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ANU Blues Awards

Guiding Criteria to assist nominations for all awards

Blue and Half Blue Awards

ANU Blues Awards are the highest sporting accolade for students awarded at the Australian National University.

A Blue is awarded to a sportsperson in recognition of their outstanding sporting achievements and for enhancing the reputation of University sport. A University Blue is an accolade held in high esteem and is one of the utmost accolades a University athlete can receive.

"In 1829 the first boat race between Oxford and Cambridge Universities was rowed on the River Thames from Hambleden Lock to Henley Bridge, a distance of about 2.25 miles. There were Old Etonians in either boat, and as the crews had no distinctive uniform to identify them, just before the start, a Cambridge Etonian tied a light blue scarf to the little post at the bow of his boat and an Oxford Etonian tied a dark blue scarf to the bow of his. Thus began a tradition and a basis for the award of Blues for outstanding achievement in university sport, a tradition adopted by English-speaking universities in many parts of the world"

To be eligible for a Blue or Half Blue award the Nominee:

1. Must be an enrolled student of the ANU at the time of their sporting achievement;
2. Where applicable, must be a financial and *active* member of the club for their discipline;
3. Must demonstrate making a positive contribution to University sport and recreation;
4. Must be a person of good character whose example both on and off the field reflects well on the ANU Sport and Recreation Association and the University as a whole;
5. Must show outstanding achievement in their chosen discipline;
6. May be considered if the nomination is submitted by a person or ANU Sport, and supported by the relevant state/national body, where a student competes in a sport that is not affiliated to the ANU Sport and Recreation Association;
7. Can only be awarded a Blue or a Half Blue once per person and sport, although a Blue can be awarded in a subsequent year to a Half Blue; and
8. Is not excluded from being awarded an ANU award if they had previously received an award at another university.



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Indigenous Sports Award of the Year

In conjunction with the Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre, the Indigenous Sports Award is awarded to an Indigenous student-athlete whose achievements have been outstanding in their chosen discipline(s).

To be eligible for this award the Nominee:

1. Must be an enrolled student of the ANU at the time of their sporting achievement;
2. Must be of Aboriginal or Torres Straight Island descent;
3. May be considered if the nomination is submitted by a person or ANU Sport, and supported by the relevant state/national body, where a student competes in a sport that is not affiliated to the ANU Sport and Recreation Association;
4. Be a person of good character whose example both on and off the field reflects well on the ANU Sport and Recreation Association and the University as a whole; and
5. May receive other ANU Sport and ANU Blue awards.

The recipient of this award will receive a 12 month ANU Sport Fitness Centre membership and access to strength and conditioning services. The award is conferred to one person per sporting year, and can be received by the same individual on more than one occasion.

Outstanding Athlete with a Disability Award

The Sporting Disability Award is awarded to a student-athlete with a disability whose achievements have been outstanding in their chosen discipline(s).

To be eligible for this award the Nominee:

1. Must be an enrolled student of the ANU at the time of their sporting achievement;
2. Must be registered with ANU Access and Inclusion;
3. May be considered if the nomination is submitted by a person or ANU Sport, and supported by the relevant state/national body, where a student competes in a sport that is not affiliated to the ANU Sport and Recreation Association;
4. Be a person of good character whose example both on and off the field reflects well on the ANU Sport and Recreation Association and the University as a whole; and
5. May receive other ANU Sport and ANU Blue awards.

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Sports Star of the Year

The Sport Star of the Year Award is awarded to a sports person whose achievements have been outstanding in their chosen discipline(s).

To be eligible for this award the nominee:

1. Must be an enrolled student of the ANU at the time of their sporting achievement;
2. Where applicable, must be a financial and active member of the club for their discipline;
3. Must demonstrate making a positive contribution to University sport and recreation;
4. Must be a person of good character whose example both on and off the field reflects well on the ANU Sport and Recreation Association and the University as a whole;
5. May be considered if the nomination is submitted by a person or ANU Sport, and supported by the relevant state/national body, where a student competes in a sport that is not affiliated to the ANU Sport and Recreation Association;
6. May receive other ANU Sport and ANU Blue awards; and
7. Is not excluded from being awarded an ANU award if they had previously received an award at another university.

The award is conferred to one person per sporting year, and can be received by the same individual on more than one occasion.

To be eligible for the remaining awards, the Nominee must be a current ANU Student, ANU Sport Member or a member of the nominating affiliated club.

Best Breakthrough Performance of the Year

The Best Breakthrough Performance of the Year Award is awarded to an individual or team who has achieved outstanding results in respect to their performance at an international, national, or state level competition.

Consideration may be given to the performance in a single event by the nominated individual or team, or over the course of a season or competition. This award may only be awarded to one individual or team per sporting year, and can be received by the same individual or team on more than one occasion.



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Best Individual Performance of the Year

The Best Individual Performance of the Year Award is awarded to an ANU student, ANU Sport member or club affiliate who has achieved outstanding results in respect to their performance at any sporting event, competition or throughout the course of a sporting season.

This award may only be awarded to one individual per sporting year, but can be received by the same individual on more than one occasion.

Best Team Performance of the Year

The Best Team Performance of the Year Award is awarded to an ANU team or affiliated club team which has achieved outstanding results in respect to their performance at any sporting event or competition, or throughout the course of a sporting season.

This award is open to Men's, Women's and mixed teams competing in ANU Sport programs (such as Intersarsity or UniSport events) or competing as part of an ANU Sport affiliated club. This award is awarded to one team per sporting year, but can be received by the same team on more than one occasion.

Club Athlete of the Year

The Club Athlete of the Year Award is awarded to an ANU Sport club member who has shown outstanding sporting performance and/or achievement for their club throughout the course of the season.

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must complete in at least 50% of season matches or club events, represent the club in a positive manner within the community and demonstrate respect for officials, opponents and supporters.

This award is awarded to one individual per sporting year, but can be received by the same individual on more than one occasion.

Club Team of the Year

The Club Team of the Year Award is awarded to an ANU Sport affiliated club team that has demonstrated sporting excellence throughout the course of a season. This award is open to Men's, Women's and mixed ANU Sport affiliated club teams which compete under the auspices of an ANU Sport affiliated club.

To be eligible for consideration, the team must represent the club in a positive manner within the community and demonstrate respect for officials, opponents and supporters. This award is awarded to one team per sporting year, but can be received by the same team on more than one occasion.



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Coach of the Year

The Coach of the Year Award is awarded to the ANU coach who has achieved outstanding coaching performance(s) with an ANU athlete or team. Nominations are open to all paid or unpaid coaches.

Consideration will be given to the highest level of coaching achievement, and the level of competition for achievement (i.e. state, national, international). The nominee must be a member of an ANU Sport affiliated club and be coaching an ANU Sport team, affiliated club team or ANU student.

Other considerations include:

1. Application of appropriate and accepted training theory and coaching principles to improve the level of performance of the team and or the individual athlete;
2. Presentation of a positive image of coaching and the role of the coach;
3. Respect for officials, opponents and supporters; and
4. Show outstanding impact on player performance.

This award is awarded to one individual per sporting year, but can be received by the same individual on more than one occasion.

Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year Award is an opportunity to recognise the generous contributions that volunteers make across the ANU Sporting community.

To be eligible for this award the nominee must be a member of an ANU Sport affiliated club or a member of ANU Sport.

Consideration will be given by the Committee to nominees who:

1. Provide outstanding service to the development and maintenance of an affiliated club;
2. Provide outstanding service to an affiliated club or team;
3. Go above and beyond and make a real difference within the community; and
4. Represent the club or university in a positive manner within the community.

This award is awarded to one individual per sporting year, but can be received by the same individual on more than one occasion.



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Peter McCullagh Achievement Award

The Peter McCullagh Achievement Award recognises achievement by an individual in ANU Sporting Clubs across administrative achievement, outstanding contribution to clubs, or sporting excellence (non-student).

To be eligible for this award the Nominee must be a current ANU Student, current ANU Sport member or current member of the nominating affiliated club, and shown excellence by:

- a. Providing outstanding administrative services to the development and maintenance of an affiliated club, with service being for a period of 4 years or greater; or
- b. Providing long term and valued service to the club as a competitor and been an active, reliable club member, though not necessarily an office bearer, with service being for a period of 4 years or greater; or
2. Achieving sporting excellence as a competitor in the twelve months preceding the nomination (non-student's only):
 - a. Being selected to represent Australia in any junior or senior international competition;
 - b. Competing as an elite amateur, or semi-professional in junior or senior national competitions or championships;
 - c. Achieved the status of State or Nationally ranked athlete in an individual event; or

This award can only be received once by an individual.

Club Awards

ANU Sport also opportunities for awards to its affiliated clubs.

In judging the nominations for these awards, the Blues Committee will consider the following:

1. Memberships;
2. Financial;
3. AGM, admin, President's report;
4. Sporting excellence;
5. Facilities improvement and maintenance; and
6. Club activities.



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Most Improved Club of the Year

The Most Improved Club of the Year Award recognises a club that has improved in administration, sporting excellence, outstanding service to members and the promotion and development of their sport. This award can be received by the same Club on more than one occasion.

Small Club of the Year

The Small Club of the Year Award recognises a club that has improved in administration, sporting excellence, outstanding service to members and the promotion and development of their sport. This award applies to clubs with less than 100 members, and can be received by the same Club on more than one occasion.

Club of the Year

The Club of the Year Award recognises a club that has excelled in administration, sporting excellence, outstanding service to members and the promotion and development of their sport. This award can be received by the same Club on more than one occasion. The winning Club may receive sponsored prize money to a value determined by the Blues Committee or as provided by a sponsoring organisation, and may be added to the Club's grant allocation for the following year.



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Role of the Blues Committee

The Blues Committee considers all recommendations received for awards, and retains the right to apply their discretion in the consideration of a number of factors, including student status of the applicant, their commitment to university sport and their ANU Sport affiliated club and other factors deemed relevant.

The Blues Committee will make its recommendations regarding Blues and other sports awards to the ANU Sport Council for endorsement.

Award Category	Eligibility		
	Must be a student enrolled at ANU at the time of their sporting achievement	ANU student, ANU Sport member or member of an affiliated club	Award can be received on more than one occasion
Full Blue	X		
Half Blue	X		
Indigenous Sports Award of the Year	X		X
Outstanding Athlete with a Disability Award	X		X
Sports Star of the Year	X		X
Peter McCullagh Achievement Award		X	
Best Breakthrough Performance of the Year		X	X
Best Individual Performance of the Year		X	X
Club Athlete of the Year		X	X
Coach of the Year		X	X
Volunteer of the Year		X	X
Best Team Performance of the Year		X	X
Club Team of the Year		X	X