

Sydney, 15th October 2020.

Hello.

My name is Saul Cofino Arena, 42 years old Spanish national (Barcelona).

Before Australia, I was lived in Central America along 4 years. In Panama City I was Subdirector Technical of the Panamanian Olympic Committee, Director of the Programs of Olympic Solidarity and founder and head coach of the Club Aguilas Panama. Also in Panama, I obtained a scholarship from the International Olympic Committee to represent the country in the Executive Master in Management of Sport Organizations (MEMOS VI) with the goal to reopen The Olympic Academy in Panama and advising others National Olympic Academies to develop their opening plans. The Plan was recognized among the first five best works of the 30 countries participating in the edition. This Master complements my Degree in Physical Activities and Sport Science obtained in the INEFC (University of Barcelona). <https://oscnewsletter.olympic.org/article/37/in-the-study-room?lang=en>

During my time as an gymnast, I was AA Senior National Spanish Champion in 3 occasions (99, 00, 03) and was part of the first Spanish Men's Artistic Gymnastics team qualified for the Olympic Games (Tian Jin 1999) and I was an "AA" gymnast in the Olympic Games of Sydney 2000, where we also witnessed the gold medal of one of our team members (*Gervasio Deferr: Vault*).

A little before my graduation in the University of Barcelona (2011), I obtained the highest level of qualification as a MAG coach by the Royal Spanish Federation of Gymnastics and shortly ever was part of a project that is very dear to me. I implemented and managed the Club "La Mina" (WAG and MAG), with the great support of the suburb of Sant Adrià de Besòs (BCN) and the sponsorship of several Olympic medallist athletes.

After "La Mina" I was part in the development of TEDI Schools of Andoni Zubizarreta (ex General Manager and ex goalkeeper of the FC Barcelona) and Agustí Gasol (father of The Gasol brothers, players of the NBA and Olympic medallists). In that task, I helped to create for the school environment an integral program that contemplated the physical and intellectual development of the children. Operationally I managed more than 30 schools to the programme and during 3 years I was in charge in Asturias (Spain) of more than 50 monitors and more than 800 students.

In Sydney and during the last 3 years, I have worked actively as an Officer for events and the development of the MAG in New South Wales (AU), presenting a Plan with Recommendations to obtain the sport excellence in 4 years, as well as the handbook for the Squad Development Program with a specific "Testing Day" that continue in force. After Gymnastics NSW, I worked successively in its educational programs for coaches of MAG: "Building for Tomorrow Senior Clinic" in 2018 - 2019. <https://www.nswhpc.org.au/single-post/2018/11/27/Building-for-Tomorrow-Clinic>

Certificated like High Performance Coach by Gymnastics Australia, I am currently involved in the Australian Academy of Gymnastics in its MAG Competitive Program. After 3 years of work, we reach for the first time to be the best New South Wales (State) Club in the Men's Gymnastics Junior levels in 2019.

In my free time I am runner and still competing like a Master gymnast in the Grand Prix Series that takes place throughout NSW, being 2nd AA at the State and Australian National championship in 2018 (saulcofino: Instagram)

In these last 10 years of my life, there have been many changes. Even when arriving in Australia. But I am a lucky person who is having the opportunity to live several challenges in different environments and cultures.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval. The signature is stylized and appears to be 'Saul'.

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UNIVERSITY

- Degree in Physical Activities and Sport Sciences.
Universidad of Barcelona (UB). 2011.
- Executive Master in Management of Sports Organization (MEMOS VI)
Olympic Solidarity (IOC) Representing Panama: "Plan for the functional viability of the Olympic Academy". 2016 - 2017.



PANAMA OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

- Director of Programs of Olympic Solidarity (2014 – 2017).
- Subdirector of the Technical Committee (2016 – 2017).



GYMNASTICS NEW SOUTH WALES

- Men's Gymnastics Events and Sport Development Officer (2017 – 2018).
- MAG presenter at the "Building for Tomorrow Senior Clinic" (2018 – 2019).

ATHLETE and currently MASTER Athlete

- Member of the first Spanish Team ever qualify to the Olympic Games on the XXXIV World Championship in Tian Jin (China).
- Ranked 11th in the XXVII Olympic Games Sydney 2000.
- SNR National Spanish Champion "all around" in 3 occasions. 1999, 2000 and 2003.
- In 2018, 2nd "all around" in the Australian Masters National Championship and 2nd "all around" in the New South Wales Masters Championship.
<https://www.nationalclubscarnival.com.au/news/>



MAG COACH

- MAG Highest level by the Real Spanish Gymnastics Federation (2011).
- MAG High Performance Coach by Gymnastics Australia (2018).
- Technical Director of the Gymnastics Club La Mina Gervasio Deferr (2008 – 2011).
- Technical Director of the Club Aguilas Panama (2013 – 2016).
- High Performance Coach at Australian Academy of Gymnastics (2018 – currently).



OTHERS

- Mother language Spanish and fluent English.
- Perfect command of the Microsoft Office, computer or apps environment.



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