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Citation	1. These Regulations may be cited as the Botswana Honours Regulations, 1995.
Interpretation	2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires "recipient" means the person to whom an honour has been awarded.
The Naledi ya Botswana	3. (1) The Naledi ya Botswana shall be struck in silver and shall be in the shape of a six-pointed star with a width of one and three quarter inches between the ends of diagonally opposite rays, and with a circular disk in the middle with a diameter of seven eighths of an inch, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the legend "REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA" and the reverse having engraved upon it the words "FOR CONSPICUOUS SERVICE", the name of the recipient and the date of the award.

(2) The honour shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a silver clasp, affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and of the following widths —

Azure blue:	Seven sixteenths of an inch
White:	One eighth of an inch
Black:	Three eighths of an inch
White:	One eighth of an inch
Azure blue:	Seven sixteenths of an inch

(3) The award of the honour shall entitle the recipient to add the letters N.Y.B. after his name, but shall not entitle him to any individual precedence.

4. (1) The Cross of Gallantry shall be struck in silver in the shape of an equal armed cross with a width of one and three quarter inches between the ends of diagonally opposite arms and with a circular disk in the middle with a diameter of seven eighths of an inch, the obverse consisting in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the legend "REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA" and the reverse having engraved upon it the words "FOR GALLANTRY", the name of the recipient and the date of the award.

The Cross of
Gallantry

(2) The honour shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a silver clasp affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and of the following widths —

White:	One eighth of an inch
Azure blue:	Seven sixteenths of an inch
Black:	Three eighths of an inch
Azure blue:	Seven sixteenths of an inch
White:	One eighth of an inch.

(3) The award of the honour shall entitle the recipient to add the letters C.G. after his name, but it shall not entitle him to any individual precedence.

(4) The honour may be awarded in time of peace or war.

5. (1) The Presidential Order of Honour shall be struck in silver gilt and shall be circular in shape with a diameter of one and three eighths inches, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the legend "REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA ORDER OF HONOUR" and the reverse having engraved upon it the name of the recipient and the date of the award.

The
Presidential
Order of
Honour

(2) The honour shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a silver gilt clasp, affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width of an azure blue colour.

(3) The award of the honour shall entitle the recipient to add the letters P.H. after his name, but shall not entitle him to individual precedence.

6. (1) The Presidential Order of Meritorious Service shall be struck in bronze and shall be in the shape of a five-pointed star with a width of one and three quarter inches between the ends of alternate points and with a circular disk in the middle with a diameter of seven eighths of an inch, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the reverse having engraved upon it the words "FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE" and the name of the recipient and the date of the award.

The
Presidential
Order of
Meritorious
Service

(2) The honour shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a bronze clasp, affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and the following widths —

Black:	One quarter of an inch
Azure blue:	One inch
Black:	One quarter of an inch

(3) The award of the honour shall entitle the recipient to add the letters P.M.S. after his name, but shall not entitle him to any individual precedence.

The Botswana
Police Medal
for Meritorious
Service

7. (1) The Botswana Police Medal for Meritorious Service shall be struck in silver and shall be circular in shape, with a diameter of one and three eighths inches, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the reverse bearing, in relief, the words "BOTSWANA POLICE FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE", the name, rank and number of the recipient and the date of the award engraved on the rim thereof.

(2) The medal shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a silver clasp, affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and of the following widths —

Old Gold:	One quarter of an inch
Maroon:	Three eighths of an inch
Old Gold:	One quarter of an inch
Maroon:	Three eighths of an inch
Old Gold:	One quarter of an inch

(3) The award of the honour shall entitle the recipient to add the letters B.P.M. after his name, but it shall not entitle the recipient to any individual precedence.

The Botswana
Police Long
Service and
Good Conduct
Medal

8. (1) The Botswana Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal shall be struck in silver and shall be circular in shape, with a diameter of one and three eighths of an inch, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the reverse bearing, in relief the legend "BOTSWANA POLICE FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT", the name, rank and number of the recipient and the date of the award being engraved upon the rim thereof.

(2) The medal shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a silver clasp, affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and of the following widths —

Old Gold:	One quarter of an inch
Maroon:	One inch
Old Gold:	One quarter of an inch

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(3) The medal may be awarded in such circumstances as may be prescribed under the provisions of the Police Act.

The Botswana
Prison Service
Medal

9. (1) The Botswana Prison Service Medal shall be struck in silver and shall be circular in shape, with a diameter of one and three eighths inches, the observe consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the legend "REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA" and the reverse having, in relief, the legend "BOTSWANA PRISON SERVICE FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT", the name, rank and number of the recipient and the date of the award being engraved on the rim thereof.

(2) The medal shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a silver clasp, affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width, and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and the following widths -

Azure blue:	Three sixteenths of an inch
White:	Three sixteenths of an inch
Black:	Three sixteenths of an inch
Olive green:	Three eighths of an inch
Black:	Three sixteenths of an inch
White:	Three sixteenths of an inch
Azure blue:	Three sixteenths of an inch

(3) A clasp to the medal shall be attached to the ribbon when the medal itself is worn. A small star emblem denoting the award of each clasp shall be worn on the ribbon when the ribbon only is worn.

10. The Presidential Certificate of Honour shall be in such form as the President may approve.

11. (1) The insignia for the Presidential Order of Botswana shall consist of an eight-pointed Star worn on the left breast and a broad sash with sash badge worn over the right shoulder to the left hip.

(2) The Star shall be struck in 9 ct white gold with five graduated points between each of the eight lower points. Superimposed in the centre shall be the Coat of Arms of Botswana enamelled on 9 ct yellow gold. The diameter between the longest point of the Star shall be three and seven-sixteenths inches and the size of the Coat of Arms shall be two inches in width and one and a half inches in height.

(3) The sash shall be made in watered silk and shall have a width of three and a half inches, consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and widths —

Azure Blue:	One and five sixteenths inches
White:	Three sixteenths of an inch
Black:	Eight sixteenths of an inch
White:	Three sixteenths of an inch
Azure Blue:	One and five sixteenths inches.

It shall be embellished by a bow of the same riband at the lower end.

(4) From the sash bow shall be suspended a badge consisting of the Coat of Arms of Botswana enamelled on 9 ct yellow gold and measuring two inches in width and one a half inches in height.

(5) Additionally, there shall be a medal ribbon of watered silk with a gilt rosette superimposed in the centre (for uniform wear) measuring one and a half inches in width and of the same design as the sash, each stripe measuring as follows —

Azure Blue:	Nine sixteenths of an inch
White:	Three thirty-seconds of an inch
Black:	Three sixteenths of an inch
White:	Three thirty-seconds of an inch
Azure Blue:	Nine sixteenths of an inch.

(6) The award of the honour shall entitle the recipient to add the letters P.O.B. after his name, but shall not entitle him to any individual precedence.

The Presidential
Certificate of
Honour
Presidential
Order
Botswana

**The Botswana
Prison Service
Medal for
Meritorious
Service**

12. (1) The medal shall be struck in silver and shall be circular in shape, with a diameter of one and three eighths inches, the obverse consisting in relief of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the reverse bearing in relief, the words "BOTSWANA PRISON SERVICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE".

(2) The medal shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a silver clasp, affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and widths —

Olive green:	One quarter of an inch
Black:	Three eighths of an inch
Red:	One quarter of an inch
Black:	Three eighths of an inch
Olive Green:	One quarter of an inch.

(3) The award of the honour shall entitle the recipient to add the letters M.M.S. after his name, but it shall not entitle him to any individual precedence.

**The Botswana
Police
Distinguished
Service Order**

13. (1) The Botswana Police Distinguished Service Order shall be struck in sterling silver and shall represent a Maltese Cross one and three quarters inches in height, the above consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the legend "REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA", and the reverse having, in relief, the legend "BOTSWANA POLICE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER", together with the name of the recipient and the date of the award.

(2) The medal shall be worn on the left breast pendent from a sterling silver clasp, affixed to a plain woven maroon coloured ribbon, one and a half inches in width.

**The Botswana
Police Jubilee
Service Medal**

14. (1) The Botswana Police Jubilee Service Medal shall be struck in sterling silver and shall be circular in shape with a diameter of one and three eighths inches the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the legend "REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA", and the reverse bearing, in relief, the legend "BOTSWANA POLICE JUBILEE SERVICE MEDAL", the name of the recipient and the date of the award.

(2) The medal shall be worn on the left breast pendent from a sterling silver clasp affixed to a plain woven gold coloured ribbon, one and a half inches in width.

**The Botswana
Police Medal
for Conspicuous
Bravery**

15. (1) The Botswana Police Medal for Conspicuous Bravery shall be struck in sterling silver and shall be circular in shape with a diameter of one and three eighths inches, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the legend "REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA", and the reverse bearing, in relief, the legend "BOTSWANA POLICE MEDAL FOR CONSPICUOUS BRAVERY", together with the name of the recipient and the date of the award.

(2) The medal shall be worn on the left breast pendent from a Sterling silver clasp affixed to a plain woven ribbon one and a half inches in width and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and widths —

Maroon:	Three quarters of an inch
Gold:	Three quarters of an inch

16. (1) The Botswana Police Centenary Medal shall be struck in sterling silver, circular in shape with a diameter of one and three eighths inches and encircled by a five pointed star, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the legend "REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA", and the reverse bearing , in relief, the Botswana Police Badge, the legend "FIRST CENTENARY" and the legend "NGWAGA YA BOLEKGOLO".

The Botswana
Police
Centenary
Medal

(2) The medal shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a sterling silver clasp affixed to a plain woven Botswana flag supported on each length by a maroon coloured ribbon one and half inches in width.

17. (1) The Order shall be struck in sterling silver and shall represent a Maltese cross one and three fifths inches in height, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the legend "REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA" and the reverse bearing in relief, the legend "BOTSWANA PRISON SERVICE FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE".

The Botswana
Prison Service
Distinguished
Service Order

(2) The medal shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a silver clasp, affixed to a silk ribbon one and half inches in width, and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and the following widths —

Azure Blue: One quarter of an inch
Olive Green: One inch
Azure Blue: One quarter of an inch

(3) A clasp to the Medal shall be attached to the ribbon when the Medal is worn. A small star emblem denoting the award of the clasp shall be worn on the ribbon when the ribbon only is worn.

18. (1) The medal shall be struck in sterling silver and shall be circular in shape with a diameter of one and three tenths inches, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the legend "REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA" and the reverse bearing in relief, the legend "BOTSWANA PRISON SERVICE FOR JUBILEE SERVICE".

The Botswana
Prison Service
Jubilee
Service
Medal

(2) The medal shall be worn on the left breast pendent from a silver clasp, affixed to a woven silk ribbon one and a half inches in width and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and widths —

White: One fifth of an inch
Olive green: One and One fifteenth inches
White: One fifth of an inch

19. (1) The medal shall be struck in sterling silver and shall be circular in shape with a diameter of one and three tenths inches, the obverse consisting, in relief, of the Coat of Arms of Botswana and the legend "REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA" and the reverse bearing, in relief, the legend "BOTSWANA PRISON SERVICE FOR CONSPICUOUS BRAVERY".

The Botswana
Prison Service
Medal for
Conspicuous
Bravery

(2) The medal shall be worn on the left breast, pendent from a silver clasp, affixed to a silk ribbon one and a half inches in width, and consisting of vertical stripes from left to right in the following colours and widths —

Azure blue: Three quarters of an inch
White: Three quarters of an inch

20. A pattern of every honour, together with a pattern or reproduction thereof in miniature, half the size of the honour, which may be worn on certain occasions by persons to whom the medal has been awarded or by his widow, shall be deposited and kept in the office of the President of Botswana and in the Government Archives.

Pattern of
honours to be
deposited

21. If an honour is awarded to any person who is a prisoner of war or who is missing, such award shall not be published until the person concerned has ceased to be a prisoner of war or to be missing.

22. (1) The President may direct that an honour shall be forfeited where the recipient has been —

- (a) convicted of treason, sedition, mutiny or any similar offence; or
(b) sentenced to imprisonment without the option of any fine for a period of not less than six months or has been cashiered, dismissed or discharged from any part of the service of the Republic of Botswana with ignominy.

(2) If the award of an honour has, in terms of subregulation (1) been forfeited, the President may restore such medal if he considers that the recipient concerned is, in every way, worthy of such restoration.

(3) The recipient concerned shall, on the forfeiting of his honour under subregulation (1) surrender such honour to the officer designated under regulation 24.

23. (1) Honours and the ribbons thereof shall, after award, be provided to a recipient against payment.

(2) In addition such ribbon or a miniature of the honour may be provided to recipient against payment.

24. An officer in the public service designated thereto by the President shall maintain a register in which particulars are recorded as to the person to whom an honour has been awarded and the nature of the award made.

25. (1) No person to whom an honour has been presented shall pledge, sell, barter or dispose of such honour other than by way of testamentary bequest.

(2) If an honour is lost, the person concerned shall submit a written report of the loss to the officer designated under regulation 24, who may authorize the replacement thereof, whether free or at the expense of the recipient.

26. (1) The order of precedence of honours shall be —

The Naledi ya Botswana

The Cross of Gallantry

The Presidential Order of Honour

The Presidential Order of Meritorious Service)equal
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The Botswana Police Medal for Meritorious Service

The Botswana Police Distinguished Service Order

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The Botswana Prison Service Medal for Meritorious Service

The Presidential Order of Botswana

The Presidential Certificate of Honour

(2) Botswana honours will take precedence over any foreign or Commonwealth honour:

Provided that where a Commonwealth citizen in the service of the Republic of Botswana is awarded an honour by the country of which he is citizen, the honour will take precedence over Botswana honours.

(3) Honour insignia from whatever source or country other than campaign medals shall precede campaign medals.

27. (1) An honour shall be worn with normal day dress or morning dress suspended from a horizontal metal brooch by its ribbon in a position equidistant from the centre of the breast on the one side of the armpit seam of the jacket on the other and above the left breast jacket pocket at a distance of approximately six to eight inches from the next shoulder seam of the jacket:

Wear with
normal day
dress and
morning dress

Provided that ladies may wear an honour on the left side of the dress below the shoulder as high up as is considered convenient.

(2) When two or more honours are worn they should be suspended in order of precedence from a metal brooch (no part of which should be seen) and worn in the manner prescribed in subregulation (1).

(3) When honours cannot on account of their number be suspended from a brooch so as to be seen fully they shall be worn so as to overlap, and not, unless this is unavoidable, suspended from a second brooch.

(4) Where an honour is suspended from a ribbon the length of ribbon should be such as to make a total length suspension of four inches from the top of the horizontal brooch to the bottom of the star, medal or medallion.

(5) Ladies may wear miniatures of an honour upon any occasion upon which honours may be worn.

(6) In the case of evening dress an honour shall be worn in miniature mounted on a bar in brooch form, pinned horizontally on the left lapel of the coat midway in height between the armpit and the peak of the shoulder.

28. Honours shall be worn on all State ceremonial occasions to which the recipient is invited on President's Day and Botswana Day and on other occasions of State ceremony to which the recipient is invited where the invitation states the honours shall be worn.

Occasions for
wearing of
honours

29. Honours shall be kept clean.

Honours to
be kept clean

30. (1) A person in the public service of Botswana who is not a citizen of Botswana may not wear a foreign or Commonwealth honour awarded to him after the commencement of these Regulations while in such service without the permission of the President.

Awards of
foreign
honours to
persons in
Botswana

(2) No Botswana citizen may accept any foreign or Commonwealth honour or accept the insignia thereof without the consent of the President, which permission may be either full permission or restricted permission.

(3) Where restricted permission has been granted under the provisions of subregulation (2) the honour shall be worn only on the occasions specified in the permission.

(4) Application for permission under the provisions of subregulation (2) shall be made by the Government desirous of making the award to the Office of the President, and if the application is granted, notice thereof shall be given by the Minister in the Gazette.

MADE this 26th day of July, 1995.

Q.K.J. MASIRE,
President.