



# Sports Awards Criteria (For Individuals and Clubs)

## General notes:

Individuals can only be awarded one tier of colours per year. However, on top of colours they can be awarded any other award: Honorary Life Membership, Sporting Excellence, Caps, Mandy Walker Cup for Sports Personality of the Year, Captain of the Year, Unsung Hero, Coach of the Year, Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year.

## Awards for Individuals

### 1. Mandy Walker Cup for Sports Personality of the Year

- The Mandy Walker Cup is awarded annually in recognition of outstanding contribution to UCL sport both on and off the field while representing one or more sports club(s) in a single year.
- The recipient should be respected and admired by UCL sportsmen and women.

### 2. Sportsman of the Year

- Awarded annually to UCL students in recognition of individual sporting achievement in domestic, national, or international competition.
- Recipient can partake in team or individual sports.
- Recipient will have represented Team UCL.
- Recipient should have had a large impact on UCL sport where possible (e.g., key to a sports club's success, coached, responsible for developments or innovations that have been of great benefit, etc.)
- Sportsman of the Year may only be awarded once to any individual in respect of any given sport.

### 3. Sportswoman of the Year

- Awarded annually to UCL students in recognition of individual sporting achievement in domestic, national, or international competition.
- Recipient can partake in team or individual sports.
- Recipient will have represented Team UCL.



- Recipient should have had a large impact on UCL sport where possible (E.g., key to a sports club's success, coached, responsible for developments or innovations that have been of great benefit etc.)
- Sportswoman of the Year may only be awarded once to any individual in respect of any given sport.

#### **4. Captain of the Year**

The Captain of the Year award is awarded annually to a club captain who has made the greatest contribution to their team. The captain should be:

- A good leader.
- Inclusive.
- Setting a good example and upholding team to high behavioural standards.
- Communicative with TeamUCL staff.
- Reliable for fixtures.
- Goes above and beyond for the team.
- Any sports captain may be nominated for this role.

#### **5. Unsung Hero Award**

- This award is for the sports club member who has gone above and beyond their role to support their committee in hosting events and running initiatives.
- This person will have supported their club members in making sure the club runs as well as possible.
- This member used their proactivity to support their committee and the members of their club.

#### **6. Coach of the Year**

- This award will be given to a coach who has gone above and beyond to support the development of their club members in their given sport.
- The nominee will have committed a significant amount of time to supporting students.
- The nominee will have supported beginners, as well as athletes pursuing excellence.
- The nominee will have created innovative sessions to adapt to the group's needs.



## Awards for Clubs

### 1. Friends' Cup

- The Friends' Cup is awarded annually to a team representing Team UCL.
- The Friends' Cup will be awarded to a Team UCL Club or Team achieving either excellence at national (e.g., BUCS competitions) or international level (competitions where a team has been selected to compete against teams from other countries e.g. EUSA Games).
- Clubs may nominate more than one of their teams or their club as a whole.
- The Friends' Cup is normally awarded annually, however in years of little achievement in representing sport at Students' Union UCL it may not be awarded.

### 2. The Shield for Most Improved Club or Team

- The Shield for Most Improved Club or Team is awarded annually to a club or team representing Team UCL.
- The Shield for Most Improved Club or Team will be awarded to the club or team showing the greatest improvement in terms of results or organization in the last year.
- This should include newly affiliated clubs.
- Achievements both on and off the field of play will be taken into consideration.

### 3. Club of the Year

The Club of the Year award is awarded annually to the club which has made the greatest overall contribution to Students' Union UCL Sports.

The following is taken into account:

- Range and level of activity (e.g., activities catering for beginners through to experienced players, chances to play variations of main sport, organising opportunities for non-members to have casual participation in club's sport, etc).
- Sports Development Awards.
- Sporting success.
- Levels of engagement (e.g., social media, newsletters, emails, different types of socials or tours etc.)
- New developments and innovations.
- Diversity of participation.
- Support of SU campaigns (e.g., Pride in TeamUCL, Sustainability Week etc).
- Organisation and relationship with Students' Union UCL.
- Connection with the wider community (e.g., volunteering projects).

- Inter-society activity and co-operation.

#### **4. Volunteering Sports Club of the Year**

Awarded to the Sports Club which has made the best contribution to volunteering activity over the year based on the following criteria:

- Impact on wider community.
- Benefits to UCL students.
- Levels and range of activity and engagement.

#### **5. Diversity & Inclusion Award**

This award does not have to be awarded if no nominations are felt to fulfil its criteria.

- The Club must illustrate a clear and strong commitment to the inclusion of persons within the UCL student community regardless of their ethnicity, nationality, age, religion, gender identity, sex, sexuality, or any disabilities.
- The Club must have demonstrated an outstanding effort to promote an environment free from bias and discrimination.
- The Club must have strengthened equality and diversity within their membership in the past academic year.
- The Club may have demonstrated a challenging of stereotypes for historically marginalised or minority groups, created a new committee position to represent one or more minority or marginalised groups and/or enforced zero-tolerance to discriminating behaviour within their society. Illustrations of commitment to inclusion and strengthening diversity within membership are not limited to these examples.

#### **6. Louis Carr Memorial Award**

- The Club must have held a dedicated welfare event with successful engagement from their members.
- The Club should have contributed positively to mental health campaigns on campus.
- The Club has created a welcoming and approachable environment for all their members.
- Welfare officer(s) must have attended the compulsory welfare officer trainings.
- The Club has promoted efforts to open channels of communication within their club with the aim of increasing awareness and discussion with their members on welfare issues.



## Appeals

- Nominees cannot appeal for a higher award than they were nominated for.
- Appeals must be made within one week of the official declaration of awards.
- Appeals will be considered by the Activities Network Executive who will review the original nomination(s) submitted. No additional information to that provided in the original nomination(s) will be taken into account.
- The template for the submission of an Appeal: *I wish to appeal against the Sports Colours Panel decision to award \_\_\_\_\_ (name of individual or club) \_\_\_\_\_ (award given). I believe \_\_\_\_\_ (name of individual or club) should be awarded \_\_\_\_\_ (suggested award).*
- The decisions on appeals will be circulated to the relevant individuals within a week of the Activities Network Executive meeting to consider them.