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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

To the O5 Field

On Saturday evening at the 2026 Open and Senior Open Awards Ceremony, an error was made in the announcement of the Rookie of the Year award. Jacob Gough of Niagara Peninsula was incorrectly announced as the recipient when the award rightfully belonged to Nick Freeman of Niagara Peninsula.

Both Jacob and Nick have been contacted, and the situation has been addressed.

Congratulations to Nick Freeman on his accomplishment to achieve the 2026 Ontario Open Championships Rookie of the Year.

I would like to extend my sincere apologies to Nick and Jacob, as well as to all Open and Senior Open participants, for this mistake. An event of this calibre deserves the highest level of accuracy and professionalism, and I take full responsibility for the error.

Steps have already been taken to review our processes, and changes will be implemented moving forward to ensure this does not happen again.

Thank you for your understanding.

Gary Kehoe
MC, Awards Ceremony