

= Tonga at the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games =

Tonga competed in the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games held in the British Crown Dependency of Isle of Man from 7 to 13 September 2011 . Their participation marked their second Commonwealth Youth Games appearance . The delegation of Tonga consisted of three officials and four competitors (two men and two women) participating in three different sports ? athletics , boxing and swimming . This was a decrease in the number of athletes from the nation 's last appearance at the Games , when nine athletes were sent to the 2008 Commonwealth Youth Games in Pune . Heamasi Sekona won a bronze in the light heavyweight class of boxing without winning a single bout . Sekona was the only medalist from Tongan side . None of the rest three athletes advanced past the qualifying stages , and thus did not win any medals . Katiloka ranked eighth overall in the qualifying round for triple jump ; middleweight boxer , Pomale , lost to Cody Crowley of Canada in his first round match . Additionally , Prescott ranked 18th and 13th in the heat rounds of 50 m and 100 m backstroke events respectively . Sekona 's was the first medal for Tonga in the history of the Games .

= = Background = =

Independent Tonga became a member of the Commonwealth of Nations in 1970 , and debuted in the Commonwealth Games in 1974 in Christchurch , New Zealand . Tonga did not participate in first two ? 2000 Edinburgh and 2004 Bendigo ? Commonwealth Youth Games . It entered nine athletes (two men and seven women) in the 2008 Commonwealth Youth Games in Pune , India , competed in athletics , table tennis and tennis ; but failed to win any medal . Tonga was one of the 63 nations that participated in the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games held in the British Crown Dependency of Isle of Man from 7 to 13 September 2011 , making its second Commonwealth Youth Games appearance . Tonga finished last in the medal table , in 22nd , sharing the position with nine other Commonwealth Games Associations .

= = Delegation = =

The Tonga Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee selected a delegation consisting of three officials and four competitors for the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games . None of the athletes had previously participated in the Commonwealth Youth Games . The first , Ana Katiloka , was the sole athlete to represent the nation in athletics . Two pugilists ? Tevita Pomale and Heamasi Sekona ? competed in the middleweight and light heavyweight classes . Irene Prescott , as the only swimmer from Tongan side , participated in two events . Also in the delegation as a chef de mission of Tonga for the Games was Hiko Fungavaka . The delegation was also accompanied by the head boxing coach Lolo Heimuli . The final member of the delegation was Sione Prescott as an extra official .

= = Athletics = =

Athletics events were held in the National Sports Center Athletics Stadium . Ana Katiloka represented Tonga in the triple jump event of athletics . This event took place on 11 September 2011 . Katiloka 's best jump in the event was 10 @.@ 41 m , and she finished last (eighth) in the final standings . The gold medal in this event was won by Nat Apikotoa of Australia with a best jump of 12 @.@ 55 m .

= = Boxing = =

Tonga 's boxing squad consisted of two pugilists , Tevita Pomale and Heamasi Sekona , who participated in the middleweight and light heavyweight classes , respectively . Pomale was eliminated in the first round after losing to Cody Crowley of Canada . Sekona won a bronze medal in

the light heavyweight class without winning a single match . He received a bye in his first match (quarterfinals) , and lost to Calum Evans of Wales in the semifinals by a points difference of 23 ? 14 . The semifinal appearance of Sekona guaranteed him a bronze medal , which he shared with Jack Massey of England ? another semifinalist who lost to gold medalist of the event , Brandon Allan of Australia .

Bye = Athlete received a bye .

= = Swimming = =

Irene Prescott was the sole swimmer in the delegation of Tonga . She competed in two events , the 50 ? and 100 m backstrokes . Prescott took a time of 33 @.@ 52 to complete her preliminary heat of the 50 m backstroke and finished in 18th place , not high enough to ensure a berth in the final . She was also eliminated in the preliminary heat of 100 m backstroke after ranking 13th with a time of 1 : 13 @.@ 42 .