



Fútbol Sin Fronteras

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Fútbol Sin Fronteras' Global Peace Games Are a Success in 2014

Fútbol Sin Fronteras proudly hosted the sixth annual *Copa de la Paz* (Global Peace Games) on September 20, 2014 in Granada, Nicaragua. The Games celebrated the International Day of Peace (September 21, 2014) by promoting female empowerment and fair play through a girls-only soccer tournament. Participants included the five teams from FSF as well as local school teams, bringing together more than 200 female soccer players as well as their friends and families!

While the tournament encouraged thrilling competition amongst the girls, FSF primarily used the Games to promote a message of peace. In addition to first and second place trophies in each age group, FSF awarded a Spirit of Peace Prize to the team that displayed the most sportsmanlike attitude.

Congratulations to all 16 teams and their coaches on a successful day, and a special thank you to Bristol Link for donating funds and materials to make the *Copa* possible. Check out our Facebook page to see more photos!



- ### The Line-Up
- September 12 – New SWB Website Launch
 - September 14 – Independence Day Parade
 - September 15 – Independence Day
 - September 20 – Global Peace Games
 - October 11 – International Day of the Girl



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Women's Soccer Dominates World Stage

Germany Defeats Nigeria in Women's U-20 World Cup Championship

Congratulations to the U-20 Women's German National Team, Champions of the U-20 Women's World Cup! The German side defeated Nigeria 1-0 in extra time of this year's championship game. France defeated Korea DPR to earn third place.

This summer's tournament offered exceptional displays of world-class play, acrobatic goals, and fierce competition, and the success of the event holds much promise for the future of women's international soccer.

Women's World Cup Qualifying Matches – CONCACAF Tournament Set for October

With the Women's World Cup less than one year away, top countries are vying for limited spots on the world's greatest soccer stage. England and Sweden have already qualified for the tournament and Canada has automatically qualified as the host country.

Mexico, USA, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique, and Trinidad & Tobago will battle for the top three qualifying spots for CONCACAF during the league's U.S.-based tournament October 15-26.

Stay tuned for updates on the qualifying teams in our upcoming newsletters!



What are our teams up to?

Curious about our five teams at FSF? Take a look below to find out more about what each group is talking about on and off the field.

Princesas (7-9) – Passing & How to Share with Friends and Family

Mariposa Juniors (9-11) – Scoring & Celebrating Peace

Mariposa Seniors (11-13) – One-on-One Defense & Nonverbal Communication

Estrellas (13-15) – First Touch & Professional Goals

Sweet Lake (15-17) – Ball Control & Adolescence

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Check Out Our New Website!

Stay up to date with FSF and find new ways to get involved!





New Team Leaders Join FSF

FSF welcomes Ben Burnett, Margot Johnson, and Kara McMahon, the newest team leaders in Granada! Ben, Margot, and Kara will coach alongside Nicaraguan coaches and tackle off-the-field responsibilities as well. Find out here what brought them to FSF!



In the Spotlight: Veronica Balladares

Veronica Balladares ("Flaca") has worked with FSF for five years as the coach of FC Sweet Lake, the oldest girls' team in the program. Veronica was a trailblazer in the women's Nicaraguan soccer scene during her adolescence and played in the Nicaraguan first division when girls' soccer was still in its infancy in Granada. She is now an integral part of FSF's success as a vocal leader of the program. Check out her profile below to learn more about her story!

Why do you work with FSF Granada?

I love working with FSF because I believe in the social value that soccer has in training girls as soccer players and as teenagers.

Tell us about one of your proudest moments as a coach at FSF.

One of my proudest moments was when we were able to separate our first team into three groups because we had so many participants. We divided into the Estrellas, Mariposas, and Nicoyas teams. Since that time, the program has continued growing a lot.

What vision do you have for the future of FSF?

I would love to see a bigger program in the future with more opportunities for our girls. For example, it would be wonderful if we could provide scholarships to girls to help them continue their educations at the university level.

The Staff of FSF -From left to right:
Ben Burnett, Hassell Chavez, Eden Guadamuz,
Kara McMahon, Fátima Lopez, Cesar Augusto,
Veronica Balladares, Estefan Bolaños,
Josh Hardester, Helen Ramirez

Ben Burnett

Mariposa Juniors
School Outreach

"I work with FSF because I believe soccer is a great tool to teach us about life. Through soccer, we learn the skills we need for success both on & off the field."

Margot Johnson

Mariposa Seniors
Visitor Ambassador
Monitoring & Evaluation

"I work with FSF because I think that soccer is essential to learning teamwork, confidence, and having fun!"

Kara McMahon

Estrellas
Social Media
Monitoring & Evaluation

"I work with FSF because I believe that girls all over the world deserve equal access to soccer and safe spaces to play!"