



**THE 2024 SOUTH AFRICAN SPORT AWARDS**  
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## 1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1. Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC) together with the South African Sports Confederation, Olympic and Paralympic Committee (SASCOC) embarked on the creation of the South African Sport Awards brand, in a bid to reward South

African Sport stars for their efforts in keeping the passion of sport alive in the hearts of millions of South Africans through their efforts in local and international sport competitions.

- 1.2. The South African Sport Awards (SASA) has been created to recognise and honour individuals and teams who have excelled both on and off the field of play. The South African Broadcasting Corporation and SuperSport are both the broadcast partners of the South African Sport Awards. The National Lotteries Commission has been a key partner of the Awards since 2011.

## **2. QUALIFYING PERIOD**

- 2.1. To be eligible for nomination, nominees' performances must have been between **01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.**
- 2.2. This is applicable to all categories, except the Steve Tshwete Lifetime Achievement Award and Andrew Mlangeni Green Jacket Awards Categories.

## **3. AWARDS CATEGORIES**

- 3.1. The Awards carry a total of nineteen **(19) categories.**
- 3.2. The categories recognise sports persons who have excelled or made a remarkable contribution to South African sport and recreation.
- 3.3. The Awards recognises individuals, teams and organizations in the field of sport and recreation.
- 3.4. The Awards caters for federations, recreation bodies, schools, indigenous games, sport legends, media, volunteers and community sport builders.
- 3.5. The following are the SA Sport Awards Categories:
  - 3.5.1. Sport Administrator of the Year

- 3.5.2. Recreation Body of the Year
- 3.5.3. Sport Volunteer of the Year
- 3.5.4. Youth/Junior Sport Star of the year
- 3.5.5. Youth/Junior Sport Team of the Year
- 3.5.6. Sport Visual Journalist of the Year
- 3.5.7. Sports Media Journalist of the Year
- 3.5.8. Technical Official of the Year
- 3.5.9. National Federation of the Year
- 3.5.10. Sport Team of the Year
- 3.5.11. Coach of the Year
- 3.5.12. Sportswoman of the Year with a Disability
- 3.5.13. Sportsman of the Year with a Disability
- 3.5.14. Andrew Mlangeni Green Jacket
- 3.5.15. Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture Excellence Award
- 3.5.16. Steve Tshwete Lifetime Achievement
- 3.5.17. Sportswoman of the Year
- 3.5.18. Sportsman of the Year
- 3.5.19. Sport Star of the Year



## 4. DETAILS OF EACH CATEGORY

### 4.1 Sport Administrator of the Year

4.1.1 An Administrator of a Sports Confederation, National Federation, Provincial Federation, League Club, or a duly recognised Sport Body may be nominated and considered for an award. A sports administrator is anyone who serves a sports body or sport organisation administratively and can be elected or appointed.

4.1.2 The nominee must be an individual who has, during the Awards qualifying period, contributed immensely to sport administration, demonstrating and displaying the following skills, amongst others:

- a) Leadership
- b) passion
- c) willingness and dedication to the operations and development of sport.
- d) conformed and complied with all applicable ethical codes.
- e) Confirmed to the applicable code(s) of conduct

4.1.3 In addition, there must be demonstrable evidence for the period under review: of the positive impact of the contribution that this Administrator has made in sport

4.1.4 Evidence of the work that the nominated individual has accomplished must be submitted with the signed nomination form.

4.1.5 The nominating individual must submit a supporting letter from the nominees' organization. This is applicable if the person is not being nominated by the organization the persons serve.

4.1.6 **Nomination Process:** Candidates for Sport Administrator of the Year must be nominated by:

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture
- b) Provincial Sports Confederations

- c) National Federations
- d) Provincial Federations.

4.1.7 The Awards Voting Panel must decide on a shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations received.

4.1.8 The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently (i.e. voting process–based on accolades achievements) decide on the eventual winner from the shortlist of 3 finalists.

## **4.2 Recreation Body of the Year**

4.2.1 To be considered for this category during the Awards qualifying period are organizations that are promoting active recreation in communities. The organization must have;

- a) Conducted or introduced visible active recreational activities in communities that do not have active recreation programmes.
- b) Advocated for active recreation, its benefits, and its contribution to improvement of wellness.
- c) Utilized active recreation for bringing people together who would not necessarily participate in active recreation activities.
- d) The person nominating must submit evidence of the programmes and projects implemented.

4.2.2 Recreation can be of passive or active recreation nature; however, this award considers active recreation bodies.

4.2.3 Passive recreation activities encompass diverse experiences with the following characteristics:

- a) Undertaken in leisure time,
- b) Activities are not rule bound

- c) Overlaps with other areas of Arts and Culture, Education
- d) Undertaken purely for the fun and enjoyment, e.g. knotting, sewing, bird watching, listening to music and watching movies, playing computer games.

4.2.4 Active Recreation is a physical activity with the following characteristics:

- a) Rules are somewhat flexible
- b) May compete against nature
- c) Activity undertaken for the purpose of fitness and fun
- d) Activities have physical or mental benefits
- e) It can be a stepping stone to formal sport participation
- f) Examples of activities: aerobics, aqua-aerobics, walking, jogging, skipping, hiking, hopscotch, swimming, working out in the gym, recreational sport activities etc.

4.2.5 **Nomination process:** Recreation Body of the Year must be nominated by

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture
- b) Sport for Social Change Network

4.2.6 The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently decide on the shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations received

4.2.7 The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently decide on the eventual winner from the shortlisted 3 finalists

### 4.3 Sport Volunteer of the Year

4.3.1 A Sport Volunteer of the Year may be nominated and considered for an award who has during the Awards qualifying period

- a) been recognised for their inputs on a voluntary basis into sport in the Republic of South Africa
- b) dedicated time and effort to sport on a continuous basis during the Awards qualifying period



- c) demonstrated that their actions had a visible impact in sport to such an extent and level that it separates them from other candidates
- d) Assisted in building the Case for Sport.

4.3.2 **Nomination Process:** Candidates for Sport Volunteer of the Year must be nominated by the:

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture
- b) Provincial Sports Confederation
- c) National Federations
- d) Provincial Federations
- e) League, Clubs or Unions

4.3.3 The nominating individual must submit a supporting letter from the nominees' organization. This is applicable if the person is not being nominated by the organization the person serves.

4.3.4 The Awards Voting Panel must decide on a shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations received

4.3.5 The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently decide on the eventual winner from the shortlist of 3 finalists.

#### **4.4 Youth/Junior Sport Star of the year**

4.4.1 A **Youth/Junior Sport Star of the Year** may be nominated and considered for an award who has during the Awards qualifying period:

- a) been below the age of eighteen (18) in line with Youth Olympics age limit.
- b) broken into the international sport scene for the first time
- c) must have received full national colours.
- d) produced performances of the highest standard; and

- e) demonstrated the potential of being a world class or record holder
- f) displayed acceptable levels of discipline and conformed to the code of conduct of the Federation;
- g) Conformed and complied with all applicable ethical codes.

4.4.2 **Nomination Process:** Candidates for Youth/Junior Sport Star of the Year must be nominated by the:

- b) Provincial Sports Confederations
- c) National Federations;
- d) Provincial Federations.
- e) Professional League, Clubs or Unions

4.4.3 The nominating individual must submit a supporting letter from the nominees' organization. This is applicable if the person is not being nominated by the organization the persons serve.

4.4.4 The Awards Voting Panel must decide on a shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations received

4.4.5 The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently decide on the eventual winner from the shortlist of 3 finalists.

## 4.5 Youth/Junior Sport Team of the Year

4.5.1 **Youth/Junior Sport Team of the Year** may be nominated and considered for an award that has during the Awards qualifying period;

- a) Team athletes been below the age of eighteen (18) in line with Youth Olympic Games
- b) Youth teams include school sport team, clubs (irrespective of gender or disability);
- c) produced exceptional performances by winning at international level,

- d) have been consistent in terms of performance as a team;
- e) Consistently demonstrated essential values of teamwork and excellence.

4.5.2 **Nomination Process:** Candidates for Youth/Junior Sport Team of the Year must be nominated by the;

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture
- b) Provincial Departments of Basic Education
- c) National Federations;
- d) Provincial Federations.
- e) Schools Sport Code Structures

4.5.3 The Awards Voting Panel must decide on a shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations received

4.5.4 The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently decide on the eventual winner from the shortlist of 3 finalists.

## 4.6 Sport Visual Journalist of the Year

4.6.1 A **Sport Visual Journalist** of the Year may be nominated and considered for an award that has during the Awards qualifying period

- a) unique, extraordinary, creative and technically astute photographs or videos capturing or telling stories of sport persons or sport
- b) photographs or videos that highlight and profiles the athletes, sport persons and sport in a unique manner
- c) photographs or videos in a competition capturing defining moments revealing unique features of sport persons such as emotions, gracefulness, power, strength etc.

4.6.2 **Nomination Process:** Candidates for **Sport Visual Journalist** of the Year may be nominated by the:

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture
- b) National and Provincial Federations
- c) Media Companies
- d) Peers within the sector

4.6.3 The portfolio of evidence must be submitted to demonstrate the work done.

4.6.4 The Awards Voting Panel must decide on a shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations received

4.6.5 The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently decide on the eventual winner from the shortlist of 3 finalists.

## **4.7 Sports Media Journalist of the Year**

4.7.1 This category is for sports journalists defined as professionals who writes and reports on subjects and events related to the world of sports.

4.7.2 These individuals' work encompasses a diverse range of media, including broadcasting, print, and the internet.

4.7.3 They provide real-time coverage of sporting events, including play-by-play commentary, game summaries, and analysis

4.7.4 A Sport Journalist of the Year may be nominated and considered for an award that has during the Awards qualifying period;

- a) reported consistently on both development and elite sport efforts and challenges experienced;
- b) profiled up-and-coming athletes during the Awards qualifying period;

- c) promoted South African Sport through journalistic work
- d) reported on success stories that are achieved despite the odds; and
- e) assisted to bring inspiration and hope where there is none.

4.7.5 **Nomination Process:** Candidates for Journalist of the Year must be nominated by the –

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture (Provincial winner in this category as nominated by respective Provinces)
- b) National and Provincial Federations
- c) Media Companies
- d) Peers within the sector

4.7.6 The Awards Voting Panel must decide on a shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations received

4.7.7 The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently decide on the eventual winner from the shortlist of 3 finalists.

## **4.8 Technical Official of the Year**

4.8.1 To be nominated for this category of Technical Official of the year, the nominee must be an umpire, referee, scorer, judge or any person who performed technical officiating duties during the Awards qualifying period in competitions of duly recognized Federation.

4.8.2 The nominee must be an individual who has, during the Awards qualifying period, contributed immensely to sport administration demonstrating and displaying the following skills, amongst others

- a) plied their trade in South Africa and internationally.
- b) produced world-class results or set the benchmark in technical officiating

locally

- c) demonstrated leadership
- d) demonstrated passion
- e) demonstrated willingness and dedication to the operations and development of sport.
- f) conformed and complied with all applicable ethical codes.
- g) Conformed to the applicable code(s) of conduct

4.8.3 In addition, there must be demonstrable evidence for the period under review:

- a) of the positive impact of the contribution that this Administrator has made in sport
- b) the nominating individual must submit a supporting letter from the nominees' organization. This is applicable if the person is not being nominated by the organization the persons serve.

4.8.4 **Nomination Process:** Candidates for Sport Administrator of the Year must be nominated by:

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture
- b) Provincial Sports Confederations
- c) National Federations
- d) Provincial Federations
- e) Professional League, Clubs or Unions

4.8.5 The Awards Voting Panel must decide on a shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations received.

4.8.6 The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently (i.e. voting process–based on accolades achievements) decide on the eventual winner from the shortlist of 3 finalists.

## 4.9 National Federation of the Year

4.9.1 For a Federation to be nominated and considered for the **National Federation of the Year** Award during the qualifying period must;

- a) be recognized as a National Federation in terms of the National Sport and Recreation Act, 1998 (Act No. 110 of 1998 as amended) and is currently a member of SASCOC in good standing.
- b) have demonstrated high levels of competitiveness with its teams or athletes winning at the international competitions
- c) have made demonstrable progress in terms of transformation of national teams or athletes racial demographics (composition)
- d) have made demonstrable progress in terms of promotion of Women Sport
- e) have made demonstrable progress in terms of management of Safeguarding in sport.
- f) have made demonstrable progress in terms of promotion of athletes with disabilities.
- g) have made demonstrable progress in terms of promotion of sport in rural and peri-urban areas.
- h) has made demonstrable progress in terms of promotion of sport in under-privileged urban areas such the townships and informal settlements.
- i) have demonstrable programmes in terms of the promotion of school sport.
- j) has undertaken all its constitutional and governance requirements such as convening of Annual General Meeting and presentation of Annual Report within the period as prescribed in the constitution.
- k) has presented the Audited Financial Statement with at least an unqualified Audit opinion.
- l) Has submitted accounting documents such as Reports and Audited



Financial Statements to the SASCOC and the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture

**4.9.2 Nomination Process:** Candidates for Federation of the Year must be nominated by the;

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture
- b) South African Sports Confederation Olympic and Paralympic Committee
- c) Provincial Sport Confederations.
- d) Schools Sport Structures
- e) Any member of the Federation

**4.9.3** The Awards Voting Panel must decide on a shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations received.

**4.9.4** The Awards Voting Panel must decide on the eventual winner from the shortlist of 3 finalists.

## **4.10 Sport Team of the Year**

**4.10.1** This category is for a team that participated and excelled at an international level at an event or competition officially recognised by the International Federation.

**4.10.2** This category is open in terms of gender and disability.

**4.10.3** This category is for a Team that has during Awards qualifying period;

- a) consistently produced extraordinary performance as a Sport Team at an international level;
- b) conquered against all odds;
- c) displayed acceptable levels of discipline and conformed to the code of conduct of the Federation;
- d) Conformed and complied with all applicable ethical codes.



e) Demonstrated essential values of teamwork and excellence.

**4.10.4 Nomination Process:** Candidates for Team of the Year must be nominated by the;

a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture

b) Provincial Sports Confederations

c) National Federations

d) Provincial Federations.

e) Professional League, Professional Clubs or Unions

**4.10.5** The Awards Voting Panel must decide on a shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations received.

**4.10.6** The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently decide on the eventual winner from the shortlist of 3 finalists.

## **4.11 Coach of the Year**

**4.11.1** A Coach of the Year may be nominated and considered for an award who has during the Awards qualifying period.

a) plied their trade in the Republic of South Africa either with a team or individual athlete.

b) produced world-class results internationally or sets the benchmark regarding results locally; and

c) demonstrated that the team or individual/s coached by them are disciplined and practice fair play and

d) displayed acceptable levels of discipline and conformed to the code of conduct of the Federation.

- e) conformed and complied with all applicable ethical codes.

**4.11.2 Nomination Process:** Candidates for Coach of the Year must be nominated by the

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture
- b) Provincial Sports Confederations
- c) National Federations
- d) Provincial Federations.
- e) Professional League, Clubs or Unions

**4.11.3** The nominating individual must submit a supporting letter from the nominees' organization. This is applicable if the person is not being nominated by the organization the persons serve.

**4.11.4** The Awards Voting Panel must decide on a shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations received

**4.11.5** The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently decide on the eventual winner from the shortlist of 3 finalists.

## **4.12 Sportswoman of the Year with a Disability**

**4.12.1** The nominee for the Sportswoman of the Year with a Disability must be a sports person who has during the Awards qualifying period;

- a) produced a world-class performance at International or Global arena;
- b) or set world record(s);
- c) displayed acceptable levels of discipline and conformed to the code of conduct of the Federation;
- d) Conformed and complied with all applicable ethical codes.

4.12.2 In addition, any other awards received by the nominated candidate during the Awards qualifying period may also be considered.

4.12.3 The nominating individual must submit a supporting letter from the nominees' organization. This is applicable if the person is not being nominated by the organization the persons serve.

4.12.4 **Nomination Process:** Candidates for Sportswoman of the Year with a Disability must be nominated by the:

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture
- b) Provincial Sports Confederations
- c) National Federations
- d) Provincial Federations.
- e) Professional Leagues, Professional Clubs or Unions

4.12.5 The Awards Voting Panel must decide on a shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations received.

4.12.6 The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently decide on the eventual winner from the shortlist of 3 finalists.

## **4.13 Sportsman of the Year with a Disability**

4.13.1 The nominee for the Sportsman of the Year with a Disability must be a sports person who has during the Awards qualifying period;

- a) produced a world-class performance at International or Global arena;
- b) or set world record(s);
- c) displayed acceptable levels of discipline and conformed to the code of conduct of the Federation;
- d) Conformed and complied with all applicable ethical codes.

4.13.2 In addition, any other awards received by the nominated candidate during the Awards qualifying period may also be considered.

4.13.3 The nominating individual must submit a supporting letter from the nominees' organization. This is applicable if the person is not being nominated by the organization the persons serve

4.13.4 **Nomination Process:** Candidates for Sportsman of the Year with a Disability must be nominated by the:

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture
- b) Provincial Sports Confederations
- c) National Federations
- d) Provincial Federations.
- e) Professional Leagues, Professional Clubs or Unions

4.13.5 The Awards Voting Panel must decide on a shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations received;

4.13.6 The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently decide on the eventual winner from the shortlist of 3 finalists.

#### **4.14 Andrew Mlangeni Green Jacket**

4.14.1 This category is Awarded in honour of the Legendary Dr Andrew Mlangeni an anti-apartheid campaigner, an activist and a Rivonia Trialist who was incarcerated for 26 years at Robben Island. During his incarceration he used golf as a vehicle to combat apartheid regime and instill hope and confidence to his fellow inmates. He was awarded the "Isithwalandwe award" on the occasion of the ANC's 80th anniversary, the highest award the ANC can bestow on anybody. He became a Member of Parliament after 1994 elections. He remained an avid golfer with a handicap of 14 until his passing in 2021. He therefore represented a true embodiment of the concept of lifelong participation in sport.

4.14.2 The Andrew Mlangeni Green Jacket Award honours South Africa's great sporting heroes and heroines of the years ***prior to 1994 democratic dispensation***.

4.14.3 These are the individuals who due to the previous policies of apartheid were discriminated against and or the apartheid regime.

4.14.4 They, however, through their tenacity and the triumph of the human spirit had managed against all odds to achieve greatly in the sporting landscape both at home and internationally.

4.14.5 The Adrew Mlangeni Green Jacket honour individuals whose performances and contribution to South African sport was never honoured due to the discriminatory laws of the Apartheid Regime.

4.14.6 These are individuals who were involved in any facet of sport or recreation, either as;

- a) Athletes
- b) Coaches
- c) Technical Official
- d) Manager
- e) Administrator
- f) Activist who utilized sport as part of the struggle against Apartheid

4.14.7 **Nomination Process:** Candidates for the Andrew Mlangeni Green Jacket must be nominated in writing by;

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture
- b) The South African Sports Confederation, Olympic and Paralympic Committee
- c) National Federations
- d) Provincial Federations.
- e) The Sport Awards Voting Panel may also identify prospective candidates for

this Award

4.14.8 Each nominating institution may nominate ***one person only***.

4.14.9 The Panel shall present the shortlisted nominees, from which a maximum of five recipients are for Minister's consideration.

4.14.10 The final decision on the recipients for this category rests with the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture.

#### **4.15 Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture Excellence Award**

4.15.1 The Minister's Excellence Award is awarded at the discretion of the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture during the qualifying period of the Awards.

4.15.2 Individuals or teams are considered in this category who have during the Awards qualifying period or period as may from time to time be determined by the Minister.

- a) risen against the odds.
- b) achieved excellence and resilience at the highest possible level during the Awards qualifying period.
- c) produced a world-class performance on a National, Continental and Global arena;
- d) or set world record(s);
- e) displayed acceptable levels of discipline and conformed to the code of conduct of the Federation.
- f) Conformed and complied with all applicable ethical codes.

4.15.3 The Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture may be advised by the Adjudication Panel, the Director-General of Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, the SASCOC President or the Chief Executive Officer.

4.15.4 However, the final decision rests with the Minister

4.15.5 The Minister may decide whether to honour or not any person in this category.

## 4.16 Steve Tshwete Lifetime Achievement

4.16.1 This category is awarded in honour of the Legendary Mr Steve Tshwete an anti-apartheid campaigner and an activist who was incarcerated for 15 years at Robben Island. During his incarceration, having been a rugby player, he organised the fellow prisoners into rugby teams and created a league.

4.16.2 He was appointed the first Minister of Sport and Recreation in the new democratic Government, a position he held from 1994 until 1999. During his tenure, he spearheaded the process of unifying sport, de-racializing the national sport teams, establishing development programs for underprivileged Black sportsmen and women who had been excluded and deprived of participation opportunities due to Apartheid policies. He ultimately led South Africa's re-entry into international sport.

4.16.3 To be considered for the Steve Tshwete Lifetime Achievement the nominee must over a period of **20 to 30 years or longer** have dedicated life to make a significant difference in South African Sport and Recreation.

**4.16.4** In addition, there must be demonstrable evidence of the positive impact of the period of **20 to 30 years or longer**.

4.16.5 These are individuals who have been involved in any facet of sport or recreation, either as;

- a) an athlete;
- b) a coach.
- c) a technical official
- d) a manager
- e) an administrator
- f) an Academic within the sport and recreation sector



4.16.6 **Nomination Process:** Candidates for the Steve Tshwete Lifetime Achievement Award must be nominated in writing by;

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture
- b) The South African Sports Confederation Olympic and Paralympic Committee
- c) National Federations
- d) Provincial Federations.
- e) The Sport Awards Voting Panel may also identify prospective candidates for this Award

4.16.7 Each nominating institution may nominate ***one person only***.

4.16.8 The Panel shall present the shortlisted nominees, of which a maximum of five recipients are for Minister's consideration.

4.16.9 The final decision on the recipients for this category rests with and is the sole discretion of the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture.

## **4.17 Sportswoman of the Year**

4.17.1 The nominee for the Sportswoman of the Year must be a sports person who has during the Awards qualifying period;

- a) produced a world-class performance at International or Global arena;
- b) or set world record(s);
- c) displayed acceptable levels of discipline and conformed to the code of conduct of the Federation;
- d) Conformed and complied with all applicable ethical codes.

4.17.2 In addition, any other awards received by the nominated candidate during the



Awards qualifying period may also be considered.

4.17.3 The nominating individual must submit a supporting letter from the nominees' organization. This is applicable if the person is not being nominated by the organization the persons serve.

4.17.4 **Nomination Process:** Candidates for Sportswoman of the Year must be nominated by the:

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture
- b) Provincial Sports Confederations
- c) National Federations
- d) Provincial Federations.
- e) Professional Leagues, Professional Clubs or Unions

4.17.5 The Awards Voting Panel must decide on a shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations received;

4.17.6 The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently decide on the eventual winner from the shortlist of 3 finalists.

## 4.18 Sportsman of the Year

4.18.1 The nominee for the Sportsman of the Year must be a sports person who has during the Awards qualifying period

- a) produced a world-class performance at an International or Global arena
- b) or set world record(s)
- c) displayed acceptable levels of discipline and conformed to the code of conduct of the Federation
- d) Conformed and complied with all applicable ethical codes.

4.18.2 In addition, any other awards received by the nominated candidate during the Awards qualifying period may also be considered.

4.18.3 The nominating individual must submit a supporting letter from the nominees' organization. This is applicable if the person is not being nominated by the organization the persons serve.

4.18.4 **Nomination Process:** Candidates for Sportsman of the Year must be nominated by the:

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture
- b) Provincial Sports Confederations
- c) National Federations
- d) Provincial Federations.
- e) Professional Leagues, Clubs or Unions

4.18.5 The Awards Voting Panel must decide on a shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations

4.18.6 The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently decide on the eventual winner from the shortlist of 3 finalists.

## **4.19 Sport Star of the Year**

4.19.1 Recommendation for Sport Star of the Year to be nominated and voted for by Adjudication Awards Panel.

### **4.19.2 Criteria for Nominating and Selecting the Sport Star of the Year;**

- a) the athlete or player would have produced or made a significant contribution to a world- class performance at an international level or Global arena;
- b) or set world record(s);

- c) exhibited exceptional commitment to winning;
- d) exhibited exceptional level of talent;
- e) commands exceptional levels of appeal and prominence in the public;
- f) displayed acceptable levels of discipline and conformed to the code of conduct of the Federation;
- g) conformed and complied with all applicable ethical codes.
- h) The athlete or player must have excelled in their respective sporting code or discipline during the Awards qualifying period.
- i) the Athlete / Player must be South African citizen.
- j) competed during the Awards qualifying period; and
- k) the athlete or player can be male or female or an athlete or player with a disability.

**4.19.3 Nomination Process:** Candidates for Sport Star of the Year must be nominated by the:

- a) Provincial Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture
- b) National Federations
- c) Provincial Federations.
- d) League, Clubs or Unions

**4.19.4** The Awards Voting Panel must decide on a shortlist of 3 finalists from the nominations received

**4.19.5** The Awards Voting Panel must subsequently decide on the eventual winner from the shortlist of 3 finalists.

## 5. THE SPORT AWARDS VOTING PANEL

5.1 The Sport Awards Voting Panel has been set up to allow for maximum participation of all stakeholders involved in sport and recreation in the Republic of South Africa.

5.2 Members of the panel are selected from Sport personalities who range from Sport Administrators from National Federations, Sport Journalists, Sport Commentators, Sport Legends, Sport Writers and Academics who are in the field of Sport and Recreation.

5.3 The Panel shortlists nominees, vote for the semi-finals and eventual winners of the different categories. This with the exception of the People's Choice Sport Star of the Year, as it is voted for by the public.

5.4 The Panel may nominate deserving candidates who have performed with excellence but have not been nominated by the respective nominating bodies.

## 6. NOMINATION PROCESS

6.1 Nominations for the awards are unlimited in number. Sport organisations may, therefore, nominate as many athletes as they wish for any of the respective award categories in the period **01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**. This is except for the Categories so indicated in this Rule Book.

## 7. GENERIC CRITERIA FOR NOMINEES

7.1. A nominee must be a South African Citizen in terms of the South African laws that govern and defines South African citizenship and nationality.

7.2. If a Federation must be recognised in terms of the National Sport and Recreation Act, 1998 (Act No. 110 of 1998 as amended) in good standing

with the SASCOC.

- 7.3. If an individual must be a member of a recognised National Federation and in good standing. This is except for the Steve Tshwete Lifetime and Andrew Mlangeni Green Jacket Categories.
- 7.4. If a club must be a member of a recognised National Federation and in good standing.
- 7.5. A letter of support confirming good standing must be submitted by the nominating party.
- 7.6. If a school must be recognised and registered with the Department of Basic Education.

## **8. NOMINATING BODY**

- 8.1. The attached Awards Nomination Form must be completed by nominating the body for each nominee.
- 8.2. Nominations for the awards must be submitted to SASCOC at **[nominations@sascoc.co.za](mailto:nominations@sascoc.co.za) by Friday, 20 June 2025 at 23h59.**
- 8.3. No nominations will be accepted if they have been submitted through employees of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, South African Sports Confederation, Olympic and Paralympic Committee, South African Broadcast Corporation, SuperSport, National Lotteries Commission or any other partner of the Sport Awards.
- 8.4. All nominating organizations must submit a motivation letter with the letter head of the nominating body with a signature for the candidate / candidates they are nominating.
- 8.5. No nominations will be accepted after the closing date.
- 8.6. All nominations must be submitted in the prescribed form with the supporting

formal letter with a signature and organization stamp.

8.7. All nomination forms that are not accompanied by an official motivation letter, stamp and signature will be disqualified.

8.8. Should nominating bodies or nominated candidates have any queries with regards to the nomination process and requirements, please contact:

- a) Name: Ms Patience Shikwambana
- b) Email: [patiences@sascoc.co.za](mailto:patiences@sascoc.co.za)
- c) Tel: 011 483 3788

## 9. VOTING PROCEDURE

9.1 There shall be 2 (two) rounds of voting;

- a) the first round will determine the 3 (three) or 5 (five) finalists in each award category
- b) the second round will determine the final winner for each award.

9.2 The Public will vote for the winner of the People's Choice the Year Award.

9.3 The firm of auditors appointed by the Department shall verify;

- a) all the nominations submitted; and
- b) the results of the two rounds of voting.

9.4 Voting shall take place as follows:

9.4.1 STEP 1 – Nominations for the award categories:

- a) Submission of nominations by **Friday, 20 June 2025 at 23h59.**
- b) Verification of nominees by the auditors.
- c) Adjudication of the nominees for the first and second round of voting.

9.4.2 STEP 2 – The members of the Awards Voting Panel must:

- a) Determine the 3 or 5 finalists in each relevant category
- b) Vote for their winner in each category; and
- c) Send these votes to the auditors directly.

9.5 Subject to the results having been verified by auditors, the names of the finalists shall be announced to the media and the public.

## **10. NOMINATION AND AWARDS DISPUTES**

10.1 A decision taken to facilitate any action or process required; nominate candidates to be considered for any award; shortlist the said candidates; and make an award in terms of this rulebook relative to the Parties; and the Sport Awards Event; any nominated athletes and bodies; and the winners decided upon to receive such awards shall be final and binding, subject to;

- a) any aggrieved party exhausting the dispute resolution procedure set out in this Rule Book
- b) a final resolution pertaining to the dispute has been made by the arbitrator

## **11. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

11.1 The Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture will appoint an Appeals Committee whose responsibility will be to consider appeals and any disputes that emanate from the Nomination process and the Sport Awards event.

11.2 Except in respect of those provisions of this rulebook which provide for their own remedy, any dispute arising out of or in connection with the Sport Awards event or the subject matter of this rulebook, shall be finally resolved in accordance with the rules of, and by an Appeals Committee comprising (Three) 3 members



appointed by the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture in writing.

11.3 Any person, athlete, body, team or federation that is not satisfied with a decision taken for or against him, her or it under this rulebook or otherwise may, within 24 hours after the decision had been taken, lodge a written grievance with the Appeals Committee

11.4 Grievance must be submitted with a written statement to the Chairperson of the Appeals Committee, setting out the grounds upon which grievance is based.

11.5 Until any grievance has been decided by the Appeals Committee, the decision must be regarded to have been validly made or given.

11.6 The Appeals Committee must promptly within 24 hours after receiving a grievance;

a) decide and dispose of a grievance lodged before it and, in any case, must ensure that the object of lodging the grievance is not defeated by the Appeals Committee's delay in reaching its decision; and

b) advise the aggrieved party and the parties of its ruling in the above regard in writing which must include the reasons for its decision

a) Provided that nothing contained herein shall be construed to debar the Appeals Committee from requesting

b) any additional information from the aggrieved party or any other party or person for that matter; and

c) the aggrieved party or any other party or person for that matter to appear before it as it deems fit.

11.7 The provisions of this paragraph-

a) constitute an irrevocable consent by the parties and the aggrieved party to any proceedings in terms hereof and no party shall be entitled to withdraw from or to claim that any such proceedings are not bound by such provisions; and



- b) is severable from the rest of this rulebook and shall remain in effect despite the termination of all invalidity for any reason of this rulebook.

11.8 It is agreed between the Parties and the aggrieved party that there shall be no right of appeal and the aggrieved party and the parties

- a) expressly consent to a ruling on the said dispute to be made by the Appeals Committee in terms of its rules as a matter of urgency; and
- b) Irrevocably authorizes the other to apply, on behalf of all parties to such dispute, in writing, to the secretariat of the Appeals Committee in terms of its rules for any such ruling to be made on an urgent basis.

## **12. DISQUALIFICATION OF NOMINEES AND WINNERS AND REVOKING OF NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS OF IDENTIFIED WINNERS**

12.1 A nomination for an award as contemplated in this rulebook, may be disqualified by the Awards Voting Panel as a nomination of a particular category of award; or compelled by the Awards Voting Panel to withdraw his, her or its nomination of an athlete, team or federation, if the nominee has;

- a) been found guilty of a criminal offence;
- b) been found guilty of contravening any of the South African laws including South African sport laws and regulations
- c) contravened any provisions of SASCOC Constitution;
- d) contravened any code of conduct relative to his, her or its sport;
- e) intentionally misrepresented him, her or itself in writing, orally or otherwise in order to be declared the winner of the award;

- f) made a false statement in writing or orally;
- g) been involved in any activity or any other related matter in sport that had brought sport into disrepute;
- h) not fully conformed to all the criteria relative to any of the awards as contemplated in this rulebook;
- i) failed to conform with any other requirements as stipulated in this rulebook which include not completing the nomination form as contemplated in par. 7 on page 21 duly, accurately and properly; or
- j) directly or indirectly or through their spouse, partner or business associates, any financial interest in the Sport Awards event.
- k) An athlete, team or federation that has been declared a winner by the Awards Voting Panel in any of the categories and given an award by the Awards Voting Panel at the Sport Awards event may be disqualified by the Awards Voting Panel as the winner of category of award; and compelled by the Awards Voting Panel to;
- l) hand back the award; and
- m) reimburse DSAC with the full pecuniary amount awarded to athlete, team or federation at the Sport Awards event,
- n) A decision taken by the by the Awards Voting Panel shall be subject to compliance with the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000) which, amongst others, means that;
- o) an administrative action (e g disqualification of nominee, winner or award, etc.) taken by the Awards Voting Panel which adversely affects the rights of the athlete, team or federation, must be lawful, reasonable and procedurally fair;
- p) before an administrative action is taken by the Awards Voting Panel in the above regard, the athlete, team or federation must be offered an opportunity to submit his, her or its written representations relative to the decision considered by the

Awards Voting Panel; and

- q) After administrative action has been taken by the Awards Voting Panel, subject to the above, the athlete, team or federation must be given written reasons by the Awards Voting Panel for taking such a decision.
- r) Notwithstanding any nomination received; winner identified; or ruling being made by the Adjudication Committee in terms of the processes described in this rulebook, the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture may, if deemed fit, overrule such nomination, decision or ruling being made in respect of a nominee, winner or dispute respectively.

## 13. GLOSSARY

- 13.1 **“Athlete”** means any Sport person or player who is participating in any form of sport;
- 13.2 **“Appeals Committee”** means the committee established to consider all disputes and grievances duly lodged in relation to the nomination and voting for the Awards
- 13.3 **“Awards Voting Panel”** means the Panel established to consider nominations, shortlist and vote on the nominations for the South African Sport Awards
- 13.4 **“National Federation”** or **“Federation”** means a Federation which is a Sport body or organization that conforms to the definition of a “national federation” from a Sport perspective as contemplated in the National Sport and Recreation Act, 1998 (Act. No. 110 of 1998 as amended);
- 13.5 **“Parties”** means DSAC, SASCOC, SABC, NLC and SuperSport;
- 13.6 **“SABC”** means the South African Broadcasting Corporation;
- 13.7 **“SASCOC”** means the South African Sports Confederation Olympic and Paralympic Committee.

13.8 “**DSAC**” means the national, Department of Sport, Arts and Culture.

13.9 “**SuperSport**” means the South African based Sport Broadcast Partner

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