

# BLUES

# GUIDELINES

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## BLUES AND COLOURS AWARDS

### 1. Bylaws covering the Awards

- 1.1. Only matriculated students who are current members of the Sports Union will be considered for an award.
- 1.2. Nominations should normally be submitted through the relevant club.
- 1.3. All nominations are considered on an 'individual' basis.
- 1.4. Where a student competes in a sport that is not affiliated to the Sports Union a personal nomination, supported by the relevant National Governing Body, will be accepted.

### 2. Blues and Half Blues Criteria

BLUE: consistent and exceptional performance throughout the season, normally culminating in SUS/BUCS representation if applicable

HALF-BLUE: consistent and outstanding performance at a standard below that of a full Blue.

- 2.1. The candidate must have represented his/her club for at least two thirds of the club total number of fixtures in inter-university matches
- 2.2. If the candidate does not exactly meet the condition stated in "2.1" above the representative for the relevant club must present a case for the candidate. The number of fixtures available will be taken into consideration
- 2.3. If the candidate has performed to a high standard within the British Universities Colleges Sport (BUCS) Championship and/or has played in a Scottish or British Universities team, then he/she may be considered for an award.
- 2.4. Re-award: where an individual is being considered for a Blue re-award, his/her performance must demonstrate achievement of a higher standard.

### 3. International Blue

A student may be awarded an International Blue if they are unable to represent their club, because they compete at international level and are therefore not able to fulfil 2.1 above.

### 4. Colours

A student may be awarded a colour for exceptional service and active involvement in University sport over a period of at least two years. Nominees must be in their 3<sup>rd</sup> or final year of study.

### 5. Honorary Blue

#### 5.1 International Athlete

Each year the Blues Committee will nominate an individual to be awarded an Honorary Blue. Selection will be based on the following criteria: -

5.1.2. The candidate will have successfully competed on a world level and wherever possible at Olympic level

5.1.3. The candidate will normally have retired from competition

5.1.4. The candidate will have brought great distinction to themselves and their sport, through their success and also the manner of their achievement

5.1.5. The recipient must be able to attend the Blues Awards Ceremony

## 5.2 Service Award

5.2.1. Individuals who have contributed significantly to student sport at Edinburgh Napier University over a number of years in any capacity may be considered for the award of Honorary Blue.

5.2.2. Nominations should normally be made by the appropriate club, but may also be made by the Sports Union Executive Committee.

THE DECISION OF THE BLUES COMMITTEE IS FINAL. THERE IS NO RIGHT OF APPEAL

### **AIKIDO:**

- BLUE: Gold Medal or Silver at nationals or Gold at British Universities competition
- Half Blue: Bronze at Nationals, or Silver or Bronze at British Universities. (These exclude Team Randori)

### **AMERICAN FOOTBALL:**

BLUE: Not available

HALF BLUE:

- National Representation for a SUS or BUCS national squad
- Exceptional circumstances: in exceptional cases a student can be awarded a half blue for excellence or commitment to University Sport such as team medals over a 3 years period.

### **ARCHERY:**

Indoors

BLUE Recurve Gents 550 @ 4/5 of Official Uni Comps.

Ladies 550 @ 4/5 of Official Uni. Comps.

Compound Gents 550 @ 4/5 of Official Uni. Comps.

Ladies 550 @ 4/5 of Official Uni. Comps.

HALF BLUE Recurve Gents 530 @ 4/5 of Official Uni. Comps.

Ladies 530 @ 4/5 of Official Uni. Comps.

Compound Gents 530 @ 4/5 of Official Uni. Comps.

Ladies 530 @ 4/5 of Official Uni. Comps.

Outdoors

BLUE Recurve Gents 3 x 1100 Fita & 1 x 800 @ BUCS/SUS

Ladies 3 x 1100 Fita & 1 x 800 @ BUCS/SUS

Compound Gents 3 x 1150 Fita & 1 x 850 @ BUCS/SUS

Ladies 3 x 1150 Fita & 1 x 850 @ BUCS/SUS

HALF BLUE Recurve Gents 3 x 1050 Fita & 1x 750 @ BUCS/SUS

Ladies 3 x 1050 Fita & 1 x 750 @ BUCS/SUS  
Compound Gents 3 x 1100 Fita & 1 x 800 @ BUCS/SUS  
Ladies 3 x 1100 Fita & 1 x 800 @ BUCS/SUS

The indoor competition scores are from the official Portsmouth round shot at all university competitions in which the maximum is 600.

Fita is the governing body of archery worldwide. The Fita score mentioned above is from a maximum of 1440 and is a common competition shot nation-wide. The university score is based on an Albion, which is a British round and shot at all university outdoor championships. The maximum for this is 972.

All of the above standards are minimum's that have to be achieved for the award specified and to achieve an award either the outdoors or the indoor criteria has to be reached.

### **ATHLETICS:**

- BLUE: Win a gold or silver at SUS and meet standards required OR standard plus BUCS selection

- HALF-BLUE: standard plus SUS selection or Gold, Silver or Bronze at SUS plus standard. Standard must be met during current season. Standards are taken from the Athletics Weekly results standards, valid for the current standard Men's Standards;

- BLUE: Athletics Weekly 'A' Standards

- HALF BLUE: Athletics Weekly Under 20's 'A' Standards  
Women's Standards

- BLUE: Athletics Weekly 'A' Standards

- HALF BLUE: Athletics Weekly Under 17 'A' standards

To achieve any award, the athlete must have competed for the University in 3/5ths of the following events:

- Scottish Universities Cup Final
- Scottish Universities Cup Semi-final
- SUS Championships
- SUS Indoor Championships
- BUCS Indoor
- BUCS Outdoor

Triathlon (Women's criteria in brackets)

- BLUE:

- Compete for British Elite Team (U21 or Senior)
- A top 6 (top 3) place at BUCS Championships

- HALF- BLUE:

- Compete for Scottish Home Nations Team (U21 or Senior)
- 1st at SUS Championships
- A top 10 (top 5) place at BUCS Championships

### **BADMINTON:**

- BLUE: Played for SUS team

- HALF-BLUE: Reserve for SUS team or reached semis in singles/or final in doubles at SUS individual championships

### **BASKETBALL:**

- BLUE: Played for Scottish Universities Team
- HALF-BLUE: Selected as reserve for SUS Team.

### **BOAT:**

- BLUE: Either have achieved the standard necessary for Scottish (or equivalent) National Selection OR BOTH of the following: a) have rowed an open event or lightweight event win at the Scottish Rowing championship or the British Universities Rowing championships b) have won a medal at the National Rowing Championships of Great Britain (representing Edinburgh Napier University)
- HALF-BLUE: The nominee should have recorded five wins in events over qualifying distances, during one season  
The following races other than invitational regattas qualify:

### **BOXING:**

- BLUE: Win a gold or silver at SUS and meet standards required OR standard plus BUCS selection
- HALF-BLUE: standard plus SUS selection or Gold, Silver or Bronze at SUS plus standard.

### **CANOE:**

- BLUE: - BUCS medal, any discipline (except for team)
  - SUS gold medal, any discipline (except for teams event) Div 1 slalom
  - Scottish Div A white-water
  - Scottish Div A sprint
  - Scottish Div 2 marathon (4 for ladies)
  - Scottish National Squad selection
- HALF-BLUE: SUS silver bronze medal in any discipline (except team)  
Scottish Div 2 slalom

### **CRICKET:**

- BLUE: Played for Scottish Universities
- HALF-BLUE: Reserve for Scottish Universities team

### **CURLING:**

- BLUE: Part of a winning team in the Scottish Universities Curling Championships (known from now on as the "cup") twice, in consecutive seasons, as Skip or Third.  
Part of the winning team for the Scottish Universities League (known from now on as the "league") twice, also winning the Cup in the same season as one of the league victories, as Skip or Third.  
Winner of the Opening Bonspeil ("Bonspeil"), the cup and the league in the same season, as any position.

- HALF BLUE: Part of a winning team in the Cup twice, in consecutive seasons, as Second or Lead.  
Part of the winning team in the League, also winning the Cup in the same season as one of the League victories, as Second or Lead.  
Winning the Cup, as Skip or Third.  
Winning the Bonspeil and the League in the same season, as Skip or Third

### **EQUESTRIAN:**

- BLUE : Reach BUCS Nationals
- HALF - BLUE: Gain enough points to reach Scottish Regional Finals.

### **FENCING:**

- BLUE: Reaching the last eight BUCS individual championships or reaching final at SUS Individual championship.
- HALF-BLUE: Reaching the last eight in a SUS individual championship.  
In both case, success in either the novice or intermediate sections should not be considered.  
In the case of an individual being eligible due to the small number of competitors, the individual's experience and achievements outside university sport should be considered.

### **FOOTBALL:**

- BLUE: Played for Scottish Universities team.
- HALF-BLUE: Outstanding performance for the 1XI throughout the season and attendance at the Scottish Universities trials.

### **GAELIC FOOTBALL:**

- BLUE: Played for Scottish Universities team
- HALF-BLUE: Reserve for SUS team

### **GOLF:**

Event Blue\* Half-Blue^  
 SUS stroke play Top 6 Top 10  
 BUCS stroke play Top 8 Top 12  
 BUCS match play Top 8 Final 16  
 Boyd Quaich Top 8 Top 12  
 \* Played for the Home Unions Team  
 ^ Selected as a reserve for the Home Unions

### **HOCKEY:**

- BLUE: Played for Scottish Universities team.
- HALF-BLUE: Outstanding performance for the 1st XI throughout the season and attendance at the final Scottish Universities trials.

### **HURLING:**

- BLUE: Played for Scottish Universities team

- HALF-BLUE: Reserve for SUS team or outstanding consistent contribution to the club over a two year period

### **JITSU:**

- BLUE: Gold medal (individual) in Scottish Universities or any medal in the individual at British Universities. Representing SUS team.
- HALF-BLUE: Other medal (individual) at Scottish Universities or reserve for SUS team.

### **JUDO:**

- BLUE: Gold medal (individual) in Scottish Universities or any medal in the individual at British Universities. Representing SUS team.
- HALF-BLUE: Other medal (individual) at Scottish Universities or reserve for SUS team.

### **KARATE:**

- BLUE: Gold medal (individual) in Scottish Universities or any medal in the individual at British Universities. Representing SUS team.
- HALF-BLUE: Other medal (individual) at Scottish Universities or reserve for SUS team.

### **KAYAK:** (Non competitive)

- BLUE (non- competitive):
  - Be an advanced class Kayaker of high standard, a club instructor, promote safe kayaking and be a credit to the sport.
  - Have been actively and enthusiastically involved in the training of kayakers in the university club. Have organised expeditions to a high standard of safety and organisation to the satisfaction of the Kayaking Official.
  - Always willing to give sound advice and help to other club members. Have the unanimous vote of the Committee of the Club as a suitable candidate.
- HALF-BLUE (non competitive):
  - Is considered by the Committee to be a good safety conscious kayaker who has shown enthusiasm for the sport and has been actively involved in diver training and expedition organisation.
  - Has been keen to advance himself through the training scheme of the Kayaking NGB.
  - Has the majority vote of the club committee.

### **MOUNTAINEERING:** (Non competitive)

- BLUE : One of the following:
  - Alpine Climbing: lead 4 major grade VI routes (e.g. Franey Pillar, N.Face Eiger) or attainment of a summit of 20,000ft.
  - Ice Climbing: Lead 6 Grade V Ice routes (e.g. Orion Fac, Minus II)
  - Rock Climbing: Lead 6 top grade (i.e. E3 or above) routes (e.g. Rat Race)
  - Hillwalking: completion of all Munroes or equivalent or completion of a longdistance walk of 200 miles, plus 150 Munroes
- HALF - BLUE : One of the following:
  - Alpine Climbing: lead 6 major grade V routes (e.g. Swiss Route on Les Courtes, N. Face Matterhorn) or 4 summits over 13,000ft
  - Ice Climbing: Lead 10 grade IV ice routes (e.g. The Screen, Green Gully)
  - Rock Climbing: Lead 10 XS (i.e. E1 or above) routes (eg Trapeze, Carnivore, Ichabod)

- Hillwalking: 150 Munros or equivalent OR attainment of Mountain Leadership Certificate OR 6 separate days when distances of over 30 miles and/or a total of 10,000ft of ascent have been covered or equivalent.

### **NETBALL:**

- BLUE: Played for Scottish Universities Team.
- HALF-BLUE : Selected as reserve for SUS team

### **RIFLE:**

EITHER:

1 - Shoulder to Shoulder Average BLUE 96.0 HALF-BLUE 95.5

2 - Postal competitions – must shoot in team handicap, Top XX and inter-university Average BLUE 97.5 HALF-BLUE 96.0

Above averages are calculated to NSRA rules: drop worst card in every six shot, taking average of those left..

### **RUGBY LEAGUE:**

- BLUE: Played for Scottish Students senior team.
- HALF-BLUE: Outstanding performance for the 1<sup>st</sup> XIII throughout the season (over 20's) or playing for the Scottish Universities under 20's team

### **RUGBY UNION:**

- BLUE: Played for Scottish Universities senior team
- HALF-BLUE: Outstanding performance for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV throughout the season (over 20's) or playing for the Scottish Universities under 20's team

### **SAILING:**

The nominee must have competed in all but one league race (except in exceptional circumstances)

- BLUE: Sailed for SUSA team.
- HALF-BLUE: Reserve for SUSA

### **SNOWSPORTS:**

Event Blue Half-Blue

SUS dry slope champs Individual winner or runner up

Individual top 4

Team Winner or Runner Up

BUCS dry slope champs. Individual top 3 in slalom or giant slalom.

Individual Top 7 SUS snow champs. Individual top 3 in slalom or giant slalom

Individual top 5

BUCS (BUSC) alpine event Top 3 individual placing in any slalom, giant slalom or Super G.

Finalist in the moguls.

Top 7 placing in any slalom, GS or Super G. Or selection for Scottish University team.

### **SUB AQUA:**

- BLUE (non- competitive):
  - Be an advanced class diver of high standard, a club instructor, promote safe diving and be a credit to the sport.
  - Have been actively and enthusiastically involved in the training of divers in the university club. Have organised expeditions to a high standard of safety and organisation to the satisfaction of the Diving Officer.
  - Always willing to give sound advice and help to other club members. Have the unanimous vote of the Committee of the Club as a suitable candidate.
- HALF-BLUE (non competitive):
  - Is considered by the Committee to be a good safety conscious diver who has shown enthusiasm for the sport and has been actively involved in diver training and expedition organisation.
  - Has been keen to advance himself through the training scheme of the British Sub-Aqua Club.
  - Has the majority vote of the club committee.

### **SWIMMING:**

- BLUE: Swam for SUS team or winning gold medal at SUS Championships in an individual race (i.e. not team relay), or finishing within 7.5% of winning time.
- HALF BLUE: +12% Silver/Bronze SUS Championships or reserve for SUS team, or finishing within 12% of winning time.  
Male 2001/2002 Female Event  
23.29 50m Free 26.37  
51.57 100m Free 57.45  
1.53.06 200m Free 2.04.11  
3.59.05 400m Free 4.19.87  
15.43.87 800/1500m Free 8.50.04  
26.34 50m Back 29.82  
57.60 100m Back 1.04.00  
2.04.41 200m Back 2.16.06  
28.98 50m Breast 32.54  
1.04.49 100m Breast 1.11.60  
2.19.06 200m Breast 2.33.71  
24.71 50m Butter 27.65  
55.78 100m Butter 1.01.84  
2.03.10 200m Butter 2.14.61  
2.06.68 200m Individual Medley 2.19.42  
4.28.55 400m Individual Medley 4.52.79

### **SQUASH:**

- BLUE: Played for Scottish Universities team
- HALF-BLUE: Reserve for SUS team

### **TABLE TENNIS:**

- BLUE: Played for Scottish Universities team
- HALF-BLUE: Reserve for Scottish Universities team

### **TKD:**

- BLUE: Gold, Silver or Bronze\* at International championship 6th Kup and above. Gold or silver medals (individual) at national/BUCS championships, British, Welsh, Scottish, Irish or English. Must be red or black belt 2nd kup or above. Undertaking & Passing Black Belt Examination under a recognised 9th Degree Grand Master of the I.T.F.
  - HALF BLUE: Gold, Silver or Bronze\* at international championship 10th to 7<sup>th</sup> Kup. Gold or silver medals (individual) at national/B.U.S.A. championships 6th kup or above, British, Welsh, Scottish, Irish or English. Any pair of multidisciplinary medals, from above competitions. I.e. Sparring and patterns  
Patterns and destruction  
Sparring and destruction
- \*Bronze: An award for Bronze medals at International level will be given after consideration by the Instructor and club captain. Final decision to be seconded by the Executive Committee

### **TENNIS:**

- BLUE: Played for Scottish Universities team
- HALF-BLUE: Reserve for SUS team

### **VOLLEYBALL:**

- BLUE: Played for Scottish Universities team
- HALF-BLUE: Reserve for SUS team