

# Namibia Today Sport

## Sports Awards Committee announces final nominees

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**WINDHOEK - The Sports Awards Committee has announced the final nominees at Namibia Sports Commission's (NSC) Headquarters in Windhoek on Wednesday.**

NSC is the organizer and administrative arm of the 2010 sports awards. Thanks to the Mobile Telecommunication (MTC) unflinching sponsorship that continues to make the annual sport award gala still a reality for this year.

NSC promotes the use of sport as a tool for social change and celebrates sporting excellence.

MTC/NSC's core concept is simple, brilliant and daunting: to create national awards that recognise the achievements of today's sports heroes; to bring sportspeople together; united in achievement but divided by sporting code and then, once that community is brought together, put their reach and the support.

Collectively, these two bodies form the essence of Namibia national sports awards, harnessing the power of sport to promote social change and celebrating sporting excellence.

The MTC/NSC annual sports awards function is probably the premier or gala sports event of the year and recognizes the achievements of our country, our athletes and administrators over the year. The success of the athletes over the last year and that of the event is only possible due

to the support of the print and electronic media.

The event acknowledges the role, input, sacrifices and contribution of both Namibian sport administrators and athletes as the judging panel have a great responsibility to do justice to the nominees. Plus the investment of MTC into the event we have no mean task.

The nominees this year represent a good balance of sport codes from the larger to smaller ones and it's encouraging to see athletes coming through the ranks of grassroots development and development programmes and those that exceeded at the level of excellence and participation internationally.

MTC/NSC Sports Awards are awarded annually to sportspeople who have been outstanding during the previous year and bestowed with the befitting decoration.

The selection process has two stages. First, nominations of names by their respective national sport bodies and then selection panel that has a tough responsibility to make sure that fair play has to prevail in its judgement.

The 2010 gala will be staged on Friday evening, October 29, slated for 19h00 at Safari Hotel in Windhoek. The now retired South African swimmer Penny Heyns will be the guest of honour.

Heyns is celebrated for being the only woman to have won double gold medals in 100 and 200 meters breast-stroke the Olympic Games in 1996 at Atlanta, USA.

The tickets for the event will go for N\$100 per head.

The final judging will be done from the following athletes in their respective categories.

**Sportsman of the Year:** Paulus Ambunda - Boxing; Robert Honiball - Gymnastics; Jacques Burger - Rugby; Graham Snyman - Bowls; Dan Craven - Cycling

**Sportswoman of the Year:** Kimberly Ann van Zyl - Gymnastics; Johanna Benson - Disabled sport; Diana Viljoen - Bowls; Beata Naigambo - Athletics; Gaby Ahrens - Shooting

**Junior Sportsman of the Year:** Morihei Anderson - Gymnastics; Jason Afrikaner - Wrestling; Jesse Urikhob -



Piet du Plooy (NSC Commissioner), Callie Schaefer (Judge), Monica Bohn (Judge), Helge Schultz (Judge), Abelen Heuer (MTC Representative) and Rusten Mogane (NSC Chief Administrative Officer).

Athletics; Abrahm Louw - Triathlon; Gerhard Lotter - Cricket

**Junior Sportswoman of the Year:** Corlia Kruger - Athletics; Bonita Bredenhann - Golf; Alice Krenz - Endurance riding; Anica Proffitt - Rhythmic gymnastics; Christine Briedenhann - Swimming

**Sports Team of the Year:** Namibia Amateur Boxing; Namibia Senior Endurance Riding; Namibia Junior Rhythmic Gymnastics; Namibia Senior Rugby; Namibia Men's Bowls

**Disabled Sportsman of the Year:** Martin Aloisius; Ruben

Soroseb  
**Disabled Sportswoman of the Year:** Johanna Benson; Namutenya Sondaha; Elvira Goagoses

**Most Improved Sportsperson of the Year:** Bethuel Uushona - Boxing; Chrysander Botha - Rugby; Collin Tjanda - Endurance Riding; Vikapita Meroro - Boxing; Ben van Wyk - Archery

**Development Programme of the Year:** Badminton Federation of Namibia; Namibia Rugby Union; Cricket Namibia; Namibia Hockey Union; Namibia Football As-

sociation - Galz and Goals  
**Coach of the Year:** Michael Hamukwaya - Disabled sport; Johan Diergaardt - Rugby; Jacob Gariseb - Boxing

Vasile Bogdan - Gymnastics; Nestor Tobias - Boxing

**Administrator of the Year:** Valereis Geldenhuys - Gymnastics; Carlos Manuel - Basketball; Marcia Reed - Cricket; Dietlind Siedentopf - Swimming; Jacky Gertze - Women's Football

**Umpire/Referee of the year:** Wynand Louw - Cricket; Herman Garus-Oab - Boxing; Dongina Risser - Gymnastics; Reinhold Shikongo - Football; Hiskia Shigwedha - Boxing

## Muinjo stays put as NFA President

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**WINDHOEK - John Muinjo was re-elected as NFA President for another four year term at the NFA Elective Congress held on Saturday, October 2, 2010 outside Windhoek.**

The frame of mind was calm and collective. The ambiance was friendly despite the fact that it was a battle of the fittest to take it all.

There was no antagonism noticeable but all awaited for the positive outcome. The voters have cast their votes and the results were due. In everyone's mind was "I will win". There would be only one winner in any race.

Moses Ikanga, in his capacity as Director of Elections for the occasion announced the election results: "Sixteen votes were casted 13 in favour of Muinjo and three for Haikali".

Muinjo has triumph over his challenger Ranga Haikali with overwhelming majority to retain the supreme position of the

Namibia Football Association.

Kornelius Kapenda was also re-elected as NFA Vice President. He has garnered 12 votes

as against three for his challenger Johnny Johnson Doeseb (JJD). In everyone's mind was "I will win". There



Re-elected NFA President John Muinjo with his Executive Committee members that will take office for the next four years (until 2014).

would be only one winner in any race. Muinjo took the upper hand. The process was declared free, fair and transparent as both camps accepted the outcome of the elections.

However, they had respect for each other. In a nutshell they acted prudently and professionally.

In his acceptance statement, Muinjo thanked all who voted for him into power and has invited them to join him in the future for the development of

football.

"To Ranga ... if I have offended you in anyway, please forgive me. Together we have to make a huge content of intent," adding that we have to support each other to develop football in this country".

Haikali accepted defeat and call on all football administrators, sympathizers and supporter to embrace football unity as the prime entity that should be hailed "above all of us".

Haikali has pledged a

whooping N\$30 000 to NFA to register his commitment in football development as a token of his commitment towards the development of football.

JJD has call on unity of purpose, cooperation and to forge ahead with the development of football in Namibia.

On the invitation of the NFA, Tanzanian FA President Leodegar Tenga and FIFA's Manager for Member Associations, Primo Corvaro graced the Congress as FIFA observers.



Ranga Haikali, challenger for the NFA Presidential seat congratulating the newly elected NFA President John Muinjo