

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS 2023

STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE AND EXPANDING OUR REACH

In 2023, GAMMA made significant strides in governance, athlete welfare, and global reach, marking a year of pivotal advancements and milestones.

ENHANCED GOVERNANCE

Constitutional Revisions: To better align with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards, we made crucial changes to our Constitution, clearly defining roles and responsibilities to ensure more effective governance.

Strategic Investments: Focused on securing GAMMA's long-term future, we invested strategically in areas critical to our growth and sustainability.

Leadership Appointment: We appointed a Director-General to lead GAMMA into a new era of development and professional excellence.

ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME

Ongoing Commitment: Since its inception in 2021, our anti-doping programme has continued robustly. We have since conducted three education seminars and performed in-competition testing at all our events in collaboration with the International Doping Agency.

Athlete Education: These initiatives underscore our unwavering commitment to maintaining a clean sport and educating our athletes about the importance of anti-doping measures.



HISTORIC MILESTONE

MMA's Inclusion in the African Games:

A significant achievement for GAMMA and the sport, MMA was included in the African Games for the first time ever, highlighting the sport's growing acceptance and popularity across the continent.

With the inclusion of MMA into these continental games, organised by the African Union (AU), the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), the Association of African Sports Confederations (AASC), and the



Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA), it is another extremely positive step forward for the continued growth and increased visibility of GAMMA as the International Federation for MMA.

EVENTS

Regional and World Championships: 2023 saw the expansion of GAMMA's event calendar with the introduction of several new championships:

Central American MMA Championships: Hosted by Nicaragua, this event marked the first GAMMA regionals in Central America.



Oceania Championships: New Zealand hosted the inaugural GAMMA Oceania Championships, bringing together top talent from the region.

U18 World Championships: Greece made history by hosting the first-ever GAMMA U18 World Championships, providing a platform for young athletes to showcase their skills on a global stage.

World Championships: The third GAMMA World Championships made a triumphant return to Asia, taking place in Bangkok, Thailand, from December 8-10. This prestigious competition saw participation from over 260 athletes representing 37 countries.

LOOKING AHEAD

2023 has been a transformative year for GAMMA. Our efforts in refining governance structures, promoting athlete welfare through anti-doping education, and expanding our event footprint have laid a strong foundation for the future. We remain committed to fostering a dynamic and inclusive environment for mixed martial arts, ensuring our athletes, coaches, and officials continue to thrive on the global stage.

As we look forward to 2024, we are excited to build on this momentum and achieve even greater heights.