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## SPORT MEC ANNOUNCES OPENING OF NOMINATION FOR THE KZN SPORT AWARDS 2023

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba has announced the opening of the nominations process for the 2023 KZN Sport Awards. The prestigious awards are hosted annually and seek to honour and recognise athletes, administrators, volunteers and media personnel who have achieved and excelled in their different roles within the sport and recreation fields during the qualification period.

"I am excited to announce the opening of the nominations process for the KZN Sport Awards for 2023. This is a call to sport federations, recreation bodies, school sport structures, media houses and individuals to submit their nominations for the best performing sport persons, sport and recreational bodies, and teams who have demonstrated excellence and commitment, thus flying the KZN flag high in their fields," said MEC Mahlaba.

"The deadline for the submission of nominations is 23h59 on 20 September 2023. Performances must be within the qualification period of 09 August 2022 to 09 August 2023. Thereafter, an independent adjudication panel will undertake a vigorous selection process to shortlist three nominees per category and eventually decide on the winners. An independent auditing firm will audit the adjudication process."

MEC Mahlaba said winners will be announced and awarded at a glittering Awards ceremony set for Saturday, 04 November 2023, at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre (Durban ICC), in Durban starting at 18h00.

The KZN Sport Awards are hosted and presented by the KZN Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in partnership with the KwaZulu-Natal Sport Confederation.

Detailed information on all the categories, and more importantly on how to enter for the Awards is contained in the 2023 KZN Sport Awards Rulebook, together the criteria that will be used by the adjudicating panel. For more details, visit <u>www.kzndsac.gov.za</u>.

Members of the public will again have a chance to participate in the awards by voting for their favourite Sport Personality of the Year through a dedicated vote line. Shortlisted sport personalities as well as voting channels will be announced in due course

In a bid to ensure that sport federations, recreational bodies, school sport structures and media bodies have a clear understanding of the process and that they nominate their best performers, the Department will, this weekend, host a Nominations Workshop involving different role players. The workshop will be hosted at Coastlands Hotel, Musgrave on Saturday, 02 September. Follow us on social media for more details.



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#### **NB: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE AWARDS:**

Nomination forms can be completed online using the following link:

#### https://apps.kzndsac.gov.za/nominations/index.php.

Alternatively, nominations completed forms together with necessary evidence can be submitted to the following email address: sportawards@kzndsac.gov.za. The Deadline for submitting nominations is **20 September 2023, 23h59** 

#### LIST OF CATEGORIES:

- 1. Administrator of the Year
- 2. Newcomer of the Year
- 3. Junior Sportswoman of the Year
- 4. Junior Sportsman of the Year
- 5. Sportswoman of the Year
- 6. Sportswoman of the year with a Disability
- 7. Sportsman of the Year
- 8. Sportsman of the Year with a Disability
- 9. Team of the Year
- 10. Coach of the Year
- 11. Recreation Body of the Year
- 12. Federation of the Year
- 13. Photographer of the Year
- 14. Sport Journalist of the Year
- 15. Sport Personality of the Year
- 16. School Team of the Year
- 17. Indigenous Games Team of the Year
- 18. Newcomer of the Year
- 19. Technical Official of the Year

#### MEC of Sports Recognition Awards -

- 1. Black Blazer Award
- 2. Posthumous Award
- 3. Lifetime Achievement