



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA
Ministry of Youth, Culture and Sport



SPORTMATTERS

SATURDAY

18TH MARCH 2023 AT 6:30PM

The Princess Rooms
Hamilton Princess and Beach Club

PREMIER'S REMARKS



2022 was another year of outstanding achievements by Bermudian athletes. We witnessed the continued dominance of Dame Flora Duffy, who became the first triathlete to retain a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England, last August.

Those same games became one of Bermuda's most successful international events when Jah-nhai Perinchief wrote his name into the history books by claiming bronze in the men's triple jump, Bermuda's first athletics medal at the Commonwealth Games since 1994.

Our young Carifta athletes filled us with pride, starting with Caitlyn Bobbs' bronze in the under-20 womens 400 metres, a silver medal in the breathtaking U-17 women's 4 x 400 relay, finishing just ahead of the mighty athletics nation of the Bahamas, and a bronze medals in under 20 womens 4 x 400 relay. And our Carifta swimmers brought home an incredible 19 medals, with a team of just 12.

Bermudian athletes continue to show us and the world they can compete and win on the world stage, and we must continue to support their efforts and celebrate their accomplishments as much as we enjoy watching them perform.

The Government is acutely aware of the vital role that sport plays in our community. Sport has an undeniable ability to inspire and an unmatched capacity to bring people together, filling them with a sense of pride. And it is through this awareness that the Government has and will continue to support Bermudian sports, and Bermudian athletes, whether elite or aspiring to become so.

Our National Sports Policy, launched in October 2022, stated simply yet powerfully that Sports Matters and outlined our five-year promise to raise the value of sport in Bermuda and increase participation and regional success with five clear goals; to increase participation, achieve sporting excellence regionally, improve access to sports facilities, increase the value of sport, establish a framework for talent development.

Beyond this essential policy, the Government will also continue to keep its promises to invest in and support local sports, whether that be through grants to community clubs, supporting the travel of Bermudian athletes to competitions or upholding our pledge to provide more funding for elite athletes.

And tonight, the Government is proud to bring you the 41st Annual Sports Awards, where we celebrate the accomplishments, dedication and perseverance of Bermuda's athletes. I thank the Minister of Youth, Culture and Sport, Senator Owen Darrell; Director of the Department of Youth, Recreation and Sport, Kimberley Charryse Bean their teams, not only for putting on this incredible event but for the dedication and support they show each and every day to Bermuda's athletes and Bermudian sport.

I congratulate all of this year's nominees and all our athletes across all sports whose hard work and devotion we celebrate at the Sports Awards. I hope you all enjoy this year's Sports Awards, and I look forward to what Bermuda's athletes will achieve in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Burt'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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



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Music by: **TMQ**
TINO MARTINEZ QUINTET

Host: The Premier of Bermuda

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**Opening Remarks by the
Minister of Youth, Culture and Sport**

Senator the Hon. Owen K. Darrell, JP

Order of Presentations

Minister's National Sports Awards

Junior Achievement Awards

Senior Achievement Awards

Appreciation Awards

Special Achievement Awards

Citation Awards

Special Recognition Awards

Athletes of the Year Awards

Closing Remarks

Conclusion of Awards

Cocktail Reception to follow

with music by



Congratulations
TO ALL RECIPIENTS



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