

Northampton Student Sports Awards Criteria 2019/20

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 need to be made online, the link can be found on the Sports Awards 2020 web page on the SU 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 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 Effective committee administrative processes for fixtures and/or competitions.
- 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 Must be able to provide examples of performance related successes.
- o Maintained a good relationship with the SU and University throughout the year.
- o No disciplinaries above a level 4 or conceded any walkovers in the academic year.

Team of the Year

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

- o Must be a specific team as opposed to a club i.e. Men's Badminton team or Cheerleading Comp Squad.
- o Can demonstrate numerous examples of consistent success throughout the year with in BUCS Leagues (if applicable) or sport specific external competitions.
- o Team must not have conceded any walkovers (if applicable).
- o Other exceptional performances will be considered if the above are not applicable.
- o Have an effective administration process for fixtures and competitions.

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.
- o Must be able to provide examples of performance related successes.

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 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.

Sportsman of the Year

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

- o An individual person representing Northampton Student Sport by themselves or as part of a team.
- o Can demonstrate considerable success throughout the academic year in terms of performance within their sport(s).
- o A commitment to their club, including training and at competitive fixtures/competitions.
- o An ambassador for sporting ethos.

Sportswoman of the Year

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

- o An individual person representing Northampton Student Sport by themselves or as part of a team.
- o Can demonstrate considerable success throughout the academic year in terms of performance within their sport(s).
- o A commitment to their club, including training and at competitive fixtures/competitions.
- o An ambassador for sporting ethos.

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 the Sports Committee population vote for their winner.

Outstanding Contribution To Northampton Student Sport Award

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 players performance on match days/ at competitions, 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 training or competitive performances).

Colours

Colours awards are to recognize those students who represent Northampton Student Sport by playing in sports teams 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.

DUE TO STUDENTS NOT COLLECTING AWARDS ONLY NOMINATE STUDENTS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING SPORTS AWARDS ON THE EVENING.

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 2019/20 academic year.
- o Winning an individual BUCS Championship or National Governing Body recognised National individual competition within the 2019/20 academic year.