

## Awards Overview

The awards season at the University of Birmingham is our opportunity to recognise all of the hard work that you put into sport throughout the year. Awards are split across two events:

	Sports Ball, 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Awards Evening, 12 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Overview</b>	An open event run by the VP Sport and the Guild, the Ball recognizes the development and participation of clubs, societies and their members.	An invitation only event organised by UBSport recognising the highest level of sporting achievement at Birmingham.
<b>Group awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Other Award</li> <li>• Development Club of the Year</li> <li>• Guild Sport of the Year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most Improved Club of the Year</li> <li>• Performance Club of the Year</li> <li>• Team of the Year</li> </ul>
<b>Individual awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Wesley (Outstanding Contribution) – Student</li> <li>• Student Leadership</li> <li>• Club Colours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Wesley (Outstanding Contribution) – Non-student</li> <li>• Volunteer Coach of the Year</li> <li>• Coach of the Year</li> <li>• Half Blues</li> <li>• Full Blues</li> <li>• Sports Person of the Year</li> </ul>

### Nomination Procedure

Awards are decided upon based on the given criteria and decided by a panel including the Guild of Students, VPS, Club Development, Hi Performance Centre and the Director of Sport.

You can nominate the same club/society/individual for more than one category but please submit a separate nomination form for each award.

Your nomination form might provide the only information that we have to decide on who is the most deserving of the award so please ensure that you provide as much information as possible, making particular reference to facts, evidence, statistics and quotes.

You also have the opportunity to provide additional items, such as photos, videos or documents that support your nomination.

### Eligibility

Except for *The Other Award* and *Guild Sport of the Year* only UBS Clubs are eligible for the group awards. In the case of *The Other Award* both Guild Sports Societies and UBS Clubs are eligible, while only Guild Sports Societies are eligible for the *Guild Sport of the Year*.

For all remaining awards, please follow the below guidelines.

### Nomination Deadline

The deadline for nominations for all awards is: **5pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012**. All forms must be returned via email to [c.j.anthony.1@bham.ac.uk](mailto:c.j.anthony.1@bham.ac.uk).

## Sports Ball: Group Awards Criteria

### ***The Other Award***

This award is new for 2012, and set to become the flagship award for Sports Ball. This award should celebrate something truly different, something that has really made your sports club/society stand out this year. This could include, but is not limited to:

- Developing a new pathway to encourage participation in sport
- Working with the local community/charities to achieve benefits for others
- Exploring ways to engage hard-to-reach groups of students
- Running a new innovative volunteering programme
- Running an outstanding event
- Implementing a new scheme that has greatly improved performance in competitions

Your nomination can only be for a first time occurrence/development or a *significant* change to something that already exists. Your nomination must demonstrate the benefit to your club/society in terms of development, participation, performance and/or leadership.

### ***Development Club of the Year***

Awarded to the club that has shown the most development within the year. Nominees must demonstrate development in at least three of the noted areas:

- Successful recruitment of club members
- Excellent finances
- Exploring innovative ways to work with the local community/charities
- Assisting other club development/sharing best practice
- Exploring innovative ways to develop their club
- Hosting UBS events
- Gaining NGB recognition/kite marks

### ***Guild Sport of the Year***

This award will be given to the Guild Sports Society that has shown the most development, improvement or increased performance within their society this year. Judges will be looking for:

- Successful recruitment of society members
- Exploring innovative ways to work with the local community/charities
- Working with other clubs/societies
- Exploring innovative ways to develop their club
- Overcoming difficult challenges
- Making an outstanding contribution to the student experience
- Major sporting achievements

## Sports Ball: Individual Awards Criteria

### ***Victoria Wesley – Student***

This award is for outstanding contribution towards University Birmingham Sport. List any significant achievements by the individual or in which they have contributed towards, listing all times where they have gone beyond the call of duty.

- Must be a student undertaking at least 60 credits
- Demonstration of at least two years of service
- Contribution to club development
- Contribution to the development of the University of Birmingham Sport

### ***Student Leadership***

The student leadership award recognises outstanding leadership qualities amongst our student volunteers. Nominees must demonstrate:

- An aptitude for excellent organisation
- Dedication to their sport
- A passion to develop beyond their sports current status
- Ability to inspire their club members
- A conscientious approach to developing UBS

### ***Club Colours***

Club Colours non-performance-based and awarded to individuals based on a member's contribution beyond their elected role. Nominees must have demonstrated at least three of the following areas:

- Instrumental in the day to day running of the club
- Responsible for the organisation and running of the club's training, fixtures or events
- Contribution to the club's development
- Involved with fund raising and/or attracting sponsorship for the club
- Through excellent attendance the nominee has demonstrated dedication to the club
- Promoting the club and its activities
- Instrumental in implementing UBS policies and encouraging good practice (e.g. in health & safety)

## Awards Evening: Group Awards Criteria

### ***Most Improved Club of the Year***

Detail for this category should show improvement in either performance or development over a number of years. Please detail how this improvement was achieved.

- Club has demonstrated a considerable level of improvement over recent years
- Specific measures have been put in place to improve the performance of the team/club

### ***Performance Club of the Year***

A successful nominee will have achieved competitive success throughout their club. Please note the achievements of the whole club in both BUCS and non-BUCS events, showing detail of consistent performance to a high standard.

- All teams within the club compete at a high level
- Strength-in-depth within the club
- Club continually striving to improve the performance level of each of its members
- Have made use of Hi-Performance Centre and their services

### ***Team of the Year***

This must be either the club's first team or highest ranked team. Specify the achievements of the team during the year and include any individual achievements who were members of that team e.g. selection for World University Games, Home Nations. Team performance can be in BUCS or non-BUCS competition.

- BUCS Team Finalists/ number of individual finalists
- Number of club members selected to represent at international competition
- Development as a performance team/ sustaining champion status
- Please indicate club's results from previous years where these consolidate the club's achievement.

## **Awards Evening: Individual Awards Criteria**

### ***Victoria Wesley – Non-student (Outstanding Contribution)***

As the student award, but only non-students are eligible.

### ***Volunteer Coach of the Year***

Awarded to a volunteer who is regarded as having made the most outstanding contribution to club sport through their role as a coach. This may be evidenced through performance, progression and/or commitment:

- Dedicates 1+ hours per week to coach
- Chooses to coach the club during out of good will, without a wage
- Excellent performance by club in competition
- Development of the club

### ***Coach of the Year***

For the person, student or non-student who is regarded as having made the most outstanding contribution to club sport through their role as a coach. This may be evidenced through performance, progression and/or commitment:

- Goes above their duty as a club coach
- Coaches additional hours unpaid
- Assists development of the club outside of their coaching hours
- Works with the club committee to direct the development of the club
- Assists club member's personal development
- Contributes to the club's and/or individuals' excellent performance in competition

### **Half Blues**

An award based on the individual's level of performance. Candidates must meet at least one of the below:

- Has been awarded team/individual BUCS medal
- Has been awarded a non-BUCS Sport Medal\*
- Has competed internationally\*\*

\* The competition must be on an equal par with BUCS

\*\*Those candidates who were not to the standard of those other candidates who were also nominated for Full Blue again comparing national and GB rankings

### **Full Blues**

An award based on the individual's level of performance. Candidates must meet at least one of the below:

- Has competed in BUCS competition
- Has been awarded team/individual BUCS medal
- Has competed internationally for/whilst studying at the University of Birmingham
- Has made an outstanding contribution to HE Sport on an international level

### **Sports Person of the Year**

The highest individual accolade awarded by University of Birmingham in recognition of the very highest sporting level. The individual must:

- Be a Full Blue candidate or a previous recipient of a Full Blue award
- Hold GB/National Ranking
- Full-time student at the University of Birmingham