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Programme of Events

WELCOME

Maceo Dill – Senior Sports Development Officer

REMARKS

Acting Minister of Tourism & Transport, Culture & Sport

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Awards, Flora Duffy Awards

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DINNER CLOSING REMARKS

Maceo Dill – Senior Sports Development Officer

Names of Recipients

(BNAA) – Surii Russell	(BGA) – Henry Brunton
(BSA) – Geraldine Sidders	(GFB) – PAGU Coach
(BSA) – Miguel Power	(BCB) – Andre Coley
(BMA) – Z'Naz Jones	(PAB) – Armando Ferreira
(BVA) – Marcus Rodrigues	(BFA) – John Moreira
(BHF) – Issac Davis	(BASA) – American Swimming Coaches Association
(BRFU) – Asher Wheddon	(BMRA) – Billy Dunn

Flora Duffy Award 2026 – (BNAA) Nirobi Smith-Mills

Foreword



The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, JP, MP
Minister of Tourism & Transport, Culture & Sport

NATIONAL JUNIOR SPONSORSHIP AWARDS 2025

On behalf of the Government and people of Bermuda, I am pleased to extend my congratulations to the recipients of the 2026 National Junior Sponsorship Awards. Today, we celebrate a remarkable group of young athletes whose commitment, perseverance, and ambition continue to inspire confidence in the future of Bermudian sport.

The National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Programme remains a cornerstone of our commitment to developing athletic excellence. This year's investment of \$50,000 will provide meaningful support to talented junior athletes and National Sports Governing Bodies (NSGBs), helping to fund coaching, training, competition travel, equipment, and other essential resources that allow our athletes to perform and grow at the highest level.

By investing in both individual athletes and sport development programmes, we are strengthening the pathway from emerging talent to elite performance. This balanced approach ensures that promising young Bermudians have access to the guidance, opportunities, and experiences needed to reach their full potential while representing Bermuda with pride and distinction.

We are also proud to continue the presentation of the Flora Duffy Award, which recognises the extraordinary legacy of one of Bermuda's greatest sporting ambassadors. This year, \$10,000 has been allocated to provide targeted assistance to a deserving athlete between the ages of 19 and 23 who has demonstrated exceptional promise, dedication, and achievement, while progressing toward elite competition. It reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting athletes during a critical stage of their development.

The accomplishments of this year's recipients are a testament to the dedication of our athletes, the encouragement of their families, the expertise of their coaches, and the support of our National Sports Governing Bodies and wider sporting community. Together, they continue to build a culture of excellence that inspires future generations.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to creating opportunities that empower our young people to pursue their ambitions with confidence. The National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Programme represents more than financial assistance, it is an investment in leadership, national pride, and Bermuda's future.

Congratulations to all of the 2026 recipients. I wish you every success as you continue your sporting journey and proudly represent Bermuda on the local, regional, and international stage.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Owen K. Darrell', written over a horizontal line.

The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, JP, MP
Minister of Tourism & Transport, Culture & Sport



Bermuda National Athletics Association

Surii Russell

Surii Russell is a promising Bermudian middle-distance athlete who continues to establish himself as one of the island's emerging track talents. A Bermuda Institute student, Surii competes primarily in the 400 metres and 800 metres and has represented Bermuda at the Carifta Games.

In 2025, Surii made his Carifta debut in Trinidad & Tobago, competing in the Under-17 Boys' 800 metres and 4x400 metres relay. His selection reflected his determination, discipline, and continued development as a young athlete with strong potential for future regional and international success.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda National Athletics Association has been allocated a sum of **\$3,270.00** for Surii Russell to attend the Nike Running Camp with Hazel Clarke, which includes airfare, accommodations, and camp fees.



Bermuda Sanshou Association

Geraldine Sidders

Geraldine Sidders is a talented young martial artist who has emerged as one of Bermuda's most promising Wushu athletes. A student at Warwick Academy, Geraldine competes in both taolu and sanda disciplines and has consistently demonstrated dedication, discipline, and technical excellence in her training and competition.

In 2026, Geraldine achieved a significant milestone by representing Bermuda at the 10th World Junior Wushu Championships in Tianjin, China, becoming the first Bermudian athlete to compete at the event in more than a decade. Competing against some of the world's top junior athletes, she delivered strong performances in both the Gunshu (staff) and Changquan (long fist) events, gaining valuable international experience while showcasing Bermuda on the global stage. She is also on the pathway toward the Dakar Youth Olympic Games, where she hopes to continue her development among the sport's elite young competitors.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Sanshou Association has been allocated a sum of **\$2,845.00** for Geraldine Sidders to attend international training and competition opportunities, which include air travel, accommodations, coaching fees, competition registration, and training equipment.

Bermuda Sailing Association

Miguel Power

Miguel Power is a talented young sailor and student at Warwick Academy who continues to make impressive strides within Bermuda's sailing community. Through his dedication, discipline, and commitment to the sport, Miguel has developed into one of the island's promising youth athletes, consistently demonstrating strong technical skills and competitive potential on the water.

Miguel has represented Bermuda in regional sailing competitions and training programmes, gaining valuable experience against some of the top young sailors in the region. His performances have reflected not only his growing confidence and racing ability, but also his determination to continually improve and compete at a higher level. Through regular training and competition, he has established himself as a committed athlete with aspirations of representing Bermuda at major international events in the future.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Sailing Association has been allocated a sum of **\$2,324.00** for Miguel Power to attend an advanced sailing training and competition programme, which includes air travel, accommodations, coaching fees, boat charter expenses, and competition entry fees.



Bermuda Motocross Association

Z'Naz Jones

Z'Naz Jones is a talented young motocross rider who continues to establish himself as one of Bermuda's emerging motorsport athletes. Through dedication, determination, and a strong commitment to training, Z'Naz has developed his skills both locally and abroad while competing against some of the region's top young riders.

Over the past year, Z'Naz has gained valuable experience through participation in motocross events and training programmes that have challenged him to elevate his riding ability and race craft. His consistent work ethic and competitive mindset have enabled him to make steady progress in the sport, while representing Bermuda with pride on the international stage.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Motocross Association has been allocated a sum of \$3,210.00 for Z'Naz Jones to attend an advanced motocross training and competition programme, which includes accommodations, coaching fees, transport, race entry fees, and equipment costs.





Bermuda Volleyball Association

Marcus Rodrigues

Marcus Rodrigues is a dedicated young volleyball player and student at Bermuda College who continues to demonstrate significant potential within Bermuda's volleyball programme. Through his commitment to training, strong work ethic, and passion for the sport, Marcus has developed into a promising athlete with the ability to compete at increasingly higher level.

As a member of Bermuda's youth volleyball pathway, Marcus has represented the island in regional competitions and development programmes, gaining valuable experience against quality opposition. His growth as a player has been evident through his technical improvement, athleticism, and ability to contribute effectively in both training and competitive environments.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Volleyball Association has been allocated a sum of **\$4,268.00** for Marcus Rodrigues to attend a high-performance volleyball training camp, which includes air travel, accommodations, coaching fees, training equipment, and tournament expenses.



Bermuda Hockey Federation

Issac Davis

Issac Davis is a promising young field hockey player and student at Somersfield Academy who continues to make a positive impact within Bermuda's hockey community. Through his dedication to training, strong work ethic, and passion for the sport, Issac has developed into a talented athlete with the potential to represent Bermuda at higher levels of competition.

Issac continues to pursue opportunities that will enhance his development through elite coaching, advanced training, and high-level competition. His determination and commitment to excellence position him as an athlete with a bright future in the sport and a strong candidate for future national team representation.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Hockey Federation has been allocated a sum of **\$3,435.00** for Issac Graham to attend an international field hockey training camp, which includes air travel, accommodations, coaching fees, training equipment, and competition expenses.

Bermuda Rugby Football Union

Asher Wheddon

Asher Wheddon is a talented rugby player who has demonstrated valuable contributions to his teams both on a local and international level. As a current student at Cedarbridge Academy, he leads their rugby team as captain, while also playing for the Teachers RFC local club. His dedication to leadership and being a team player has allowed him to be a key player on the field.

On a global scale, he has represented Bermuda by playing for the Under 19s team. Recently, he was the recipient of the Beyond Rugby Award and the Cedarbridge Boys MVP in recognition of his ability to embrace the joy of the game, remain disciplined and dependable, and always bring his best to the team. He has been rewarded for delivering the most outstanding performance, leadership, and impact during the season.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda Rugby Association has been allocated a sum of **\$3,010** for Asher Wheddon to attend the U19 Caribbean Championships in Queretaro, Mexico, to compete at the highest level in the region for this age group, including USA South, Mexico, and Caribbean nations.



Bermuda Golf Association

Henry Brunton

Henry Brunton is one of Canada's most respected golf coaches and a recognized leader in player development. A PGA of Canada Hall of Fame member, Brunton has spent more than three decades coaching golfers at every level, from beginners to touring professionals. His expertise in long-term athlete development, coaching education, and performance training has made him a sought-after instructor throughout North America and internationally.

The Bermuda Golf Association will utilize Brunton's extensive experience to support the continued development of Bermuda's junior golfers while also providing professional development opportunities for local coaches. His visit will focus on skill development, performance planning, and best practices for athlete progression within the sport.

A sum of **\$3,500.00** has been allocated to the Bermuda Golf Association to host a high-performance coaching and player development camp featuring Henry Brunton, which includes air travel, accommodations, and coaching fees.





Gymnastics Federation of Bermuda

PAGU Coach

The Pan American Gymnastics Union (PAGU) is the governing body responsible for the development and promotion of gymnastics throughout the Americas. Through its coaching and education programmes, PAGU provides member federations with access to highly qualified technical experts who support athlete development, coach education, and the advancement of gymnastics at all levels.

The Gymnastics Federation of Bermuda has partnered with PAGU to bring an experienced coach to Bermuda to work with the island's gymnasts and coaches. The training camp will focus on enhancing technical skills, improving performance standards, and providing athletes with exposure to international coaching methodologies. The programme will also offer local coaches the opportunity to learn best practices in athlete development, training planning, and competition preparation.

A sum of **\$3,000.00** has been allocated to the Gymnastics Federation of Bermuda to host a gymnastics development camp featuring a PAGU Coach, which includes air travel, accommodations, and coaching fees.

Bermuda Cricket Board

Andre Coley

Andre Coley is the former Head Coach of the West Indies Men's Test Team and currently serves as Head Coach of the West Indies Men's "A" Team. A highly respected Level III cricket coach, Coley has extensive experience developing players at every stage of the game, having worked with youth, women's, and senior men's programmes throughout the Caribbean for more than a decade.

The Bermuda Cricket Board will host a High-Performance Training Camp featuring Andre Coley to support the continued development of Bermuda's emerging cricketers. The camp will focus on enhancing technical skills, tactical awareness, and match preparation while providing athletes and local coaches with exposure to international coaching standards and best practices. The programme will also assist in preparing Bermuda's youth players for upcoming regional and international competitions.

A sum of **\$3,000.00** has been allocated to the Bermuda Cricket Board to host a High-Performance Training Camp featuring Andre Coley, which includes air travel, accommodations, and coaching fees.



Pickleball Association of Bermuda

Armando Ferreira

Armando Ferreira is a highly accomplished pickleball coach and player who has established himself as a respected figure in the sport's international community. With extensive experience in player development, competitive strategy, and technical instruction, Ferreira has worked with athletes of all ages and skill levels, helping them improve their performance and achieve success both recreationally and competitively.

The Pickleball Association of Bermuda will host a development camp featuring Armando Ferreira to provide local junior athletes with advanced instruction and exposure to high-level coaching. The programme will focus on technical skill development, match strategy, shot selection, and competitive play, while also providing local coaches with valuable insights into current training methodologies and best practices within the sport.

A sum of **\$3,000.00** has been allocated to the Pickleball Association of Bermuda to host a Technical and Strategy Development Camp featuring Armando Ferreira, which includes air travel, accommodations, and coaching fees.



Bermuda Football Association

John Moreira

John Moreira is a highly respected goalkeeper coach with extensive experience in player development and high-performance football. As the current Goalkeeper Coach for Bermuda's Senior National Team, Moreira has played a key role in the development of goalkeepers at both the youth and senior levels, helping athletes refine their technical skills, tactical awareness, and overall performance.

The Bermuda Football Association will host a goalkeeper development camp featuring John Moreira to provide specialized training opportunities for the island's youth goalkeepers and coaches. The programme will focus on position-specific techniques, game management, distribution, and modern goalkeeping principles. In addition, the camp will support the Bermuda Football Association's efforts to establish a Goalkeeper Coaching License programme and strengthen the long-term development pathway for goalkeepers across the island.

A sum of **\$3,140.00** has been allocated to the Bermuda Football Association to host a Goalkeeper Development Camp featuring John Moreira, which includes air travel, accommodations, and coaching fees.





Bermuda Amateur Swimming Association

American Swimming Coaches Association

The American Swimming Coaches Association (ASCA) is the leading professional organization for swimming coaches in the United States and is widely recognized as a global leader in coach education and athlete development. Through its certification programmes, clinics, and educational resources, ASCA has helped shape generations of coaches and swimmers, contributing to success at the Olympic, World Championship, and collegiate levels.

The Bermuda Amateur Swimming Association will host an ASCA coaching and athlete development clinic designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of local coaches while providing junior swimmers with access to world-class instruction. The programme will focus on stroke technique, training methodologies, athlete development, and performance preparation, while also creating opportunities for local coaches to learn best practices and current trends in the sport.

A sum of **\$4,250.00** has been allocated to the Bermuda Amateur Swimming Association to host an Athlete and Coach Development Clinic featuring the American Swimming Coaches Association, which includes travel, accommodations, educational materials, and coaching fees.



Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association

Billy Dunn

Billy Dunn is a highly respected motorcycle racing coach and mentor with extensive experience in rider development and high-performance motorsport. Throughout his career, Dunn has worked with riders across a range of competitive levels, helping them develop the technical skills, racecraft, and mental preparation required to succeed in one of the world's most demanding sports.

The Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association will host a rider development camp featuring Billy Dunn to provide local athletes with access to elite coaching and training opportunities. The programme will focus on technical riding skills, race preparation, safety awareness, and performance development, while also offering local coaches and riders valuable insight into international best practices within the sport.

A sum of **\$1,500.00** has been allocated to the Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association to host a Rider Development Camp featuring Billy Dunn, which includes air travel, accommodations, and coaching fees.

Flora Duffy Award **2025 Recipient**

Ryan Outerbridge



BERMUDA NATIONAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Ryan Outerbridge is a standout distance runner who has made significant strides in both national and collegiate athletics. A senior at Franklin Pierce University, Outerbridge has earned NCAA Division II All-Region honors in the 1500 meters, steeplechase, and 5000 meters, underscoring his versatility and endurance.

At the 2025 Northeast-10 Indoor Championships, he secured gold medals in the mile and 5000 meters, and a bronze in the 800 meters. His exceptional performance earned him the title of Most Valuable Performer and Outstanding Track Athlete of the meet. In addition to his track accomplishments, Outerbridge demonstrated his road racing prowess by finishing second in the 2024 Bermuda Half-Marathon Derby, narrowly trailing veteran runner Lamont Marshall in 2024 and Sean Trott in 2025. It is hoped that Outerbridge will represent Bermuda at major festivals in the near future.



Flora Duffy Award

The Flora Duffy Award is made available through the National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Committee, to assist a Bermudian athlete who is not receiving elite athlete assistance. This contribution is intended to provide training/competition inducements to a promising athlete, who is likely to achieve elite athlete status at senior level given their continued participation and commitment to their sport.



2026 Recipient

Nirobi Smith-Mills

BERMUDA NATIONAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Nirobi Smith-Mills is a talented young Bermudian athlete who continues to make significant progress within the island's athletics programme. Through dedication, discipline, and a strong commitment to training, Nirobi has established himself as one of Bermuda's promising track and field athletes, consistently demonstrating the determination and work ethic required to compete at a high level.

Over the past year, Nirobi has represented Bermuda in regional competitions and development programmes, gaining valuable experience against some of the Caribbean's top young athletes. His performances have reflected his continued growth and development, while showcasing his potential to achieve success on the regional and international stage.

As he continues his athletic journey, Nirobi remains focused on improving his technical skills, strength, and overall performance through high-level coaching and competition opportunities. His commitment to excellence and desire to represent Bermuda with distinction position him well for future success within the national athletics programme.

To assist our recipient, the Bermuda National Athletics Association has been allocated a sum of \$10,000.00 for Nirobi Smith-Mills to attend an advanced training and competition programme, which includes air travel, accommodations, coaching fees, equipment, and competition expenses.



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