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## MISSION

TO INSPIRE EXCELLENCE  
IN THE ATHLETES OF  
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
TO ENABLE THEM TO REALIZE  
THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

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## President's Message

FRANTZ OMAR FANON IN HIS BOOK THE WRETCHED OF THE EARTH SAID:

“EACH GENERATION MUST,  
OUT OF RELATIVE OBSCURITY,  
DISCOVER ITS MISSION,  
FULFIL IT OR BETRAY IT”



Mr. Brian Lewis, President, Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee

**T**he Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee (TTOC) notwithstanding the economic challenges facing Trinidad and Tobago, is firmly of the view that it must fulfil its mission, not betray it.

Challenges and adversity provided opportunities for the TTOC in 2017 which is also the Trinidad and Tobago Commonwealth Games Association (TTCGA) and the Trinidad and Tobago Beach and Sand Games Association (T&TBSGA).

Priority programmes such as: #10golds24#futureisfemale #sportindustryTT #nextchampion #TeamTTO placed demands on the TTOC that required our collective creativity and innovation and an accept no limits mindset, among other valuable, already inherent, traits.

We welcomed new members of the TTOC Executive Committee who embraced our modus operandi and our signposts: athlete centred, market focused and better governance.

Undaunted by the economic realities of our time, the TTOC self-funded Team TTO's participation at the Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas and our team honoured our country and our flag. The medal haul and team composition also reflected the theme "Future is Female".


A critical service delivery factor for the TTOC this past year has been the emphasis on capacity building for our member affiliates and we thank our affiliates for their commitment to raising the standards of administration and performance in sports.

Remaining positive and optimistic is easier said than done but it is our duty, obligation and responsibility. As our President, Her Excellency Paula-Mae Weekes, entreated us in her inaugural speech, we must be light and see light.

The late Makandal Daaga politician and pan-Africanist once said: "Let us make the necessary sacrifices and not leave the burden to the next generation." His simple yet profound statement reminds us all of our commitment and our opportunity.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the tremendous work and effort of the staff at Olympic House - Lovie, Stacy, Chanelle and Rheeza.

Let us move forward with courage and perseverance and determination not to leave the burden to the next generation.



Brian Anthony Courtenay Lewis

# ABOUT THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Trinidad and Tobago, then a British Colony was eager to compete in the Olympic Games and the TTOA came into being as a working committee to take the country into the Central American and Caribbean Games in Barranquilla, Colombia in 1946. Formal affiliation to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was granted to Trinidad and Tobago at the IOC session in 1948.

The TTOC is an independent organization responsible for providing Trinidad and Tobago athletes with the necessary resources to achieve sporting excellence at the Olympic Games, Youth Olympics Games (YOG), Central American and Caribbean Games (CAC Games), Pan American Games (Pan Am Games), Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG). The TTOC consists of National Sporting Organizations (NSO's) whose sport is recognized by an International Federation (IF).

In addition, the TTOC is committed to Trinidad and Tobago athletes through the development of high performance sport. Our role also extends to promoting structured physical education and sustainability, and spreading the Olympic ideals throughout our communities even in the years between Olympic Games.

The TTOC is funded principally through grants from the Pan American Sport Organization (PASO), the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and corporate sponsorship. The TTOC is non-profit organizations, independent of the Government and Government funding, other than contributions by the Ministry of Sport to the national team's representation at International Games.

## NATIONAL SPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

National sporting organizations (NSOs) govern and manage all aspects of their individual sports within Trinidad and Tobago. The NSOs are responsible for training, competition and the development of their sports, as well as selecting athletes for Team TTO at International, Regional and National competitions.

There are forty- three (43) NSO's affiliated with the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee which comprises of Olympic, Commonwealth, Pan American Sports and other sport affiliated organizations.



National Ballroom Dance Association of Trinidad and Tobago  
Trinidad and Tobago Canoe & Rowing Federation  
Trinidad and Tobago Contract Bridge Association  
Trinidad and Tobago Cue Sports Foundation  
Trinidad and Tobago Draughts/ Checkers Association

National Pigeon Racing Commission of Trinidad and Tobago  
Trinidad and Tobago Sports Medicine Association  
Trinidad and Tobago Snowsports Federation  
Trinidad and Tobago Weightlifting Association  
Wushu Association of Trinidad and Tobago



# MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

**The Executive will serve for the 2017 – 2021 Olympic Quadrennial.**

President  
Brian Lewis

Vice President  
Ephraim Serrette

Vice President  
Terry Ali

Vice President  
Diane Henderson

Secretary General  
Annette Knott

Assistant Secretary  
General  
Nadine Khan Seemungal

Treasurer  
Curtis Nero

Trustee  
Dave Williams

Trustee  
Racquel Moses

Executive Member  
Wendell Constantine

Executive Member  
Reyah Richardson

Executive Member  
Giselle La Ronde West

**O**n Thursday, June 1, 2017, President Anthony Aquinas Thomas Carmona O.R.T.T swore in the new executive committee of the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee (TTOC). The TTOC created history as for the first time a gender equal Executive Committee was installed during a ceremony at the President's office in St Ann's.



## Staff

President's Office  
Executive Assistant to  
the President  
Lovie Santana

Senior Administrative  
Officer  
Lovie Santana

Administrative Officer  
Stacy Santana

Project Officer, Athlete  
Services and  
Programmes  
Rheeza Grant

Project Officer,  
Marketing &  
Communications  
Chanelle Young



# #10GOLDS24

**T**he Trinidad and Tobago International Marathon Walk was the first effort where the TTOC President led from front to 'Walk the Talk'. The marathon walk had no other motive than to raise awareness, attention and funding for the 10 or more Olympic Gold medals by the year 2024 (#10Golds24) athlete welfare and preparation fund.

TTOC President, Brian Lewis presented the campaign on 26 December 2014 and later launched the Fund on January 25th, 2015 by participating in the Trinidad and Tobago International Marathon. The Fund continues to be independent, transparent, ethical, accountable and non-governmental.

Training to be an Olympic champion is a full-time commitment that demands both discipline and dedication to maintain competitiveness and to win medals. Elite and high performance athletes competing in individual and team sports must dedicate time, money, and energy to their athletic endeavors.

Signaling a new mindset, a new attitude and a new approach to achieving sporting excellence. Establishing a change in culture entails breaking down barriers with new and innovative approaches. Thus, this approach intends to sensitize the nation about the reality that exists with our National Athletes to encourage support of our athletes on their journey to fulfilling the Olympic Dream.

Many of TTO Elite and High Performance athletes are not financially well rewarded and would not have an opportunity to reach their potential without financial support. Financial support or the lack of it across the stages of an athlete's long term development have ended or compromised the dream of many talented young men and women.

The training to compete and to win phases of an athlete's long-term development is particularly critical. As well as what happens after their competitive life is over.

The aim of #10Golds24 athlete welfare and preparation fund is to provide sustainable financial assistance to our nation's Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games athletes to enable them to train, recover and compete. The fund aims to assist athletes in the following aspects:

- Direct support (stipend) and out of pocket expense
- Medal bonus
- Health and Accident Insurance
- Internships with Corporate T&T to prepare for life after elite sport
- Life skills training
- Athlete Career Development
- High Performance Support
- Case by Case needs and Special Requests



# BAHAMAS 2017 COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES

## Team TTO in Review

Largest ever contingent to represent Trinidad and Tobago at the Commonwealth Youth Games

27 Female Athletes

23 Male Athletes

9 disciplines: Athletics, Beach Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Cycling (Road), Judo, Rugby 7s, Swimming and Tennis

5 Medals – 2 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze

## U 18 Girls (GOLD MEDAL) BEACH SOCCER

Team TTO U18 female Beach soccer team wrote their name in local sport history by becoming the first T&T Team sport to medal at a Commonwealth multisport event after defeating Jamaica in the Final to capture the Gold medal.

## ADELL COLTHRUST (GOLD MEDAL) TRACK AND FIELD

Adell Colthrust created history at the Commonwealth Youth Games when he triumphed in the Boys 100m Final in 10.55 seconds and won Team TTO's first Gold medal.

## U 18 BOYS (SILVER MEDAL) BEACH SOCCER

Following the Girls U 18 Beach Soccer team, the men's team faced St. Lucia in the Boys Beach Soccer Final. After a well fought match against St. Lucia, Team TTO finished in 2nd place.

## JERON THOMPSON (BRONZE MEDAL) SWIMMING

On the final day of competition for Swimming, Thompson pulled off a magnificent swim to earn his place on the podium in the Boys 50m Freestyle Final. He completed the race in 23.43 seconds.

## TYRIQ HORSFORD (SILVER MEDAL) TRACK AND FIELD

Tyriq Horsford closed the curtains for Team TTO in the Boys Javelin Throw, placing 2nd with a throw 69.43m and earning the team's 5th medal for the Games.

## Commonwealth Youth Games Team

### Athletics

Tyriq Hosford  
Adell Colthrust  
Ianna Roach  
Akilah Lewis

### Beach Soccer

Levi Fernandez  
Jabari Gray  
Nathaniel Brown  
Immanuel Russell  
Omri Baird  
Juaval Roberts  
Anderson Peters  
Jordan Riley

Che Richards  
Kevon Williams  
Akkasia Charles  
Tamika Campbell  
Jade Noreiga  
Maya Blanc  
Ketara Munroe  
Adanya Phillip  
Tsai-Anne  
Fernandez  
Nia Honore  
Asha James  
J'Nae Harris

### Beach Volleyball

Daynte Stewart  
Devaughn Martin  
Tsyann Selvon  
Ebony Williams

### Boxing

Justin Parris  
Nickell Joseph  
Tyron Thomas

### Cycling Road

Tyler Cole  
Jabari Whiteman

### Judo

Xavier Jones  
Luke Walker

### Rugby 7s

Fayola Jack  
Thea Marrast  
Jamika Melville  
Shania Charles  
Kendra Bournes  
Talitha Forde  
Alisha Antoine  
Judelle Noel  
Rochelle Burke

Daenelle Tobias  
Skylette Augustine  
Zakiya Belle

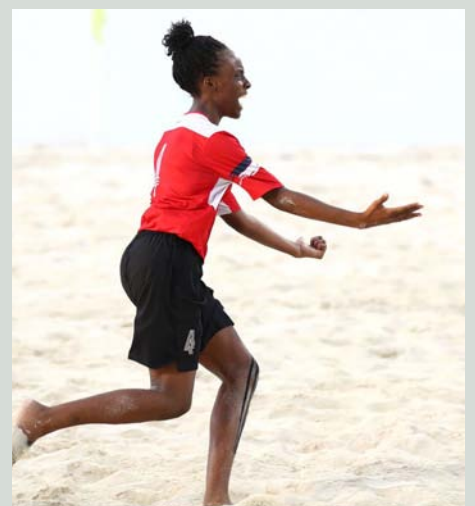
### Swimming

Jeron Thompson

### Tennis

Emma-Rose Trestrail  
Aidan Carter

# BAHAMAS 2017 COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES





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# QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

**T**rinidad and Tobago was the first Caribbean nation to receive the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton on its shores on 28th May 2017.

Past and aspiring Commonwealth Games athletes carried the Baton through Port of Spain, along several heritage trust sites including the Queen's Park Savannah, the Magnificent Seven and the Botanical Gardens.

Two time Commonwealth Champion Roger Gibbon took part in the celebrations, carrying the Baton while he rode through the streets. Dual gold medallist, Gibbon brought home Trinidad and Tobago's first gold medal at the 1966 Commonwealth Games in Jamaica.

The Baton continued its journey to Tobago, where the Queen's Baton Relay delegation received a warm welcome from members in Tobago. The Baton then made its way to the Pigeon Point Heritage Park, featuring Paralympic Gold and Silver medallist Akeem Stewart, Middle Distance runner Mark London and young aspiring athletes from Jubilee Stars Track Club. Tobago displayed the iconic Pigeon Point beach, dancers and musical accompaniment.





# Future is Female





# FUTURE IS FEMALE

In January 2017, the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee (TTOC) launched the Future is Female project. The programme is aimed at championing and advocating for gender equality at all levels of Olympic, and Commonwealth Sport in Trinidad and Tobago.

## Women in Leadership Workshop

On 21st and 22nd September, the TTOC in collaboration with UNESCO and TAFISA hosted a workshop - Achieving social inclusion and gender equality in the Caribbean using sports and physical activity. The aim of this workshop was to build awareness on gender equality in sports and sport as a tool for social inclusion, community building and civic engagement.

## Advancing Women in Leadership Forum

On September 23, the TTOC held its first edition Advancing Women in Leadership Forum at the National Racquet Centre, Tacarigua.



# ATHLETE PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES

## Tokyo 2020 Olympic Solidarity Scholarship

A total of twelve (12) athletes, were selected for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Solidarity Scholarship Programme which commenced from January 1st 2018 and will end on August 31st 2020. The initial planning began in 2017 and each athlete will receive a total of US\$ 500.00 per month, once they comply with Olympic Solidarity's contractual obligations. The selected athletes are as follows:

### Athletics

Khalifa St Fort  
Kamaria Durant  
Sparkle McKnight  
Michelle-Lee Ahye  
Machel Cedenio  
Jereem Richards

### Boxing

Nigel Paul  
Michael Alexander

### Rowing

Aisha Chow

### Swimming

Dylan Carter

### Sailing

Kelly-ann Arrindell

### Cycling

Nicholas Paul

## HIGH PERFORMANCE TRAINING

The TTOC in collaboration with BPTT sent a total of 12 athletes (inclusive of 2 Paralympic athletes) to the Michael Johnson Performance Centre from 4th - 7th December 2017 to aid with preparation for upcoming Games for the 2018 period. The athletes that visited the MJP were:

Khalifa St Fort  
Sparkle McKnight  
Kamaria Durant

Nyoshia Cain  
Nigel Paul  
Akeem Stewart

Keston Bledman  
Kyle Greaux  
Rheezha Grant

Abby Blackman  
Daneil Williams  
Daynte Stewart

## EDUCATION

Three Athlete Career workshops were held for Gymnastics, Aquatics and the Commonwealth Youth Team within the 2017 period. The workshops assisted with the development of youth and young people both on and off the field of play. Athletes that participated were either familiar with competing or were first time competitors that needed the support with enhancing their professional skills when dealing with traditional and social media, mental strength, anti-doping, strength and conditioning, nutrition and the science behind sport.

## ANTI DOPING

The National Anti Doping Organization has been steadfast in its approach to anti doping services within Trinidad and Tobago. Trinidad and Tobago now has a Registered Testing Pool for athletes across all National Sporting Organizations.

### In Competition and Out of Competition Testing

A test distribution plan was completed and submitted to the Caribbean RADO to conduct eight (8) Out Of Competition Tests for eight athletes across identified sports within Trinidad and Tobago.

While In Competition Testing was done for the Amateur Swimming Association of Trinidad and Tobago at the CCCAN Championships 2017.

### Cases

There were no new Adverse Analytical Finding for the period 2017. One athlete completed their two year suspension for an Adverse Analytical Finding. The athlete is now cleared to train/compete. Another athlete is scheduled complete their suspension on August 31st 2018.

## ANOC Awards 2017

Trinidad and Tobago 4x400m Men's Relay Team was awarded the Best Male Team of 2017 at the **XXII ANOC General Assembly Prague 2017** held on November 2nd 2017.

# MARKETING AND PROMOTION

## Social Media

Social media remains a key marketing strategy of the TTOC's to increase awareness of TeamTTO and the athletes. In 2017, @TeamTTO attracted approximately 45,000 fans across five social media platforms.



38,750+ Followers



5000+ Followers



8750+ Followers

## Sport Industry TT Conference

The TTOC Future of Sport Conference was held on March 9th at the Normandie Hotel, Cascade. The theme for the conference was "Next Step Entrepreneurship: The Foundation for a Sustainable Sport Industry".

Keynote speaker – Dr. Terrence Farrell – was excellent in his message. Dr. Farrell stressed the importance of the diversification effort and encouraged local entrepreneurs to focus on "what the world needs, not solely on what you can sell," as they sought to bring their creative ideas to life.

Approximately, 100 persons attended the conference from a number of different professional fields. The feedback on the overall content on the day was well received and commended by a number of the participants. Persons that attended the conference last year, commented that the format used in 2017 was more interactive with the panel sessions.



SPORT INDUSTRY TT  
CONFERENCE 2017

Special Guest Speaker  
Dr. Terrence Farrell

Former Deputy Governor  
of the Central Bank  
and Director of Research





# PROMOTING OLYMPISM

## Olympic Day

Once again this year, Olympic Day (OD) was successfully hosted by the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee on June 23rd at the Lord Harris Square, Port of Spain. Over 250 children from several primary schools and kindergartens visited the square and were given the opportunity to move, learn and discover.

One of the major focuses for Olympic Day 2017 was ensuring that all participants had the opportunity to learn a new sport. Seventeen (17) National Sporting Organisations set up booths, gave demonstrations and exhibited skills and exercises to participants.

OD2017 included cultural ambassador Kerron Sunny Bling Sealy whom brought a vibrant, interactive and entertaining experience for all. OD also featured the Drama Making A Difference company.

National athletes from various sporting disciplines turned out in force to support the TTOC's Olympic Day celebrations.

Among the high profile guests at the event were 1976 Olympic Gold Medallist Hasely Crawford, and Olympians Michelle-Lee Ahye, Keston Bledman, Renny Quow, Lalonde Gordon, Janeil Belille, Sparkle Mc Knight, Sailor Andrew Lewis and Boxer Nigel Paul. Paralympic athletes Nyoshia Cain and Shanntol Ince were also in attendance as were top national athletes, boxer Michael Alexander and Daneil Williams.









# PROMOTING OLYMPISM

## Olympic Youth Camp

Sixty participants from both Trinidad and Tobago benefited from the TIOC's annual Olympic Youth Camp. The camp positively contributes to the education, development and performance of participants through the facilitation of educational and developmental activities in conjunction with sporting activities.

## Young Change Maker+

Jeannette Small has been involved in the Olympic Movement's Young Change Maker+ (YCM+) (formerly known as Young Ambassador+) since 2016. Jeannette's YCM+ project is focused on providing educational activities for children which promotes healthy lifestyles. The healthy and active living mascot is the face of the initiative. The mascot provides tips on healthy eating and encourages participation in traditional sports and games. Also involved in the project are junior national athletes which helps to encourage young role models.



MONTH	VISIT	LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS
JANUARY 2017	Anglican Primary Roman Catholic Primary	Point Fortin	66 100 24
FEBRUARY 2017	Seven Day Adventist Primary Salazar Trace Government Primary Aqua Darts Swim Club New Jets Athletic Club Egypt Village Government Primary School Civic Football Club Badminton Club Early Childhood Development Centre	Point Fortin     San Fernando	24 24 18 25 25 25 25 10
JUNE 2017	Olympic Day	Port of Spain	250
AUGUST 2017	Rugby 101 Festival	Port of Spain	50
DECEMBER 2017	100% local Christmas Camp	San Fernando	25

## Olympic Education Commission

Nanjing 2014 Young Ambassador Jeannette Small was selected by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to serve as a member of the Olympic Education Commission. Jeannette was invited to Lausanne to attend the Olympic Education Commission meeting on November 10th 2017.

The Commission advises the IOC Session, IOC Executive Board and the IOC President on the promotion of the Olympic values based education, and also provides strategic direction on IOC programmes and activities related to the education youth through sport.

# EDUCATION & WORKSHOPS

## Caribbean Coaching Certificate Programme

The Caribbean Coaching Certificate Programme is designed for any coach, in any sport. The course covers everything coaches need to know to coach effectively, and provided the latest coaching information in an easy to understand format.

## International Coaching Enrichment Certificate Programme 2016/2017

ICECP candidate Carlton Felix successfully completed the International Coaching Enrichment Certificate Programme in 2017. Felix travelled to Lausanne, Switzerland in April to give his final presentation on the topic 'Long Term Athlete Development for Women's Rugby in Trinidad and Tobago'.

## International Support Program to the African and Caribbean Sport

October – December 2017

Michelle Alleyne-Pennie

## International Coaching Course - General Condition, March – June 2017

Aaron Edwards graduated with honours from the International Coaching Course General Conditioning Course in June 2017. The Course provides coaches with a systematic way to improve their knowledge and skills in the theoretical, technical and practical aspects of coaching.

## Sport Administrators Course

In 2017, the TTOC hosted two level 1 course and one level 2 course. The Sport Administration Course was redesigned and split into two levels. The level 1 course introduces participants to the basic knowledge of sport administration, focusing on more practical experience. While the level 2 course is provides participants with a more detailed course content. Over ninety persons benefited from the courses offered.

## Advanced Sport Management Course 2016/2017

Nineteen out of twenty eight participants graduated from the Advanced Sport Management Course on 18th December 2017. Graduates ranged from variation of sports which include Cricket, Swimming, Table Tennis, Football, Volleyball, Athletics and Sailing.

## 2016/2017 ASMC Graduates:

David Alfonso  
Michelle Andrew  
Jeffrey Claverie  
Gregory Davis  
Nevick Denoon  
Tracy Gonzales  
Damian Harris  
Umsha King  
Shirla Lamorell-Lyons  
Neal Marcano  
Nigel Morgan  
Jamiyla Muhammad  
Claire Orr  
Susan Pierre  
Camille Renwick  
Elizabeth Suite  
Tricia Trim  
Kirk Williams  
Bevon Williams

# LONG TERM ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

**O**n May 9th 2017, 10 National Sporting Organizations graduated from the Long Term Athlete Development programme. The Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee (TTOC) embarked on a project through an initiative coordinated by the Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees (CANOC) to research, design and create a Long Term Athlete Development Framework for the National Sporting Organizations of Trinidad and Tobago.

The 10 NSOs are as follows:

Athletics: Kabir Hosein, Chief Administrative Officer – NAAA TT

Badminton: Rahul Rampersad – President, Badminton TT

Cycling: Roger Frontin and Claire Orr - Competitions Committee members TTCF

Hockey: Darren Cowie - Senior male National Team Captain

Judo: Mark Littrean - Technical Director Judo TT

Rugby: Carlton Felix - Senior Women National Team Coach

Sailing: Arianne LaChapelle - General Manager Sailing School

Squash: Drue de Verteuil - Competitions Director Squash TT

Table Tennis: Gregory O'Young - Former Secretary General Table Tennis TT

Triathlon: Diane Henderson (via video) and Paul Hee Haung - President Triathlon TT



# 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS *Gala*

## TTOC ANNUAL AWARDS GALA 2017 Award Winners

Junior Sportswoman  
Khalifa St. Fort, Athletics

Junior Sportsman  
Adell Colthrust, Athletics

Sportswoman  
Michelle Lee Ahye, Athletics

Sportsman  
World Championship Men's 4x400m Relay Team, Athletics  
Renny Quow, Machel Cedenio, Jarrin Solomon, Lalonde Gordon, Jereem Richards

Sports Personality  
Akeem Stewart, Athletics

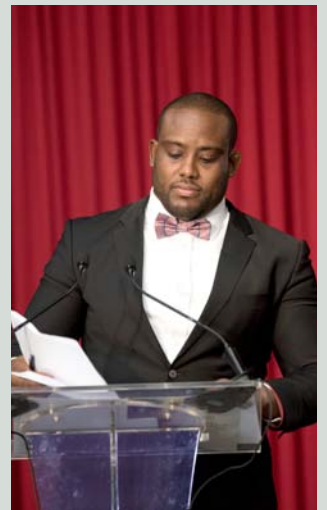
People's Choice Award  
Jereem Richards, Athletics

Future is Female  
Merissa Aguiliera, Cricket

Alexander B Chapman  
Anthony 'Dada' Wickham, Trendsetter Hawks Coach

The 2017 Annual Awards Gala saw the inclusion of the new 'Future is Female Award'. The award recognises outstanding commitment to the encouragement, development and motivation of women in sport by an individual, team or organisation.



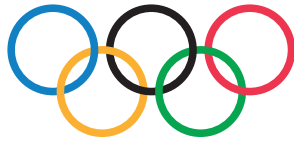






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THE WORLDWIDE OLYMPIC PARTNERS





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