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## Sports Awards Regulations and Criteria

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The Saints Sport Awards celebrates the amazing achievements of all the individuals involved in student sport at the University. The activities of clubs, student athletes and coaches are celebrated under the three pillars of Saints Sport: Excellence, Experience and Engagement.

This document outlines the awards regulations, detailing the committee, timeline, eligibility, appeals process and awards criteria. A separate document on guidance for submitting nominations can be found on the club portal.

## 1. The Awards Committee

1.1. The Awards Committee (herein referred to as “the Committee”) shall consist of the following individuals:

- 1.1.1. Athletic Union President
- 1.1.2. Deputy Director (Performance Sport)
- 1.1.3. Assistant Director (Sport Development)
- 1.1.4. Assistant Director (Commercial Operations)
- 1.1.5. Up to two members of the Athletic Union Student Sport Team.

1.2. The Chair of the Committee is the Athletic Union President.

## 2. Timeline of awards

2.1. The Awards season runs from the beginning of Week 8 in Semester 2 the previous academic year until the end of week 7 of Semester 2 in the current academic year.

2.1.1. Final year students whose achievements earn them Blues or Colours after this period, but prior to graduation that academic year, may request the appropriate award be conferred by the Committee. This must be made in writing to the Athletic Union President, who will then consult the Committee for a final decision.

2.1.2. Non-final year members whose achievements earn them Blues or Colours after Week 7 of Semester 2 will have the appropriate award conferred by the Committee in the next academic year.

2.1.3. Deferred nominations that are more than one year late will not be accepted under any circumstances.

2.1.4. If the criteria for an award has changed, and an individual no longer fits the criteria, they will not be eligible for the award.

- 2.2. Award criteria will be finalised by the Committee prior to nominations opening.
- 2.3. Nominations will usually open at the start of Week 8 of Semester 2 and will be open for at least two weeks. Any changes to the timeframe will be communicated well in advance.
- 2.4. Following the closure of nominations, the Committee will meet, and decisions on the nominations for all Saints Sport Awards shall be made.
- 2.5. Following the meeting described in 2.4, Blues and Colours winners and those shortlisted for individual awards will be notified. This information will be publicised as appropriate.
- 2.6. The appeals process will then open for two days. See Section 5 for the full Appeals process information.
- 2.7. An Awards ceremony will take place in the April of the academic year. Award winners will be announced at this event and publicised as appropriate.
- 2.8. A review of the Awards policies and procedures will be undertaken by the Athletic Union President alongside the Committee.

### **3. Eligibility**

- 3.1. The eligibility for each award is listed with the relevant award description in Sections 7-12. However, all nominees must be in good standing with Saints Sport, the University and the Student's Association.
- 3.2. Individuals who have graduated are still eligible for awards if their achievements fall within the awards season timeframe.

### **4. Regulations Governing Award**

- 4.1. The criteria for all the awards are laid out in Sections 7-12.
- 4.2. The Committee maintains the standards for awards. It also has the power to change any criteria if they deem it necessary. Any changes will be communicated with all clubs in writing.
- 4.3. Any particular award may not necessarily be awarded each year. This is at the discretion of the

Committee if it is believed that the standard falls below that which is required.

4.4. All awards shall be made at the discretion of the Committee.

4.5. Awards shall be made on the merit of nominations alone. More details may be required from the nominator if the Committee deems it necessary.

4.6. Nominations for awards can be made by the following people and/or groups:

4.6.1 A club affiliated by the Athletic Union

4.6.2 Full/part time director of a club

4.6.3 Members of Saints Sport Staff

4.6.4 The Committee may also nominate individuals and clubs for awards if they see fit

## 5. Appeals

5.1 If a club wishes to appeal against a decision made by the Committee, an appeal must be made in writing by the club president/captain to the Athletic Union President ([aupres@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:aupres@st-andrews.ac.uk)) within 2 days of the original communication. Appeals received after this time will not be considered.

5.2 Once this deadline has passed, the Committee will meet to consider any outstanding appeals. Representatives from the club which has appealed a decision may be invited to attend the meeting if the Committee deems necessary.

5.3 Results of appeals will be communicated to clubs following the appeals meeting. The decision of the appeal is final.

## 6. Awards List

### 6.1. Blues and colours

6.1.1. Full Blue

6.1.2. Half Blue

6.1.3. Honorary Blue

6.1.4. Colours

### 6.2. Individual awards for excellence within sport

6.2.1. Professor Sam Taylor Bejant of the Year Award

6.2.2. Lord Menzies Campbell Athlete of the Year Award

6.2.3. Provost's Postgraduate Scholar of the Year Award

6.3. Individual awards for enhancing student experience within sport

- 6.3.1. Saints Sport Volunteer Coach of the Year Award
- 6.3.2. Saints Sport Staff Member of the Year
- 6.3.3. Archie Strachan Award for Enhancing Sporting Experience

6.4. Individual awards for widening engagement in sport

- 6.4.1. Martin Barkla Student Volunteer of the Year Award
- 6.4.2. Peter McKiernan Award for Enhancing Engagement in Sport

6.5. Individual award for Excellence, Experience and Engagement within sport

- 6.5.1. Chancellor's Award for Sport

6.6. Club and team awards

- 6.6.1. Saints Sport Team of the Year
- 6.6.2. Saints Sport Volunteer Club of the Year Award
- 6.6.3. Saints Sport Green Club of the Year
- 6.6.4. Wallace Prize for the Most Improved Club of the Year
- 6.6.5. Saints Sport Club of the Year

**7. Blues, Half Blues and Colours**

**7.1. Blue**

**Eligibility:**

Matriculated Student who has not already been awarded a blue

**Criteria:**

Awarded for individual sporting excellence to an exceptional student athlete competing at the highest achievable level of their sport whilst at University. No holder of a Blue shall be awarded the same or an inferior award within the club in which they gained an award.

**Number of Nominations Permitted:**

No Limit

**7.2. Half Blue**

**Eligibility:**

Matriculated Student that has not already been awarded a blue or a half blue

**Criteria:**

Awarded to student athletes for high sporting achievements within the context of their sport that fall below the criteria for a full blue

**Number of Nominations Permitted:**

No Limit

### 7.3. Honorary Blue

**Eligibility:**

Students, staff and graduates of the University

**Criteria:**

An Honorary Blue shall be awarded to an individual who has undertaken a significantly exceptional sporting endeavour that will inspire current students in the pursuit of excellence.

**Nominations:**

Nominations are welcomed and honorary blues will be awarded by the discretion of the Committee where it is deemed appropriate.

### 7.4. Colours

**Eligibility:**

Matriculated Student

**Criteria:**

Colours are to be awarded for exceptional service and dedication to a club in the areas of:

- Enhancing the student experience in an outstanding way through the work done with Saints Sport or an Athletic Union club
- Enhancing the engagement of a club with Saints Sport, other clubs, the local community, or the wider sporting world

**Number of Nominations Permitted:**

No limit

## 8. Individual awards for EXCELLENCE within sport

### 8.1. Professor Sam Taylor Bejant of the Year Award

*This award was instituted by Professor Sam Taylor who has made a long and valued contribution to the committees of the Athletic Union*

**Eligibility:**

Matriculated first year student

**Criteria:**

Awarded to a student who has shown outstanding sporting ability during their first year at university

**Number of Nominations Permitted:**

One per club

8.2. Lord Menzies Campbell Athlete of the Year Award

*This award was instituted by the Chancellor Lord Campbell, who represented GB at the Tokyo Olympics in 1964 and held the British 100 metre record from 1967-1974.*

**Eligibility:**

Matriculated student

**Criteria:**

Awarded to a sports person who has demonstrated the most outstanding athletic performance and achievement

**Number of Nominations Permitted:**

One per Club

8.3. The Provost's Postgraduate Scholar of the Year Award

*This award was instituted to recognise the impact and achievements of the University's **Saints Sport - St Leonards College Masters Scholars***

**Eligibility:**

Matriculated postgraduate student **and** a supported athlete

**Criteria:**

Awarded to a postgraduate scholar who has demonstrated outstanding athletic performance and achievement

**Number of Nominations Permitted:**

No limit

**9. Individual awards for enhancing student EXPERIENCE within sport**

9.1. Saints Sport Volunteer Coach of the Year Award

*This award was instituted to recognise and reward the commitment of our dedicated and selfless volunteer coaches.*

**Eligibility:**

Any individual who volunteers their time to coach a Saints Sport Club

**Criteria:**

Awarded for outstanding service to Saints Sport; the award can be made to any individual striving to promote and develop excellence in performance and/or enhance the student experience

**Number of Nominations Permitted:**

One per team

9.2. Archie Strachan Award for Enhancing Sporting Experience

*This award was instituted by the former director of physical education (1955-1985) Archie Strachan who made a long and valued contribution to the promotion of student sport in St Andrews*

**Eligibility:**

Matriculated Student

**Criteria:**

Awarded to the individual who has been of outstanding service to the Saints Sport or an affiliated club and who has helped move sport at St Andrews forward by enhancing the student experience for their peers

**Number of Nominations Permitted:**

One per club

9.3. Saints Sport Staff Member of the Year Award

*This award was instituted to recognise excellence in service and to give students the opportunity to thank the individuals who have helped to shape their student sporting experience.*

**Eligibility:**

Full time or part time member of staff

**Criteria:**

Awarded to a member of Saints Sport staff, who has gone above and beyond the requirements of their role to make a significant impact and improve the experience of students at the University

**Number of Nominations Permitted:**

No limit

**10. Individual awards for widening ENGAGEMENT within sport**

10.1. Martin Barkla Volunteer of the Year Award

*This award was instituted in 2019 in honour of Martin Barkla, who worked for the University for over 40 years. During his retirement he volunteered his time working for the Coast Guard to help students.*



**Eligibility:**

Matriculated Student

**Criteria:**

The Volunteer of the Year Award shall highlight the voluntary work of a club member pushing forward experience and engagement within the club, Saints Sport and the wider community within one year

**Number of Nominations Permitted:**

No limit

10.2. Peter McKiernan Award for Enhancing Engagement in Sport

*This award was instituted in 2010 by Peter McKiernan, former chair of the Athletic Union Governing Board.*

**Eligibility:**

Matriculated Student

**Criteria:**

Awarded to an individual who has given outstanding voluntary service to their sport, for their University club and/or in the community, during the course of their degree

**Number of nominations permitted:**

One per club

**11. Individual award for Excellence, Engagement and Experience within sport**

11.1. Chancellor's Award for Sport

*This award was instituted to recognise the very best students who embody all that Saints Sport and the University hold dear and is only presented to the most exceptional of students.*

**Eligibility:**

Matriculated Student

**Criteria:**

Awarded to a student who makes an exceptional contribution to Saints Sport and the University and has a significant impact in all three areas of the Saints Sport programme: excellence, experience and engagement. The Chancellor's Award for Sport represents the highest sporting accolade conferred by the University and is awarded to only the most exceptional students. The award does not need to be awarded annually.

**Number of Nominations Permitted:**

One per club

## 12. Club and team awards

### 12.1. Saints Sport Team of the Year Award

**Eligibility:**

A team of any Athletic Union affiliated club.

**Criteria:**

Awarded to one of the Athletic Union's club teams for outstanding performance in competition

**Number of Nominations Permitted:**

No limit

### 12.2. Saints Sport Volunteer Club of the Year Award

**Eligibility:**

Any sport club affiliated to the Athletic Union

**Criteria:**

Awarded to a club who has given outstanding voluntary service to Saints Sport through activities such as outreach, charity contribution and community engagement

**Number of Nominations Permitted:**

One per club

### 12.3. Saints Sport Green Club of the Year Award

**Eligibility:**

Any sport club affiliated to the Athletic Union

**Criteria:**

The Green Club of the Year Award recognises the club that has made a significant effort to reduce the environmental impact of either their own members, members of Saints Sport, or members of the University.

**Number of Nominations Permitted:**

One per club

### 12.4. Wallace Prize for the Most Improved Club of the Year

*The Wallace Prize was instituted by alumna Alison Wilson in memory of her mother and recognises clubs who've shown a commitment to increasing opportunities for students and community members alike to participate in their sport.*

**Eligibility:**

Any sport club affiliated to the Athletic Union

**Criteria:**

Awarded to the club that has shown the greatest improvement over the course of the year and in doing so displayed a commitment to widening participation and improving accessibility to sport, helping to enhance the student **experience** at St Andrews

**Number of nominations permitted:**

One per club

**Additional:**

This award is accompanied by a monetary prize of £500 which may be used by the club or any legitimate club purposes

12.5. Saints Sport Club of the Year Award

**Eligibility:**

Any sport club affiliated to the Athletic Union

**Criteria:**

The Club of the Year Award shall be awarded to a club which has shown the most outstanding commitment to achieving excellence, experience and engagement

**Number of Nominations Permitted:**

One per club

**13. Contact details**

To contact the awards committee please email the Athletic Union President:

**E: [aupres@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:aupres@st-andrews.ac.uk)**