

Northampton Student Sports Awards Criteria

2020/21

This document contains the criteria for the various awards presented at the University of Northampton Sports Awards evening. Sports Committee members should use these criteria as a guide when nominating their club, team and/or members for awards. (Note - It is the responsibility of the committee to nominate their club members for colours). For clarification or queries regarding these criteria, please email Balraj Dhingra (su.sport@northampton.ac.uk).

Nominations must be made online, via the link on the Sports Awards website.

Club of the Year

The following criteria will be considered when shortlisting for Club of the Year:

- o An increase in membership compared to the previous academic year.
- o Provide a wide variety of online activities for their membership that are well organised and successful.
- o Set an example to other clubs.
- o Have an effective and well organised committee.
- o Fundraised for either their club or an external charity and/or organisations.
- o An engaging web presence on all platforms of social media.
- o Evidence of commitment and significant positive contributions to their Club and the Sports Committee (e.g. General positive attitude, held club consistent meetings, attended and contributed to all Sports Committee meetings).
- o Club committee to demonstrate that they have taken on Annual General Meeting feedback from the previous year to improve their members' experiences.
- o A positive engagement with the Students' Union (e.g. Engaging with events the SU organises etc, regular meetings and updates with Sports Staff).
- o Maintained a good relationship with the SU and University throughout the year.
- o No disciplinarys above a level 4 in the academic year.

Most Improved Club

The following criteria will be considered when shortlisting for Most Improved Club of the Year:

- o An improved attitude towards their sport and the Sports Committee.
- o An increase in membership compared to the previous academic year.
- o An engaging web presence on all platforms of social media.
- o Have an improved administration processes
- o Evidence of improved commitment and significant positive contributions to their Club and/or the Sports Committee (e.g. Community work, Sports Committee sub-committee positions and student council).
- o Improved engagement with the Students' Union.

Changemaker Award

The following criteria will be considered when shortlisting for outstanding contribution to the community award (can be either individual or a group):

- o Total number of engagement/online events completed by the club.
- o Total amount of money fundraised for external charities and/or organisations (Local, Regional and National).
- o Individuals or groups that have continuously promoted social, environmental, economic or cultural well-being of communities whether local, nationally or overseas.
- o Evidence of Volunteering completed throughout the year

Best Online Engagement

The following criteria will be considered when shortlisting for Best Online Engagement:

- o Continued and successful efforts made to engage club members through online activities throughout the year
- o Promotion of an active lifestyle throughout the year using social media
- o Engagement of wider university community through online events
- o Evidence of effective and engaging social media practices across numerous platforms
- o Engagement with online campaigns

Sports Personality of the Year

The following criteria will be considered when shortlisting for Sports Personality of the Year:

- o An outstanding contribution towards sport, their club(s) and the Athletic Union community.
- o A commitment to developing themselves and others as sporting volunteers.
- o Enhancing the student experience for their members.
- o Works towards encouraging sporting participation within but not limited to their peers and the local community.
- o An ambassador for sporting ethos.

PLEASE NOTE: Once nominees have been chosen for this award, the winner will be decided by an online vote where members of sports clubs can vote for their winner.

Outstanding Contribution to Northampton Student Sport Award (x2)

The following criteria will be considered when shortlisting for Outstanding Contribution To Northampton Student Sport Award:

- o Students and Students' Union staff can nominate a student for this award.
- o Must demonstrate exceptional commitment to the club by 'going the extra mile'.
- o Nomination can be for (but not limited to) performance, committee members developing and providing effective administration for the club or general/ social members demonstrating exceptional commitment to their club(s).

First Year of the Year

The following criteria will be considered when shortlisting for First Year of the Year:

- o Must be a first-year student at the University of Northampton
- o Having immersed themselves within one or more clubs and demonstrate exceptional commitment.
- o Can provide examples of a positive attitude in their sport(s).
- o Should be able to demonstrate this individual's positive impact on a club (e.g through fundraising, commitment to the club or competitive performances).

Colours

Colours awards are to recognize those students who represent Northampton Student Sport by participating in sports clubs throughout their time at University. Nominations can only be made by the club committee, in order to obtain any of the colours awards the nomination criteria box must be filled in, failure to do so will result in those nominated not receiving their award.

PLEASE NOTE THAT COLOURS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION ON CAMPUS. THEY WILL NOT BE DELIVERED BY POST TO INDIVIDUALS.

Full Colours

- o Commitment to the same Northampton Student Sport team for 3 or 4 years.
- o Evidence of commitment and significant positive contributions to their Club and/or the Athletic Union e.g. regular club volunteering, community work, Sports Committee sub-committee positions etc.

Half Colours

- o Two years representing a Northampton Student Sport team.
- o A student who has committed to a club in their final year of study.
- o Evidence of commitment and significant positive contributions to their Club and/or the Athletic Union e.g. regular club volunteering, community work, Sports Committee sub-committee positions etc.

Representative Colours

- o Evidence of representing British/English Universities or a sports' National Governing Body at International level during the 2020/21 academic year.
- o Winning a National Governing Body recognised national competition within the 2020/21 academic year.