

SPORTEL Awards 2025: An Exceptional Jury to Celebrate Excellence in Sport

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From October 19 to 21, 2025, the Grimaldi Forum Monaco will once again host the **SPORTEL Awards**. This year, the event has unveiled an outstanding jury, made up of eight distinguished personalities whose diverse journeys reflect both richness and complementarity.

Presiding over the jury is a true legend of French tennis, **Henri Leconte**. Roland-Garros finalist, Davis Cup champion, he embodies audacity, flair and a genuine passion for sport. At his side are leading figures from different backgrounds, all united by the celebration of excellence, emotion and the universal diversity of sport.

Among them is **Allison Pineau**, a towering figure of international handball. Olympic, World and European champion, she boasts more than 270 caps and nearly 700 goals with the French national team. Named World Handball Player of the Year in 2009 at just 20 years old, her vision and leadership have made her an undisputed reference in her sport. She is representing the French National Olympic Committee this year.

The 2025 jury also welcomes **Masomah Ali Zada**, Afghan cyclist and member of the Olympic Refugee Team, as well as an ambassador for Peace and Sport. Her journey, defined by resilience and an extraordinary spirit of perseverance, embodies the inclusive and universal power of sport.

Joining them is **Lonsana Doumbouya**, Guinean international footballer, whose career has taken him across Europe and Asia. His story perfectly illustrates the international mobility and openness of today's sporting world.

The world of media and communication is also represented with **Emmanuelle Lacaze**, President of the Gédéon agency. Under her leadership, the agency has won multiple rebranding awards, collaborated on the visual identity and films for Paris 2024, and was named European Agency of the Year.

The jury also benefits from the institutional expertise of **Robert Colle**, Vice-President of the Monaco Ski Federation and member of the Monaco Olympic Committee, ensuring a strong connection to the Principality's sporting tradition.

Finally, journalism is honoured this year by two major names: **Stéphane Le Goff**, an experienced reporter who has covered Olympic Games and FIFA World Cups, and **Jean-Denis Walter**, former photographer and Editor-in-Chief of *L'Équipe Magazine*, whose sensitive and sharp eye will bring unique perspective to the selection of the best sporting images.

It is this exceptional jury that will have the honour of awarding the achievements that have marked the international sporting year at the ceremony taking place on **Monday, October 20 at 7:30 pm at the Grimaldi Forum Monaco**. Hosted by **Marc Maury**, former decathlete and rugby player who has become the iconic master of ceremonies at major sporting events, this evening—**broadcast live on TVMonaco**—promises to be vibrant and emotional.

As every year, the SPORTEL Awards will recognise the Best Slow Motion, the most powerful Documentaries, the most impactful Reports, the most creative Advertising, as well as the Jury's Special Prize. More than just an awards show, this evening is a true celebration of sporting emotion: spectacular images, surprises, and above all, a unique concentration of passion and talent.

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