



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

Ministry of Tourism & Transport, Culture & Sport



44TH ANNUAL
SPORTS
AWARDS



SPORT
MATTERS

Elevating Sport Together: Celebrating Excellence in Sport

SATURDAY 14th MARCH 2026 AT 6:00PM

Hamilton Princess and Beach Club
Harbourview Ballroom

Premier's Message



The Hon. E. David G. Burt, JP, MP
Premier of Bermuda

Greetings on this special occasion as we gather to celebrate the very best of Bermudian sport.

The past year has been outstanding for Bermuda's athletes across multiple disciplines. Our athletes are among Bermuda's finest ambassadors, carrying our island's spirit into arenas around the world and inspiring pride at home.

At the CARIFTA Games in Trinidad and Tobago in April, our junior athletes announced themselves on the regional stage. Cameron Adkins and Tatiana Sousa each won silver on the track and field, while Thomas Cechini delivered a remarkable hat-trick of bronze medals in the pool, setting a new national record along the way.

Bermuda's men's national football team gave us one of the most memorable chapters in the island's sporting history. The Gombey Warriors defeated Cuba 2-1 away in June to reach the final round of FIFA World Cup qualifying for the first time. When Jamaica came to town, both sides of the Flora Duffy Stadium were sold out as nearly 5,000 supporters turned up to support our team. The campaign also marked the international retirement of Reggie Lambe, holder of the record for most appearances with 63 caps for Bermuda.

At the International Island Games in Orkney, Scotland, our women's football team retained their gold for the third time under coach Naquita Robinson, and the men's under-23 side also won gold—completing a football double for Bermuda. Team Bermuda returned with five medals in total.

In August, Bermuda sent 24 athletes to the Junior Pan American Games in Paraguay and brought home three medals through Jack Harvey in swimming, Sebastian Kempe in sailing, and Caitlyn Bobb on the track. Our young triathletes were then crowned overall champions at the CARIFTA Triathlon and Aquathlon Championships, winning 11 medals including four gold.

Premier's Message Continued

At the 2025 Caribbean Elite Road Cycling Championship in Belize in October, Nicholas Narraway was crowned Caribbean time-trial champion in the Elite-Men's category, ahead of Bermudian and defending champion Conor White who won silver. Gabriella Arnold added silver and bronze in the Elite-women's category building on the tremendous success that all three of them have had in recent years.

That same month our netballers returned to international competition for the first time in eight years, winning silver at the Battle of the Isles, earning Bermuda an all-time-high world ranking of 20th and earning a place at the 2026 Central America and Caribbean Games in Santo Domingo.

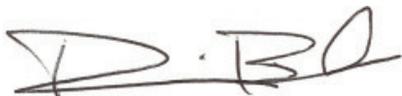
These are just some of the achievements Bermuda's outstanding athletes delivered this past year. They continue to raise the bar, and prove that our small island can achieve big things on the international stage.

The Government of Bermuda will continue to do its part. Over \$2 million was allocated this year through the Sport Investment Programme to 26 National Sport Governing Bodies, alongside direct support for elite athletes and junior development. We remain committed to implementing our National Sports Policy to expand participation, foster talent, and elevate Bermuda's presence on the international stage.

As we celebrate tonight, let us also recognise the coaches, officials, volunteers, and families whose tireless work behind the scenes makes every achievement possible.

Congratulations to all of tonight's nominees and award winners. Your achievements are a source of national pride, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for Bermuda's sporting community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. David G. Burt'.

The Hon. E. David G. Burt, JP, MP



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**At The Hamilton
Princess**



Hosted by

The Premier of Bermuda

The Hon. E. David G. Burt, JP, MP

Opening Remarks by

Minister of Tourism & Transport, Culture & Sport

The Hon. Owen K. Darrell, JP, MP

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Order of Presentations

Minister's Sports Awards

Junior Achievement Awards

Appreciation Awards

Senior Achievement Awards

Special Achievement Awards

Citation Awards

Special Recognition Awards

Team of the Year

Athletes of the Year Awards

CLOSING REMARKS

Light Refreshments

CONCLUSION OF AWARDS

Congratulations
TO ALL RECIPIENTS



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