

A Gold Jury for SPORTEL Awards 2024

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The eight personalities who will make up the 2024 jury for the SPORTEL Awards, which will take place from **27 to 29 October at the Grimaldi Forum in Monaco**, were revealed on Thursday 10 October.

Presided over by an icon of French fencing, **Laura Flessel-Colovic**, former Minister of Sports, five-time Olympic medallist, six-time world champion, one-time European champion, and eighteen-time French champion, the jury of this new edition brings together several sports celebrities from various backgrounds.

Alongside “the wasp,” as she is nicknamed, and who remains the most decorated French athlete in the Olympics across all disciplines, will be **Pauline Déroulède**, France’s No.1 wheelchair tennis player, this extraordinary athlete with a mind of steel, triple French champion (2021, 2022 and 2023). Also on the jury is dancer, photographer, and artistic director **Mathieu Forget**, with his keen eye on sports images. Known as “The Flying Man,” for his talent in capturing the fleeting movement of an athlete in mid-air, Forget will bring his expertise in selecting the most beautiful sports sequences of the year.

Also joining this impressive jury will be Jackson Richardson, the man who transformed the destiny of French handball. With a record 417 appearances for the National Team, double world champion, named World’s Best Player in 1995, and France’s Best Player of the 20th century, **Richardson**, who is also the chef de mission for the French Olympic team at the Paris Olympics, will have a crucial role in this year’s panel.

Céline Jobert, a prominent figure in sports marketing in France, specialising in innovative and engaging communication strategies, will also be part of the jury. As president of LAFOURMI agency and The Fan Syndicate, the first independent communications group dedicated to the sports industry in France, Jobert will share her expertise in sports business to help determine the winners of the Golden Podiums and the Renaud de Laborde Book Prize 2024.

They will be joined by **Stéphane Le Goff**, a renowned reporter who has covered ten Olympic Games and World Cups across various sports, and **Robert Colle**, vice-president of the Monaco Ski Federation, representing the Monaco Olympic Committee.

Finally, **Florent Pietrus**, a big name in French basketball and member of the French Olympic Committee’s Athletes Commission, European Champion in 2013 with 230 national team caps, will represent the Peace & Sport Champions for Peace as part of this year’s jury to determine the winners among the 18 selected works and five pre-selected books.

The winners of the **SPORTEL Awards 2024 will be unveiled on Monday, October 28, at 7:45 PM** at the Grimaldi Forum in Monaco, in the presence of many Olympic champions, world champions, and celebrities from various sporting disciplines.

The ceremony, hosted by Marc Maury, former decathlete and XV rugby player turned international sports events presenter, will be broadcast live by TV Monaco. The best slow-motion of the year, the most beautiful documentaries, the finest reports, the most creative advertisements, and the jury’s favourite will be honoured during this magnificent evening, promising a showcase of stunning sports images, surprises, and plenty of emotions.

2024 Autobiography Prize to Dominique Rocheteau

The Autobiography Prize, which recognises the sports personality who has written the best autobiography of the year, will be awarded to **Dominique Rocheteau** for his book *Foot Sentimental* (published by Le Cherche Midi). A title that resonates with the idealism of the “Green Angel,” the international player with 49 caps, an iconic figure for Saint-Étienne in the 1970s, striker for Paris Saint-Germain with 100 goals and Toulouse, who also participated in three World Cups with the French national team.

Drawing on his personal experiences, Dominique Rocheteau also addresses ethical issues, stadium violence, the omnipresence of money, media pressure, the passion of supporters, the determination of female players to whom he pays a beautiful tribute, and the unwavering dedication of volunteers, without whom the world of football would grind to a halt.

This memoir of a unique football career recalls the great journeys of his prominent clubs. A multiple French champion, finalist in the famous European Cup of Champions Clubs in 1976 with ASSE, and Euro '84 winner, Dominique Rocheteau opens up in this autobiography, sharing numerous memories and anecdotes, taking the reader back to moments of excitement from an era not so far removed.

The Autobiography Prize will be presented during the **SPORTEL Awards ceremony** on **Monday, October 28, at 7:45 PM**, at the Grimaldi Forum in Monaco.

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