## SPORT: SUP & Paddleboard

## EVENT: FIJI ISA WORLD SUP & PADDLEBOARD CHAMPIONSHIP 2016

PLACE: FIJI

**DATE:** 11 NOV 2016

Length: 2:24

00:04 Color

00:52 Action

01:50 Interview (Izzy Gomez, Team USA)

02:12 Interview (Lesi Navuwai, Team FIJI)

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All 26 National SUP and Paddleboard Teams featuring 244 athletes have announced their rosters to compete in the SUP Surfing, SUP Racing and Paddleboard Racing disciplines for the week of competition to come.

The National Teams that are confirmed to compete are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Denmark, Fiji, France, Great Britain, Hawaii, India, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Puerto Rico, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tahiti and USA.

On Saturday, August 12 at 4:30pm local time, the Opening Ceremony will kick off the festivities featuring the Parade of Nations and Flags of the World in Port Denarau. All 26 nations will parade through the marina of Port Denarau to the Opening Ceremony stage, where they will participate in the Flags of the World Ceremony.

## ISA President, Fernando Aguerre, said:

"As the globally recognized World Governing Body for SUP in all its variations, the ISA is proud to bring the 2016 Fiji ISA World SUP and Paddleboard Championship to Fiji for the first time is a great step forward for the sports of SUP and Paddleboard. The crystal clear waters of Fiji and the powerful waves of Cloudbreak will provide the perfect platform for the world's best SUP surfers, SUP racers and Paddleboard athletes to push the limits of these sports.

"This event features true Olympic spirit with athletes from all five continents representing their nations. It's another stepping stone in our vision and push for SUP's Olympic inclusion."