

- Association founded 1940
- Affiliated to FIFA in 1960



Flag



Association emblem



World map



## Football in Puerto Rico

Football has not yet taken root in Puerto Rico – in contrast to the other islands in the area – and ranks fifth in popularity after basketball, baseball, volleyball and professional boxing. However, Argentina and Brazil support a professional league which draws large crowds when Puerto Rico Islanders FC, who are based in the USA, play a match on the island. Alexis Rivera, once voted US Soccer League Player of the Year, used to play for this club. Women's football is being actively promoted and two leagues with ten clubs have already been set up. Apart from development work in these clubs, girls' football now features in the school curriculum. A futsal league with five national teams has also been set up.

## Goal project

The Goal Bureau was informed on 7 November 2005 of a training and school complex that was to be built in San Juan. This future House for Puerto Rican Football is intended to provide the best conditions for all categories of football to improve with the ultimate aim of breaking into the international scene. Funds for the ambitious project have not yet been decided but a contribution will be made from Goal.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

House for Puerto Rican Football in San Juan

### Project approved on

Association selected on 7 November 2005

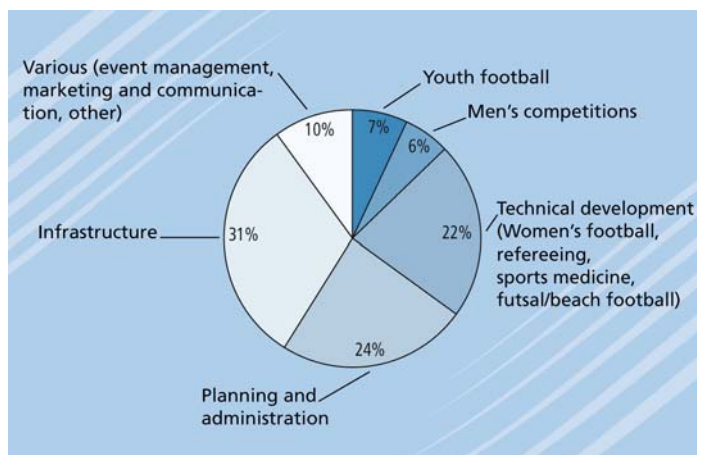
### Status

In planning

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	400,000

## Use of FAP funds



### Football education and courses

	No of courses until 1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>FUTURO III regional courses</b>																					
Refereeing (men and women)																					
Coaching (men)																					
Coaching (women)																					
Administration and management																					
Football medicine																		●			
<b>Seminars</b>																					
Women's football																					
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Administration																					
Refereeing (men and women)																					
Coaching (men and women)																		●			
Beach soccer																	●				
Futsal																					
Olympic solidarity coaching courses																					
<b>Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)</b>	<b>2</b>	●																			
<b>FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches</b>																					

●: Course host country    □: Course participant in another country

### Women's football

When, in 1995, today's FIFA President said "The future of football is feminine", it was more than mere lip service. It reflected a strong belief in the huge potential that women's football has to develop. Ever since, FIFA has given targeted support for the efforts of associations who offer women the same opportunities to develop as male players. Launched in 1998, FIFA's Financial Assistance Programme (FAP) introduced a requirement in 2004 for the associations and confederations to invest at least 4% of their FAP funding into women's football. This threshold was increased to 10% in 2005. On top of this commitment, FIFA also promotes the women's game in more general ways by directly financing women's matches and organising competitions and symposiums. Thanks to its development programmes, FIFA is also playing an active role in the training of administrators, coaches, referees and sports doctors.



Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	1960
From which age on, players are registered?	6
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	38
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	66
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	yes
University competitions	no
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	yes
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-15, U-17



The U-19 women's national team