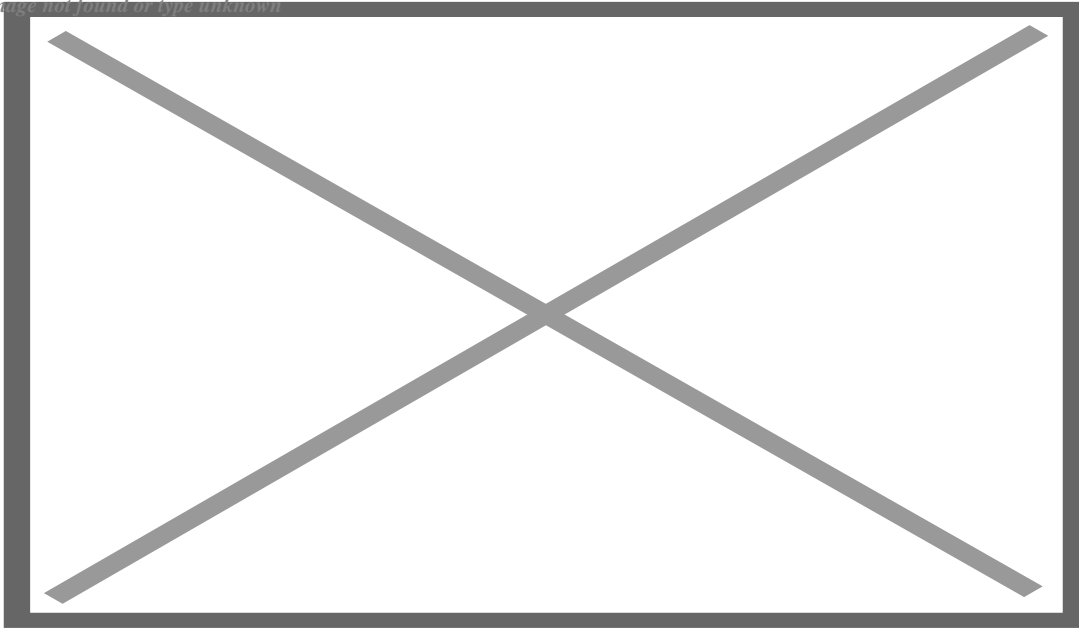


Soccer balls distributed throughout Cuba

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Havana, January 3 (JIT) - Nearly 5,000 soccer balls were distributed throughout Cuba to encourage the practice of this sport.

The Cuban Football Association (AFC) delivered hundreds of balls to each province in order to cover the needs from grassroots to high performance.

"Obviously the balls were provided for high performance, for the women's team of each province that plays the national league, and for the men who are preparing for the 108th National Soccer League, about to begin," reported Yulier Herranz, head of the AFC's development office.

"Not only for the elite were balls delivered, but the academies, sports initiation schools and areas in the popular councils will also benefit. This is due to the importance of mass soccer practice and its contribution to the high performance pyramid," Herranz explained.

This was not the only equipment guaranteed by the entity in favor of sports practice for 2024. Recently, all the teams participating in the women's league were equipped with an integral module containing clothes, shoes and other items.

This not only aims to guarantee the equipment for playing and training, but also to ensure the uniformity and comfort of the players during their transportation and stay in the provinces during the tournament.

"All this responds to the strategy for the development of soccer, drawn up with opinions gathered by the country. It was a long-standing desire to have uniforms for all the teams in the different championships and we have managed to provide them with first-class equipment of high quality standards," said Olier Rodríguez, president of the AFC.

The referees also benefited from modern clothing to carry out their work, which they perform with increasing professionalism.

"With respect to the balls, we hope that each territory can put them to the best possible use for the benefit of the practice of soccer and that they are responsible for their care," said Rodríguez.

The balls vary in models of different quality and shape. The final destination of the balls is specified in each province, in proportion to the needs of each area.

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