

**Sports Awards Ball Nomination Categories 2026**



Nominations process recommendations:

- Open to both club members and members of staff from Man Met Sport or the wider Students Union (Opportunities/Voice team who have worked closely with sport students) Nominations should be submitted in bullet point form
- Engagement in key training and events.
- Clubs or individuals who have broken the code of conduct will not be eligible for an award

<b>Awards</b>	
1	<p><b>Award:</b> <b>Committee of the Year</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p>The Criteria for this award are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A fully functioning committee in line with minimum expectations</li> <li>• Must have engaged in the sports club training and development programme throughout the year, interacting with Man Met Sport, the Union and Sports Council on a regular basis.</li> <li>• Has been a positive ambassador for Man Met Sport</li> <li>• Have been seeking consistent improvement</li> <li>• Have made a significant impact on their club, club members or local community</li> <li>• Are a committee of 3 or more people</li> <li>• Has created an inclusive and welcoming culture within their club</li> </ul>
2	<p><b><u>Most Improved Club</u></b></p> <p><b>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:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An improved attitude toward their sport and the Sport committee</li> <li>• Increase in membership compared to previous years</li> <li>• Established a new team and/or club</li> <li>• Performed to a high standard in their sport</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• Organisation of core activity (training &amp; matches) and completion of paperwork (SLA's RA's, team sheets etc)</li> <li>• Shown potential for continuous development</li> <li>• Significant improvement in the 'club engagement table'</li> </ul>
3	<b>Award:</b>	<p><b>Club of the Year</b></p> <p><b>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 <u>club</u> award focussing on <u>development</u> achievements and not a team award focusing on performance success although performance success may also be achieved alongside the development aspect.</b></p> <p>Stronger applications will evidence a combination of some or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have had sporting success in the season.</li> <li>• Are well organised- and have worked collaboratively as a committee.</li> <li>• Have engaged with the with the union by attending sports council, completing paperwork in a timely fashion &amp; supporting other clubs' event. Evidenced shown via the club engagement process.</li> <li>• An increase in membership compared to the previous year</li> <li>• Have shown commitment to Man Met Sport</li> <li>• Stand out as a club that have gone above &amp; beyond</li> <li>• Shown initiative to improve their club through various activities- fundraising</li> <li>• Have met their membership target</li> <li>• Logged hours for volunteering</li> <li>• No club disciplinary issues within the academic year</li> <li>• Have made a positive contribution to Sports Council and or Town Halls</li> <li>• Previous year winner cannot win this award</li> </ul>
4	<b>Award:</b>	<p><b><u>Sports Personality of the Year Award criteria:</u></b></p> <p><b>This award is student nominated, and the shortlist and winners will be decided by a panel. This award will recognise a student who goes above and beyond within the sporting community, embodying what it means to be a student in sport at Man Met. This student has had a significant input, both on and off the</b></p>

		<p><b>pitch and has shown commitment and enthusiasm toward club development.</b></p> <p>The criteria for this award are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are a club member</li> <li>- Has been a positive, driven ambassador for Man Met Sport</li> <li>- Has excelled both on and off the pitch</li> <li>- High involvement, beyond what is usually expected</li> <li>- Has shown positive character and been a role model for others</li> <li>- Had a lasting impact on the club and/or its members</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>Recognises an <i>individual student</i> for their <i>personal contribution, character, and influence</i> within sport.</p>
5	<b>Award:</b>	<p><b><u>Sporting Impact Award:</u></b></p> <p><b>This award will recognise an individual, group, or club that has contributed significantly to a positive club culture and the wider community, whether that be through volunteering, wider initiative or charity events. The overarching achievement is that have had a significant impact on those around them</b></p> <p>The criteria for this award are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are a club member/s</li> <li>- Has demonstrated great organisational skills</li> <li>- Led with purpose, had a significant impact and driven change</li> <li>- Made a positive difference to those around them</li> <li>- Has set the standard for future years</li> <li>- Given back to the community</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">+</p> <p>Recognises an <i>individual, group, or club</i> for <i>impact on culture, community, and wider contribution.</i></p>
6	<b>Award:</b>	<p><b><u>Coach of the Year</u></b></p> <p><b>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 Man Met Sport.</b></p> <p>The criteria for this award are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Positive role model to students at Manchester Met</li> <li>- Has gone above &amp; beyond for the development of their club</li> <li>- Well organised &amp; delivers sessions of the highest quality</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stands out above other coaches at Man Met</li> <li>- Proactively supports Man Met Sport delivery positively including encouraging members to pay memberships &amp; log hours</li> <li>- Created an inclusive and positive environment</li> <li>- Has strong interpersonal relationships with students, showing that they truly care</li> <li>- Commitment on and off the pitch to develop club as a whole and its individual members</li> </ul>
7	<b>Award:</b>	<p><b><u>Digital Engagement Award:</u></b></p> <p><b>The award recognises a club that has improved awareness or engagement through digital channels. The club will have demonstrated creativity in its digital activity, whether through a specific campaign or consistent social media content. The panel will look for evidence of how this activity has positively supported the club’s online community. Metrics will be considered, with an emphasis on achieved growth rather than standalone figures.</b></p> <p><b>Nominations must relate to activity between September 2025 and April 2026.</b></p> <p>Consideration will be given to clubs that can evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Levels of engagement or growth achieved compared to the previous year</li> <li>• Quality and innovation of digital content</li> <li>• Collaboration with Man Met Sport channels</li> <li>• Positive impact on students and sport at Manchester Met</li> </ul> <p><i>This award is student-nominated, with the shortlist and winner selected by a panel.</i></p>