



15 June 2023

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2023 EDITION OF THE FREE STATE SPORT AWARDS ARE OPEN

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts and Culture and Recreation (DSACR) in partnership with the Free State Sport Confederation (FSSC) will be hosting the 2023 edition of the Free State Sport Awards. The awards are hosted in a bid to reward Free State sports stars for their efforts in keeping the passion of sport alive in the hearts of Free Staters through their determination in Provincial, National and International sports competitions. Nominations for the 2023 Free State Sport Awards open on the 15th June 2023 and will close on the 15th July 2023.

The awards carry a total of twenty (21) categories including the MEC's Awards categories. The awards categories recognize individuals; males; females; people with disabilities; continental participants; federations; schools, indigenous games, media and community sport builders. The Free State Sport Awards have been created to recognise and honour individuals and teams who have excelled both on and off the field from 01 June 2022 to 31 May 2023.

Award Categories

1. Sport Administrator of the Year
2. Sportsman of the Year
3. Sportsman of the Year with a Disability
4. Sportswoman of the Year
5. Sportswoman of the Year with a Disability
6. Team of the Year
7. Newcomer of the Year
8. Coach of the Year
9. Volunteer of the Year
10. Indigenous Games Star of the Year
11. Provincial Federation of the Year
12. Recreation Body of the Year
13. Photographer of the Year
14. Journalist of the Year
15. Sports Star of the Year
16. People's Choice Sport Star of the Year
17. School Team of the Year
18. Developing School Team of the Year
19. MEC's Excellence Award
20. MEC's Lifetime Achiever Award

21. Fallen Sport Heroes and Heroines Award Posthumously (New)

In her budget vote speech tabled on 04 April 2023, DSACR MEC, Ms Limakatso Mahasa mentioned that *“Sport Awards which aim to reward Free State sport stars in various sporting codes and keeping the passion in sport were held in August with the Media Launch on 19 August 2022. Awards were awarded to athletes who distinguished themselves in various categories. The Sport Awards will also become a flagship programme and additional 1 million will be allocated to make it a prestigious event in this financial year. Like arts and culture awards, the awards will also posthumously honour our fallen sport heroes and heroines in our province.”*

More details about the nomination and voting procedure are available in the Free State Sport Awards Rulebook on www.fssc.co.za or www.sacr.fs.gov.za. Should nominating bodies or nominated candidates have any queries with regards to the nomination process and requirements please contact:

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Nominations for the awards must be submitted to the FSSC at awards@fssc.co.za on/before 15 July 2023 at 00:00.

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