



GCU WOLVES

Sports Awards Policy



11.0 Sports Awards

11.1 General Conditions

- 11.1.1 Each nominee must be a fully matriculated student of GCU, must be a Sports Club member and actively participate in Sports Club activities.
- 11.1.2 The Awards shall be decided by a nominated Sports Awards Committee agreed by the Sports Council. This Awards Committee must be of at least 5 representatives and consist of current and former Vice Presidents, former award winners and Higher Education staff employed in a sport related role.
- 11.1.3 Each nomination will be considered for an award by the Sports Awards Committee.
- 11.1.4 Each nomination should normally be submitted through the relevant Sports Club on a Sports Awards Nomination Form. All nominations must be submitted one week prior to the Sports Awards Ball.
- 11.1.5 Nominations are accepted from students whose sport is not represented by a Sports Club provided that they are a Sports Club member and assuming the nominee meets the criteria in the paragraph above.

11.2 Performance Awards

- 11.2.1 Blues Certificates: Awarded for consistent, exceptional performance and outstanding accomplishments throughout the academic year, normally culminating in one or more of the following:

- British Universities Competition Gold Medal
- British Universities Representative Honours
- Scottish National Competition Gold Medal
- Scottish National Representative Honours

The nominee must have consistently represented his/her club for the majority of the academic year.

- 11.2.2 Half Blues Certificates: Awarded for consistent, outstanding performance and accomplishments throughout the academic year, normally culminating in one or more of the following:

- British Universities Competition Medal
- Scottish Universities Competition Gold Medal
- Scottish Universities Representative Honours

The nominee must have consistently represented his/her club for the majority of the academic year.

- 11.2.3 Sports Person of the Year: Awarded to the person(s) who has had the most outstanding, best performance or achievement for the academic year out of all the nominations for awards.
- 11.2.4 Team of the Year: Awarded to the team with best overall sporting performance for the academic year. Any club with a negative balance in their financial accounts are not eligible for this award. To be eligible for this award clubs must have engaged in a 1-2-1 meeting with the Sports Co-ordinator in either trimester A or B.
- 11.3 Voluntary Commitment and Outstanding Service Awards
 - 11.3.1 Colours Certificates: Awarded for exceptional service to a Sports Club(s) (including culmination of years of commitment) or active involvement as a volunteer committee member organising sports activities.
 - 11.3.2 Ross Baillie Award: Awarded to the person(s) who has given the most outstanding commitment and contribution to a Sports Club(s) for the academic year out of all the awards nominations. This person must be a volunteer.
 - 11.3.3 Coach of the Year: Awarded to the Sports Club coach who has given exceptional service and outstanding voluntary commitment to a Sports Club(s) for the academic year out of all the awards nominations. This person must be a volunteer.
- 11.4 Club of the Year: Awarded to a Sports Club that has had the most extraordinary academic year. The Awards Committee will take into account the number of activities, visibility and profile, interaction with members, social events, fundraisers and overall development. Any club with a negative balance in their financial accounts are not eligible for this award. To be eligible for this award clubs must have engaged in a 1-2-1 meeting with the Sports Co-ordinator in either trimester A or B.
- 11.5 Alex Goodman Trophy: Awarded to the first year student who has shown the most outstanding commitment and service to a sports club(s) in their first year at GCU.
- 11.6 Most Improved Club: Awarded to the club that demonstrates the greatest overall improvement over the past year with regard to performance. Collective individual and team performances will be taken into account, as well as an increase in the number of members. Any club with a negative bank account should demonstrate that they have improved their financial situation from this time last year in order to be eligible for this award. To be eligible for this award clubs must have engaged in a 1-2-1 meeting with the Sports Co-ordinator in Trimester A or B.
- 11.6 Multiple Awards
 - 11.6.1 Where a previous award winner is being nominated for another award, the nomination must demonstrate that their performance, achievement or voluntary contribution has been for a higher standard than that for the original award. A Blue or Half Blue can only be awarded once.

11.7 Awards Interpretation

- 11.7.1 In any dispute over the interpretation of these awards by laws, the decision of the majority of the Sports Awards Committee will be final.

12.0 Alex Goodman Fund

- 12.1 GCU Students' Association will operate a funding programme to help support the personal development of students that are active volunteer sports coaches, referees or activity co-ordinators within Sports Clubs, the programme will be called the Alex Goodman Fund.
- 12.2 Any GCU student who makes a voluntary contribution to the benefit of a Sports Club is eligible to apply. All applicants must be a matriculated student and a Sports Club member.
- 12.3 Only one application can be made by a student each academic year of not more than £150. The funds must be used before the end of the financial year.
- 12.4 The Sports Council will consider each application individually. The group will take into account the applicant academic year, the level of experience and previous commitment and contribution.