



## ANU Sport Blues Awards

### *Selection Guiding Criteria*

The ANU Sport Blues Awards are the highest sporting accolade awarded at the Australian National University (ANU). Award categories are split into the Blue Awards for students only, and ANU Sport Awards with the individual, team, and club award recipients being enrolled ANU students and/or ANU Sport club members.

The Blues Awards Sub-Committee are responsible for determining the award recipients and will be bound by this document, the *"Selection Guiding Criteria"*, when reviewing all award nominations. The sub-committee retains the right to apply their discretion in the consideration of the award recipients. The sub-committee will make its recommendations for awards to the ANU Sport Board for endorsement.

### Awards List

The following awards are reviewed by the sub-committee annually. The Full Blue, Half Blue and Peter McCullagh Achievement Awards can be awarded to multiple recipients in the award year.

#### *Full Blue*

The Full Blue is awarded to an ANU student-athlete in recognition for their outstanding achievements at a national or international level, and for enhancing the reputation of university sport. A university Blue is held in high esteem and is one of the utmost accolades a university athlete can receive. To be eligible for a Full Blue the nominee/candidate:

1. Must be an enrolled student at the ANU at the time of their sporting achievement.
2. Must have been selected to compete at a significant national or international level including:
  - a. Australian (or international country) representation at the Olympics, Paralympics, Commonwealth Games, World Championships, World Cup, International Test Event, World University Championships; or
  - b. Elite amateur, semi-professional, or professional representation in a national competition (A-Leagues, ABL, AFL/AFLW, AHL, ATP, Big Bash, NBL/WNBL, NRL, Super Rugby, Super Netball etc.), international tour (Cycling, Golf, Tennis etc.); or
  - c. Medal placement or outstanding performance at an event (Boston Marathon, Sydney to Hobart Race etc.).
3. Must not have previously been awarded a Full Blue at the ANU for the same sport (not excluded if awarded from another university).

#### *Half Blue*

The Half Blue is awarded to an ANU student-athlete in recognition for their outstanding achievements at a state level or university competition, and for enhancing the reputation of university sport. To be eligible for a Half Blue the nominee/candidate:



1. Must be an enrolled student at the ANU at the time of their sporting achievement.
2. Must have been selected to compete at a significant state or national level including:
  - a. State representation at National Championships, National Competition, State Cup; or
  - b. Elite amateur or semi-professional in a national junior competition (AFL, Football, Rugby etc.); or
  - c. Medal placement or MVP at the UniSport Nationals.
3. Must not have previously been awarded a Full Blue or Half Blue at the ANU for the same sport (not excluded if awarded from another university).

### *Indigenous Sports Award of the Year*

The Indigenous Sports Award is awarded to an ANU Indigenous student-athlete, in conjunction with the ANU Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre, in recognition for their outstanding achievements in their chosen discipline(s), and exemplary character for the ANU community. To be eligible for the Indigenous Sports Award the nominee/candidate:

1. Must be an enrolled student at the ANU at the time of their sporting achievement.
2. Must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent.

### *Outstanding Athlete with a Disability Award*

The Outstanding Athlete with a Disability Award is awarded to an ANU student-athlete with a disability, in conjunction with ANU Access & Inclusion, in recognition for their outstanding achievements in their chosen discipline(s), and exemplary character for the ANU community. To be eligible for the Outstanding Athlete with a Disability Award the nominee/candidate:

1. Must be an enrolled student at the ANU at the time of their sporting achievement.
2. Must be registered with ANU Access & Inclusion.

### *Sports Star of the Year*

The Sports Star of the Year is awarded to an ANU student-athlete in recognition for their outstanding achievements in both their performance and contribution to sport, and exemplary character for the ANU community. To be eligible for the Sports Star of the Year the nominee/candidate:

1. Must be an enrolled student at the ANU at the time of their sporting achievement.
2. Must demonstrate a positive contribution to university sport and recreation.

### *Best Breakthrough Performance of the Year*

The Best Breakthrough Performance of the Year is awarded to an ANU student-athlete or ANU Sport club athlete or team in recognition for their outstanding result(s) at an international, national, or state competition, and taken the next step in their sporting career. To be eligible for the Best Breakthrough Performance of the Year the nominee/candidate:



1. Must be an enrolled student at the ANU, or registered ANU Sport club athlete or team at the time of their sporting achievement.
2. Must have achieved a significant result(s) at a competition or event including:
  - a. First time medal placement, new record, personal best, significant improvement in an inaugural or rookie season.
3. Must demonstrate how the achievement contributes towards their future sporting career.

### *Best Individual Performance of the Year*

The Best Individual Performance of the Year is awarded to an ANU student-athlete in recognition for their outstanding result(s) at any sporting event, competition, or throughout the course of a season. To be eligible for the Best Individual Performance of the Year the nominee/candidate:

1. Must be an enrolled student at the ANU at the time of their sporting achievement.
2. Can be a member of a sporting team who has performed exceptionally.
3. Can be extended to performance in multiple achievements throughout the award year.

### *Best Team Performance of the Year*

The Best Team Performance of the Year is awarded to an ANU representative team in recognition for their outstanding result(s) at any sporting event, competition, or throughout the course of a season. To be eligible for the Best Team Performance of the Year the nominee/candidate:

1. Must be a representative ANU team at the time of their sporting achievement.
2. Can be extended to performance in one particular event, game, season etc.

### *Club Athlete of the Year*

The Club Athlete of the Year is awarded to an ANU Sport club athlete for their outstanding achievements for their club throughout the course of a season, and exemplary character for the ANU community. To be eligible for the Club Athlete of the Year the nominee/candidate:

1. Must be a registered ANU Sport club athlete (non-student only) at the time of their sporting achievement.
2. Must have completed in a minimum of 50% of the season matches or events.
3. Must demonstrate a positive representation to community sport.

### *Club Team of the Year*

The Club Team of the Year is awarded to an ANU Sport club team in recognition for their outstanding achievements for their club throughout the course of a season. To be eligible for the Club Team of the Year the nominee/candidate:

1. Must be an affiliated ANU Sport club team at the time of their sporting achievement.
2. Must demonstrate a positive representation to community sport.



3. Can be extended to performance, involvement, or engagement in the club.

### *Club Coach of the Year*

The Coach of the Year is awarded to an individual coach in recognition for their outstanding result(s) with an ANU student-athlete or team, or ANU Sport club athlete or team, and exemplary character for the ANU community. To be eligible for the Coach of the Year the nominee/candidate:

1. Must be an affiliated ANU Sport club coach at the time of their sporting achievement.
2. Must be coaching an ANU student or team, or ANU Sport club athlete or team.
3. Must demonstrate a significant level of competencies including:
  - a. Level of achievement, level of competition (international, national, state); and
  - b. Application of training theories and coaching principles; and
  - c. Impact on athlete and/or team performance; and
  - d. Positive representation to community sport.

### *Club Volunteer of the Year*

The Volunteer of the Year is awarded to an individual volunteer in recognition for their outstanding contribution to the ANU sporting community. To be eligible for the Volunteer of the Year the nominee/candidate:

1. Must be an affiliated ANU Sport club volunteer at the time of their sporting achievement.
2. Must demonstrate a significant level of competencies including:
  - a. Level of service to team and/or club development and maintenance; and
  - b. Impact of contributions to team and/or club success; and
  - c. Positive representation to community sport.

### *Peter McCullagh Achievement Award*

The Peter McCullagh Achievement Award is awarded to an ANU Sport club member in recognition for their outstanding achievements, contribution, or sporting excellence (non-student). To be eligible for the Peter McCullagh Achievement Award the nominee/candidate:

1. Must be an enrolled student at the ANU, or registered ANU Sport club member at the time of their sporting achievement.
2. Must demonstrate a significant level of competencies including:
  - a. Administrative service to club development and maintenance for a period of 4 years or greater; or
  - b. Participation service to the club as a competitor for a period of 4 years or greater; or



- c. Sporting excellence as a competitor at an international, national, or state level, or as an elite amateur, semi-professional, or professional athlete (non-student only).
3. Must not have previously been awarded a Peter McCullagh Achievement Award at the ANU for the same sport (not excluded if awarded from another university).

### *Club of the Year*

The Club of the Year is awarded to an ANU Sport club with 100 members or greater in recognition for their outstanding achievements in administration, sporting excellence, service to members, and the promotion and development of their sport. To be eligible for the Club of the Year the nominee/candidate:

1. Must be an affiliated ANU Sport club at the time of their sporting achievement.
2. Must have 100 members or greater.
3. Must demonstrate a significant level of competencies including:
  - a. Administrative service to the club governance (memberships, financials etc.); and
  - b. Sporting excellence as a club at all competitions and events; and
  - c. Investment in club developments or improvements (facilities, equipment etc.); and
  - d. Involvement of members outside of club activities (boards, sub-committees etc.).

### *Small Club of the Year*

The Small Club of the Year is awarded to an ANU Sport club with less than 100 members in recognition for their outstanding achievements in administration, sporting excellence, service to members, and the promotion and development of their sport. To be eligible for the Small Club of the Year the nominee/candidate:

1. Must be an affiliated ANU Sport club at the time of their sporting achievement.
2. Must have less than 100 members.
3. Must demonstrate a significant level of competencies including:
  - a. Administrative service to the club governance (memberships, financials etc.); and
  - b. Sporting excellence as a club at all competitions and events; and
  - c. Investment in club developments or improvements (facilities, equipment etc.); and
  - d. Involvement of members outside of club activities (boards, sub-committees etc.).

### **Eligibility of Awards**

The sub-committee will use the following eligibility guidelines to determine the recipient(s) for each award. The award recipient(s) must be financial members of ANU Sport at the time of receiving their award and provide proof of eligibility status (where applicable) i.e., enrolment confirmation, Indigenous descent, and/or ANU Access & Inclusion registration.



*Table A: Eligibility for Awards*

AWARD CATEGORY	ELIGIBILITY		
	Must be an ANU student	Must be an ANU Sport affiliated club member	Can be received on more than one occasion
<b>BLUE AWARDS</b>			
Full Blue	X		
Half Blue	X		
<b>ANU SPORT STUDENT AWARDS</b>			
Indigenous Sports Award of the Year	X		X
Outstanding Athlete with a Disability Award	X		X
Sports Star of the Year	X		X
Best Breakthrough Performance of the Year			X
Best Individual Performance of the Year	X		X
Best Team Performance of the Year	X		X
<b>ANU SPORT CLUB AWARDS</b>			
Club Athlete of the Year		X	X
Club Team of the Year		X	X
Club Coach of the Year		X	X
Club Volunteer of the Year		X	X
Peter McCullagh Achievement Award		X	
Club of the Year		X	X
Small Club of the Year		X	X

### *Award Period*

The award period shall encompass the sporting achievements over a 12-month period from 1 October through to 30 September the following year, to account for a full summer and winter season of sport.

### *Nomination Process*

The sub-committee shall determine the nomination process including the period in which nominations will be open, the online platform that will be managed by ANU Sport staff, and the information that is required to be submitted with the nominations.

All award nominations can be submitted by the following parties:



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1. Representative of an international, national, or state sporting body; or
2. Representative of an affiliated ANU Sport club; or
3. ANU Sport staff member or sub-committee member; or
4. Any individual person or self-nomination.

*Previous Amendments*

New Guideline in November 2021