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**CIRCULAR 9 OF 2026:  
NIBA LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR INITIATIVE**

Dear Member Clubs

As mentioned in our recent circular, Mark Taylor will be taking over as District Competition Secretary when Roy Fraser steps down on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026. During this transition, Mark is assisting Roy and learning the ropes.

Mark has proposed a great new initiative, approved by the Executive, to introduce a new Prize Giving category: League Player of the Year. Many thanks to Mark for this idea we believe that it is a fantastic way to recognise players across our leagues. League Player of the Year will launch tomorrow 17 January 2026.

Applies to all NIBA Leagues – Divisions as follows: Ladies 1st League, Men's Premier League, Men's 1st League, Men's 2nd League, Men's 3rd League, Mixed Mini League.

Process:

1. Each skip and their team will select one player per rink from the opposing team as Player of the Match.
2. Simply circle the chosen player's name on the scorecard.
3. Scorecards must show players' initials or name and surnames, not just first names or nicknames.
4. Skips and host clubs are responsible for submitting legible scorecards at the end of play.
5. At the end of the league season, the player with the most votes in each division will be crowned League Player of the Year for that division.
6. This choice must remain confidential until Prize Giving.

Competition Secretaries, please ensure your Captains and Skips understand and promote this concept. Our goal is to recognise players as judged by their peers and help elevate standards across the district.

Looking forward to an exciting league season!

Kind regards

Tara Janse van Rensburg

**PRESIDENT**

16 January 2026

Cc Executive & Clubs