

Gala Dinner & Awards Show

12TH AUGUST 2023. BAISAGO CONVENTION CENTRE BLOCK 7, GABORONE

DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES: Tshepang Motsisi

- 1730hrs - Arrival of Guests
- 1800hrs - Welcome remarks by the BNSC Chairperson, **Mr Marumo Morule**
- 1805hrs - Address by the Director of Broadcasting Services, **Mr Raymond Tsheko**
- 1815hrs - Vote of thanks by the BNOC President, **Col Botsang Tshenyego**
- 1820hrs - Dinner! Dinner! Dinner!
- 1910hrs - VVIP departure to the main hall
- 1925hrs - VIPs and Nominees departure to the main hall
- 1930hrs - Departure to the main hall
- 1945hrs - All seated
- 1955hrs - Doors closed
- 2000hrs - Live Broadcast
- 2040hrs - Keynote Address by **Guest of Honour**





MESSAGE BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF YOUTH, GENDER, SPORT AND CULTURE, MR. TUMISO RAKGARE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 42 ND BOTSWANA SPORT AWARDS, BA ISAGO UNIVERSITY CONVENTION CENTRE, 12TH AUGUST 2023

1. It is that time of the year again; our night of glitz and glamour on which we both honour and celebrate our sportsmen and women, as well as those that facilitate the practice of sport in the different capacities of administration, coaching and officiating.
2. As the Ministry of Youth, Gender, Sport and Culture, the Sport Awards are always intriguing to us. This is because they are amongst very few, if not the only activity that covers all portfolios within the Ministry.
3. Since their inception more than 40 years ago, nearly 100 % of the nominees for athletes' categories have been Youth, and there are equal number of categories for both Genders, in the exception of neutral categories like Sportsperson of the Year, Team of the Year etc. The awards are for Sport people and during their celebration, there is a great



showcase of our Arts and Culture, through music, dance and dress, amongst others.

4. Speaking of dress, we have no doubt that you, the Awards Patrons have once again outdone yourselves, by making and/or buying the best possible outfits for tonight; something that always adds to the excitement and great anticipation of this well sought after event.


5. I had the privilege of seeing snippets of tonight's artistic programme and I can assure you we will be awed! Add to that the very exciting mix of nominees for the awards; this will certainly be an incredible night.

6. I am particularly thrilled by the fact that not only have we now returned to the pre-Covid categories, we have also maintained the Public Athlete/Team of the

Year award that was introduced during the 41st edition and gives members of the public the opportunity to also vote for athletes/Teams of their own choice. I am advised voting only closes later tonight, so do keep voting so that your preferred athlete/Team may stand a chance to win.

7. The year for which we are awarding tonight, 2022 was good in many respects. It was the first full year that Botswana did not have Covid lockdowns and/or state of emergency. It was in that year that our Women's National Team competed in the Women's Africa Cup of Nations for the first time. History was made when Letsile Tebogo set a sprint world record, albeit a youth one. The list goes on.

8. I am happy that the theme for this year's awards '**Reach even higher**', resonates very well with His Excellency the President's



Mindset Change Agenda. The theme challenges us to improve on our efficiency, to deliver with excellence, to be resilient and to be the best versions of ourselves amongst other things, and that is essentially the concept of Mindset Change.

9. Sport no doubt plays a big role in the Mindset Change campaign that is currently unfolding, and we are pleased to note that the BNSC, as the overarching sport body, is playing a very pivotal role.

10. I cannot conclude without congratulating all the finalists tonight, and in advance, the winners! Well done; we are ever so proud of you. May tonight encourage all of us in Botswana to Reach Even Higher in all that we do.

11. Finally, to corporate Botswana, these awards and sport development in general

need your support. Just as an illustration, tonight's function costs approximately P4million, out of which P3million is coming from Government; a half of that through the BNSC and another half the Department of Broadcasting Services. I am sure that just like in Namibia and many other places, we can turn the tide to ensure that from next year onwards, events like these are more private sector led and funded. I am pleading for a title sponsor for these awards.

12. I wish you all a very exciting evening. Do enjoy your night Ladies and Gentlemen.

13. Pula!!! Pula!!! Pula!!!



NOMINEES

42ND BOTSWANA SPORT AWARDS VOTING CATEGORY

To vote for your favorite Athlete or Team, SMS their code to 17717 across all networks, SMS costs P2.00

CATEGORY	VOTING CODES	NAMES
JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR	JSPWO01	Obakeng Kamberuka
	JSPWO02	Refilwe Ekoa Youri
	JSPWO03	Bafitlhelanyi Matlhare
JUNIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR	JSPMAN01	Letsile Tebogo
	JSPMAN02	Denzel Seetso
	JSPMAN03	Mmoloki Sekwaibe
SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR	SPWOM01	Lethabo Modukanele
	SPWOM02	Tsaone Sebele
	SPWOM03	Centy Kgosikoma
SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR	SPMAN01	Bayapo Ndori
	SPMAN02	Gofaone Mosupiemang
	SPMAN03	George Molwantwa
TEAM OF THE YEAR	TOTY01	Men 4 X 400m Relay Team
	TOTY02	Female Team Kata
	TOTY03	Jack Sekao and George Chiswaniso

'REACH EVEN HIGHER'

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR	Bayapo Ndori Gofaone Mosupiemang George Molwantwa	Athletics Karate Boxing
TEAM OF THE YEAR	Senior Mens 4x400m Relay Female Team Kata Jack Sekao & George Chiswaniso	Athletics Karate Beach Volleyball
COACH OF THE YEAR	Kebonyemodisa Dose Mosimanyane Thebe Setlalekgosi Gasegarona Pabalelo	Athletics Boxing Bowling
UMPIRE/REFEREE OF THE YEAR	Dorothy Okatch Kavin Tshepo Kelaotswe Abel Mataboge	Basketball Athletics Softball
SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR	Paphane Botlhale Gilbert Khunwane Keorapetse Setlhare	Athletics Boxing BOTESSA

CATEGORY	NAME	CODE
JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR	Obakeng Kamberuka Bafitlhelanyi Matlhare Ekua Youri	Athletics Volleyball Tennis
JUNIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR	Letsile Tebogo Denzel Seetso Mmoloki Sekwaibe	Athletics Tennis Boxing
SPORTSWOMAN WITH A DISABILITY	Neo Dinah Gabontshwe	PASSOBO
SPORTSMAN WITH A DISABILITY	Theo Nkele	PASSOBO
SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR	Lethabo Modukanele Tsaone Sebele Centy Kgosikoma	Boxing Athletics Karate



NON-CITIZENS SPORTS AWARDS	Sensei William Rene Matike- Ndoumbe George Ngata Kieni	Judo Bowling
NSA OF THE YEAR	Botswana Athletics Association BOTESSA Botswana Boxing Association	Athletics BOTESSA Boxing

