



# SPORTS AWARDS 2023

The sports awards is where we celebrate all things related to sport at Manchester Met. From the achievements of sport clubs to the contribution of individuals, the awards recognise the contribution of the whole MMU Sport community.

With awards ranging from Club of the Year to Committee Member of the Year, there are loads of awards available which reflects the scope activities our societies run for their members.

## Judging Criteria

The following document outlines the judging criteria which nominations for each award will be assessed against.

### Committee Member of the Year

This award will recognise an individual that has made a significant contribution to their sport club, student life, and the Students' Union. Nominations will highlight the individual's breadth of activity, support to their members and the enhancement of University experience and the wider work they've undertaken to create a sense of community.

The criteria for this award are:

- + Is an official committee member
- + Has been a positive ambassador for MMU Sport
- + Shown outstanding commitment to their club
- + Logged volunteering hours
- + Stands out above other committee members
- + Made a positive impact on club members

## Team of the Year

The University Team of the Year award is given to the team which has performed exceptionally well throughout the season, surpassing all expectations and showing dedication to their sport. Through their achievements, this team has brought great pride to MMU Sport and showcased the sporting talent on offer.

The criteria for this award are:

- + The wider contribution of the team to their sport, charities, and local communities
- + Significant performances during the course of the season.
- + Awarded to the team that has competed exceptionally in their competition
- + Evidenced high level of achievement and success in competition

## Committee of the Year (sponsored by O'Neills)

This is for the most successful committee of the year. This recognises any club committee who has shown exceptional commitment, enthusiasm, leadership and/or innovation in the running of their club. The committee has made sure new members feel welcomed and part of the community.

The criteria for this award are:

- + A fully functioning committee in line with minimum expectations
- + Must have engaged in the sports club training and development programme throughout the year, interacting with MMU Sport, the Union and Sports Council on a regular basis.
- + Has been a positive ambassador for MMU Sport
- + Have been seeking consistent improvement
- + Have made a significant impact on their club, club members or local community
- + Are a committee of 2 or more people
- + Has created an inclusive and welcoming culture within their club

## Coach of the Year

Coach of the Year is awarded to a coach who has demonstrated a sound ability to develop and improve individual and team performances throughout the year promoting fairness, fun, participation, respect and upholding the rules and values of MMU Sport.

The criteria for this award are:

- + Positive role model to students at Manchester Met
- + Met the targets set by MMU Sport/Club committee
- + Has gone above & beyond for the development of their club
- + Well organised & delivers sessions of the highest quality
- + Stands out above other coaches at MMU

- + Proactively supports MMU Sport delivery positively including encouraging members to pay memberships & log hours
- + Created an inclusive and positive environment

## Most Improved Club

The criteria for this award are having shown significant improvement compared to the previous year. Stronger applications will evidence a combination of some or all of the following:

The criteria for this award are:

- + An improved attitude toward their sport and the Sport committee
- + Increase in membership compared to previous years
- + Established a new team and/or club
- + Performed to a high standard in their sport
- + Evidence of improved commitment and significant positive contributions to their Club and/or the Sports Committee (e.g, community work, sports committee positions, committee training, and attendance at sports council)
- + Organisation of core activity (training & matches) and completion of paperwork (SLA's RA's, team sheets etc)
- + Shown potential for continuous development
- + Significant improvement in the 'club engagement table'

## Rising Star Award

The criteria for this award are:

- + Performed at a high standard in their chosen sport
- + A positive role model to others at MMU Sport
- + Significantly contributing to university sport and regularly going above and beyond to improve their performance.
- + Be an active member to their club and MMU Sport

## Sport Person of the Year

The criteria of this award celebrates the domestic and/or international success of a current student studying at Man Met. The award will recognise the highest possible standard of competition achieved by an eligible student.

The criteria for this award are:

- + Performance at a BUCS event(s) and relevant achievements (can be part of a team or as an individual)
- + Performance at international university events
- + Significant other achievements outside university sport e.g. performance on an age group or senior national or international stage)

## Club of the Year

Recognises a club that has demonstrated a commitment to development resulting in increased participation, inclusion, and diversity in its membership. Please note this award is a **club** award focusing on **development** achievements and not a team award focusing on performance success although performance success may also be achieved alongside the development aspect.

Stronger applications will evidence a combination of some or all of the following:

- + Have had sporting success in the season.
- + Are well organised- and have worked collaboratively as a committee.
- + Have engaged with the with The Union by attending sports council, completing paper work in a timely fashion & supporting other clubs events
- + An increase in membership compared to the previous year
- + Have shown commitment to MMU Sport
- + Stand out as a club that have gone above & beyond
- + Shown initiative to improve their club through various activities- fundraising
- + Have met their membership target
- + Logged hours for volunteering
- + No club disciplinary issues within the academic year
- + Have made a positive contribution to Sports Council

## MMU Sport Colours

This award recognises students who have provided an outstanding contribution to running and developing their sport club, or to advancing student sport at MMU.

This prestigious award will be presented to students who have demonstrated the MMU Sport behaviours, and been excellent role models for sport.

The nominees must be:

- + A final year student

- + A positive ambassador for MMU Sport

Nominees are eligible if they have met one of the following criteria consistently:

- + Shown exceptional commitment to their club for a period of 2 years or more, either as a committee volunteer or an active member of the club. This could be through fundraising, campaigning, inclusivity, coaching, officiating or another behaviour that is 'above and beyond' their role.
- + Shown exceptional commitment to a role through MMU Sport Volunteering. This could be internal roles with MMU Sport, or through external partners and charities in the local community.
- + Shown exceptional commitment to advance significantly the MMU Sport programme of sport and physical activity.

Students and staff can nominate for this award.

## Blues & Oranges Award

This award recognises a student who has displayed sporting excellence during their time at University.

The nominees must be:

- + A final year student
- + A positive ambassador for MMU Sport

Nominees are eligible if they have met **any one** of the following below criteria:

- + Represented internationally
- + Competed at a national standard (e.g. home nations)
- + Achieved an individual's championships BUCS medal
- + Achieved a medal in a nationally recognised competition
- + Outstanding sporting achievement

Students and staff can nominate for this award.

## Selection Process

Judging Panel will screen application within 2 weeks after the deadline and select the finalist.

- + Nominations will open on 24 March 2023
- + Nominations will be judged by a panel.
- + Each nomination will be scored on how closely the nominee's achievements over the past year meet or exceed the criteria for each award.

- + Nominations must be made with a supporting statement highlighting key reasons for the nomination detailed in line with the criteria. No additional supporting evidence will be accepted other than that contained on the nomination form.
- + Entries received after 13:00 28 April will not be considered.
- + Nominees must be a student/staff at Manchester Metropolitan University and hold a valid membership for the 2022/23 academic year.
- + Nominees cannot nominate themselves.
- + No joint nominations for individual categories will be accepted.
- + Entries should be electronic and submitted via the online form. No nominations submitted in a hand written format will be considered.

## The judging panel

Panel will consist of:

- + Strategic Lead for Sport
- + Chair of Sports Council
- + Opportunities Manager (Union)
- + Head of Development
- + Sports Officer (Union)

The panel's decision is final and not open to appeal.