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ABEDI PELE, AZUMAH NELSON, OTHERS NAMED IN NOMINEES FOR 50TH SWAG AWARDS ON NOVEMBER 15

Accra, Oct 05 - The Sports Writers Association of Ghana (SWAG), the umbrella body of sports journalists in Ghana has announced nominees and top performers for the 50th edition of the most prestigious SWAG Awards.

The Golden Jubilee event promises to be a grand affair, honouring exceptional sports performers and personalities in various categories for the year under reviews and global sports icons. The SWAG Awards has become a benchmark for excellence in Ghanaian sports, recognizing outstanding achievements and contributions to the country's sporting landscape.

Personalities who will be decorated on the night as 50th Anniversary Ambassadors include Magaret Simpson (Athletics), Azumah Nelson (Boxing) Abedi Ayew Pele (Football), Michael Essien (Football), Kwadwo Asamoah (Football), Stephen Appiah (Football), Samuel Osei Kufour (Football), Adwoa Bayor and Alberta Sackey (Football).

The nomination process has been rigorous, with a team of experienced sports enthusiasts and experts carefully selecting the top contenders.

Below are the nominees:

1. COACH OF THE YEAR

- i. Frimpong Manso - Gold Stars
- ii. James Kwesi Appiah – Sudan

2. REFEREE/UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

- i. Daniel Laryea - Football
- ii. Francis Yeboah – Badminton
- iii. Clement Smith - Athletics

3. NATIONAL TEAM OF THE YEAR

- i. Black Queens
- ii. National Badminton Doubles Team
- iii. Golden Arms
- iv. Black Cranes

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

Kwabena Yeboah – President
Evelyn Nsiah Asare – Vice President
Charles Osei Asibey – General Secretary
Kenneth Odeng Adade – Dep.General Sec.
Owuraku Nsiah – Treasurer
Mavis Amanor – Women Organizer
Ohene Brenya Bampoe – Exco Member
Franklin Anane Gyimah – Exco Member
Tilda Elinam Acorlor – Exco Member

4. CLUB OF THE YEAR

- i. Police Ladies
- ii. Kumasi Asante Kotoko
- iii. Faith Ladies
- iv. Bibiani Gold Stars

5. SWAG TOP 5 FEDERATIONS

- i. Ghana Athletics
- ii. Ghana Armwrestling Federation
- iii. Ghana Badminton
- iv. Ghana Weightlifting Federation
- v. Ghana Cricket Association
- vi. Ghana Rugby Football Union

6. ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

- i. Abdul Rasheed Saminu

7. BOXER OF THE YEAR

- i. Gideon Pappoe
- ii. George Dowuona
- iii. Mathias Ashithey

8. WEIGHTLIFTER OF THE YEAR

- i. Emmanuel Amo Boateng

9. FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR – MALE (FOREIGN BASED)

- i. Jordan Ayew – Leicester City
- ii. Antoine Semenyo – Bournemouth
- iii. Kudus Mohammed – Tottenham Hotspurs

10. FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR – FEMALE (FOREIGN BASED)

- i. Grace Asantewaa – FC Juarez
- ii. Chantelle Boye Hlorkah – Nottingham Forest

11. FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR – MALE (HOME BASED)

- i. Stephen Amankona - Berekum Chelsea
- ii. Benjamin Asare – Accra Hearts of Oak
- iii. Razak Simpson – Nations FC

12. FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR – FEMALE (LOCAL BASED)

- i. Comfort Yeboah – Ampem Darkoa FC

13. STUDENT ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

- i. Phillip Tetteh Odjer (Athletics) - Male
- ii. Moslina Adu (Badminton) - Female

14. DISCOVERY OF THE YEAR

- i. Yayra Akos Agozi (Weightlifting) – Female
- ii. Michael Agyapong Mensah (Table Tennis) - Male

15. SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

- ✓ Josel Mensah

16. BADMINTON PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- ✓ Obaponba Adu Minta

17. PULLER OF THE YEAR

- ✓ Mabel Yeboah

18. PARA-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

- ✓ Zainabu Issah – Para-Athletics

19. MERITORIOUS AWARD

- ✓ Moses Adu – Badminton
- ✓ Hussein Akweteh Addy - Armwrestling

20. DEDICATION AND VALOUR

- ✓ Portia Boakye - Football
- ✓ Yaw Agyeman (Amando) - Athletics

21. SWAG LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- ✓ Brestford Amui – Horse Racing/Administrator
- ✓ Asamoah Gyan - Football
- ✓ Andre Dede Ayew - Football
- ✓ Anthony Yeboah - Football

22. SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

- ✓ Evans Kojo Yeboah - Badminton

23. TABLE TENNIS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- ✓ Emmanuel Commey/James Marfo

24. SWAG PRESIDENT'S AWARD

- ✓ Mr. Henry Arko

25. 50TH ANNIVERSARY AMBASSADORS

- ✓ Magaret Simpson – Athletics
- ✓ Azumah Nelson - Boxing
- ✓ Abedi Ayew Pele – Football (Ligue 1)
- ✓ Michael Essien – Football (EPL)
- ✓ Kwadwo Asamoah/Stephen Appiah – Football (Serie A)
- ✓ Samuel Osei Kufour – Football (Bundesliga)
- ✓ Women's Football –
 - Adwoa Bayor
 - Alberta Sackey

The SWAG Awards has a rich history of recognizing and celebrating excellence in Ghanaian sports. Over the years, the awards have honored numerous sports personalities, including athletes, coaches, and administrators, who have made significant contributions to the country's sporting landscape. This year's awards promise to be just as exciting and unforgettable, with a star-studded ceremony planned to honour the best in sports.

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Signed
SWAG Secretariat