



# MEET THE KZN 2025 CHAMPIONS



The inaugural Runner Awards™ 2025 marked a major celebration of excellence, dedication, and community spirit. This platform was created to honour not just speed, but the routes, clubs, leaders, and personal stories that make running truly transformative.

To our 17 winners, massive congratulations. This recognition powered by the community is well deserved. You haven't just raised the bar; you've set. The success of 2025 is only the start. We look ahead with excitement to Runner Awards™ 2026. To the entire running community: thank you for your nominations, your votes, and your unwavering support. Together, we're building a legacy that honours every stride.



## Best Race Route Chillie Running Club

Congratulations to the Chillie Running Club for their existing 10km race route, voted as the most scenic, enjoyable, offering an exceptional running experience from start to finish.



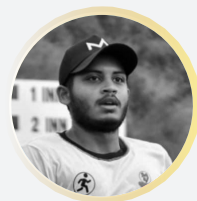
## Most Supportive Club Chillie Running Club

Chosen for being overwhelming supportive across races, consistently extending care and encouragement beyond their own members to ensure every runner had the best possible race day experience.



## Best Club Running Kit Hollywood AC

Congratulations to Hollywood AC, voted for their outstanding club kit, recognising its distinctive design, quality, and the strong sense of identity and pride it fosters among its runners on the road.



## Novice Runner of the Year Akhil Chaddy

Congratulations to Akhil Chaddy, voted as the outstanding new runner of the year, Akhil made an immediate impact with his dedication, rapid improvement, and infectious enthusiasm, inspiring fellow newcomers to the sport.



## Best Running Coach Prodigal Khumalo

Congratulations to Prodigal Khumalo, honoured for his exceptional ability to mentor, motivate, and develop athletes, helping them to achieve their personal bests and fall in love with the process.



## Best Running Entries Company Eventtiming

Congratulations to Eventtiming, voted as the most reliable and user-friendly platform for race entries, providing a seamless and efficient service that is trusted by runners and race organisers alike.



## Best Corporate Sponsor of the Year Hollywood Bets

Voted the most supportive corporate citizen for their unwavering commitment to the development of the sport, closely advocating for and enabling growth through significant sponsorship and community engagement.



## Most Improved Race PDAC

Their annual race was voted as the "Most Improved," recognising significant enhancements in its organisation, runner experience, and overall execution, making it a standout event on the racing calendar.



## Running Promoter/Influencer of the Year Sabelo Buqa

Congratulations to Sabelo Buqa, honoured for his powerful and positive impact on the running community, using his platform to inspire, engage, and bring people together through the sport.



## Race of the Year Hollywood AC 10km

Congratulations to Hollywood AC! Their annual 10km race was voted for its flawless organisation, incredible atmosphere, and its ability to deliver a premier racing experience for all participants.



## Best Running Community Izitebele

Congratulations to Izitebele! This award celebrates their incredible camaraderie, unwavering mutual support, and the powerful, positive environment they create for runners of all levels.



## Running Club of the Year DHS Old Boys

Congratulations to DHS Old Boys, voted for their all-around excellence, demonstrating strong performance, deep community involvement, and a positive, enduring impact on the local running scene.



## Female Runner of the Year Sphelele Myeni

Congratulations to Sphelele Myeni, crowned for her exceptional performances, consistency, and dominance in her running category throughout the season.



## Male Runner of the Year Fikinkosi Zondi

Overwhelmingly supportive club, even beyond its own runners, always extending care to enable other runners the best race day experience.



## International Achievement Gift Mlotshwa & Sakhumzi Diko



Both athletes were honoured for their phenomenal achievement of earning the prestigious ABBOT World Marathon Major star, proudly putting KwaZulu Natal running on the global map.



## Public Personality of the Year Dean Wight

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