

REMARKS: INTER-UNIT ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

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Postponed because of Climate Change (weather) and Change of Command

The Inter-Unit Athletics Championships 2013 once again provide us all with an opportunity to demonstrate our athletic prowess, and to contribute towards the promotion of healthy lifestyles within the Force especially since as soldiers, we are athletes with physical fitness being central and very important to our daily routine.

This Inter-Unit Athletics Championships also offer us yet another opportunity to demonstrate the essence of teamwork as we represent and cheer on our units and athletes in the various track and field events programmed for today.

It must also serve to identify new talents, new athletes that will be combined with the known athletes of previous championships as we, after today, work towards putting together a winning Guyana Defence Force team for the Joint Services Track and Field Championships planned for 20 – 22 November.

Now, I wish to congratulate the organisers of this week's and today's events – Lt Col Claude Fraser, Capt Tyrone Smith and their coaches, Offrs and Ranks, BComd (ag) Maj Thomas, Offrs (Capt Fredricks) and Ranks, Lt Col Sydney James, Offrs and Ranks of G2 Branch and all others who contributed to making today Championships possible. Well done!

To the spectators, do have fun, in an orderly manner as you support your units and athletes.

To the officials – based on the official oath read a little while ago by Civ Cornel Rose – we all expect you to be impartial and fair in your observations and decisions today.

To each athlete, may you be victorious at your events of choice today.
And may the best Unit/team win!

I now declare open Inter-Unit Athletics Championships 2013. Thank You All.