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NOMINEES FOR THE 2019 FREE STATE SPORT AWARDS

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) in partnership with the Free State Sport Confederation (FSSC) has received and concluded the final list of nominees for the 2019 Free State Sport Awards. The nomination process was opened to all Sport Federations affiliated to the FSSC from 02 July 2019 until 31 July 2019. An independent voting panel consisting of various stakeholders from a variety of sectors such as media, law, school sport, disability sport and government cast their votes for all nominated finalists.

The finalists for the 2019 Free State Sport Awards are as follows:

1. **Sportsman of the Year:**

- Rabz Maxwane (Rugby)
- Guillaume Pelser (Archery)
- Jakobus Dawid Barnard (Archery)

2. **Administrator of the Year:**

- Chris Dednam (Badminton)

3. **Sportsman of the Year with a Disability:**

- Danie Breitenbach and Guide Oratile Molale (FSSAPD)
- Tankiso Hata (Table Tennis)

4. **Sportswoman of the Year:**

- Karla Pretorius (Netball)
- Kesa Molotsane (Athletics)

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- Johanita Scholtz (Badminton)

5. Sportswoman of the Year with a Disability:

- Louzanne Coetzee (FSSAPD)

6. Team of the Year:

- FSSAPD Para Cycling Team (FSSAPD)
- FS Junior Badminton Team (Badminton)

7. Newcomer of the Year:

- Raynard van Tonder (Cricket)
- Zendre Smit (Archery)
- Megan de Beer (Badminton)

8. Coach of the Year:

- Rufus Botha (FSSAPD)
- Ziyaad Issa (Table Tennis)
- Johan Kleingeld (Badminton)

9. Volunteer of the Year:

- Thabiso Sthabi Lehoko (FSSAPD)
- Mosoeu Mosoeu (Table Tennis)

10. Indigenous Games Star of the Year:

- Gregory Tsoai (Dibeke)

11. Federation of the Year:

- FSSAPD
- FS Table Tennis Federation

12. Photographer of the Year:

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- Khothatso Voight Mokone (Mangaung Issue Newspaper)

13. Journalist of the Year:

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14. Developing School Team of the Year:

- Kroonstad High School

Other finalists in the following categories will be announced at the awards ceremony; MEC's Award, Award for Excellence, Lifetime Achiever Award and Green Jacket Honor.

Congratulating these nominated finalists, Free State MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation Mrs. Limakatso Mahasa stated that, "We wish all nominated finalists the best of luck. These sport heroes and heroines from our province continue to represent us at national and international platforms with distinction. Their nomination is in itself a symbol to honor their excellent performance on the field of play."

Your media house is invited to attend this event.

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