volta Region
9. Regional House of Chiefs, Volta
10. Volta Regional Athletics Association, Ho
11. Traditional Councils
12. Traditional Rulers
13. Traditional Queen Mothers
14. Divisional/District Police Commanders, Volta
15. All Media Houses
16. Private Business Organizations
17. Local Council of Churches
18. National Peace Council, Ho
19. NPP, Volta Regional Chapter
20. NDC, Volta Regional Chapter
21. NPP, Volta Regional Constituencies
22. NDC, Volta Regional Constituencies
23. Assembly Members


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