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## **Sports personalities to gather for SP Sports Awards**

Some of the best sports men and women of Papua New Guinea will gather in Port Moresby this weekend for the 26<sup>th</sup> SP Sports Awards.

Three finalists each from 11 categories covering athletes, officials, teams and the media will see who among them will receive the prestigious award on Saturday night.

Chairperson of the SP Sports Awards organizing committee, Tania Mairi Mahuru said they are planning a big night and the team is finalizing the preparations.

Over 200 people including the finalists, their guests, sponsors, partners and representatives from various sporting codes will be there to witness the ceremony.

Guests at the awards will also be graced with the presence of international skiing legend, Jacqui Cooper who will be speaking on the night.

Cooper will be meeting the finalists separately and will also be engaged in other activities throughout the weekend.

“We have a full programme starting earlier in the day with Jacqui and the finalists, and that will lead on into the night with the awards,” Mahuru said.

Secretary General of the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee, Auvita Rapilla said the SP Sports Awards is an important moment for the finalists and congratulated them for being nominated in this year’s Awards.

She thanked SP Brewery for the support of the event and welcomed those who will be making the trip to Port Moresby.

SP Brewery Managing Director, Stan Joyce said it is exciting to have all the best sports personalities together and encouraged the finalists to enjoy the evening responsibly while also sharing their experiences with each other.

While only one of the three finalists will receive the award, the SP Sports Awards committee recognizes all finalists as excellent sports people and encourages them to continue to strive for the best in their respective codes.

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