**BLUES AWARDS GENERAL CRITERIA**

Apart from honorary blues, all nominations must be for students currently enrolled at UHI.

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| **COLOUR** | **HALF BLUE** | **FULL BLUE** |
| * A Colour may be awarded to a student that has played or competed in a University first team for two full seasons or in teams other than the first team for three full seasons.
* Individual nominees must be able to demonstrate an ability to compete at Scottish Student Sport or British Universities and Colleges Sport level that is above average for the field. Where applicable and possible, individuals should have represented the university at these events.
* Please view sports specific criteria for approved matches/tournaments
 | * To be considered for the award of a Half Blue, a student must have fulfilled the Colour criteria as a first team player/ senior level athlete.

AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WHILST AT UNIVERSITY:* Junior or Student level national representation where a Cap/National vest is awarded.

(NB. Sports must be recognised by sportscotland to be applicable.)orA Half Blue should be a squad member for the Scottish Student Sport representative team in at least 75% of the fixtures for the University 1st team for the year of nomination and hold an overall winning recordorIndividuals to be placed (top 5) in a Scottish Student Sport or British Universities and Colleges Sport Championship-level eventExceptional 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. | * To be considered for the award of a Full Blue, a student must have fulfilled the Colour criteria as a first team player/ senior level athlete.

AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WHILST AT UNIVERSITY:* Won a significant individual title including Scottish Student Sport or British Universities and Colleges Sport Championships
* A gold medal in the advanced category (or comparable category) of an individual BUCS national tournament or equivalent.
* Have representative honours for their country or for Scottish Student Sport/British Universities and Colleges Sport select teams
* Individuals who represent their nation at European, World or Olympic level will also be considered regardless of representation of the University (dependent on the sport). However, there is an expectation that the student associates themselves with the university where possible.
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| **Notes:*** All applications should be considered against sport specific criteria
* Exceptionally, in the case of a student who has excelled for one full season (for example a podium finish at an individual national BUCS tournament, providing that there was sufficient opposition); the Blues Committee may use its discretion and award a Colour
* The Blues Committee may use their discretion in the giving of all awards when the criteria is not exactly matched.
* The Blues Committee may decide that when they cannot award a Full Blue, they may award a Half Blue. If they feel there is sufficient merit, they may award a Full Blue on recommendation for a Half Blue.
* The UBCC reserves the right to award a Full Blue or Half Blues to an individual they feel merits such an award.
* Individuals will not be awarded the same, or lower category of award in subsequent years
* Blues awards will be dated.
* Additional sports-specific criteria may be added or revised depending on the engagement and activity of students and applicants at the University.
* It is recognised that some sports may not have existing UHI involvement and that others may not have SSS or BUCS competitions available . This may be due to a number of factors, including that the relevant para category is not supported. In such cases the committee will make every effort to consider equivalent standards of performance when awarding Colours and Blues.

**Eligibility:*** Students must be enrolled as a student of the University of the Highlands and Islands at the time of nomination. Exceptions may be given to students who suspend to pursue their sport, or those who recently graduated. This will be at the discretion of the Blues Committee
* Other than honorary blues, all nominations must be for students currently enrolled at UHI.
* Note: current students enrolled in September may apply/be nominated for achievements that took place prior to the start of that academic year but after the previous UHI Blues awards process. Summer sport achievements can be used to support applications, particularly for students on 1-year programmes.
* Para sports are included in criteria throughout this document.
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**SPORT SPECIFIC CRITERIA**

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| ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL AND FUTSAL |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| **Notes:** BUCS League/Knockout only. |
| ATHLETICS |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| **Notes:** BUCS Cross country and/or Marathon and/or combined events may be considered in lieu of indoor, but will only be considered in isolation in exceptional circumstances.  |
| BADMINTON |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| **Notes:** BUCS League/Knockout. Individual Tournament (including doubles) considered in addition but not in isolation. |
| BASKETBALL |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| **Notes:** BUCS League/Knockout only. |
| BOXING |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| **Notes:** BUCS qualifiers and/or Championships only |
| CANOE |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| **Notes:** Must attend at least two events from Slalom, Polo or Wild water racing for each qualifying year. |
| CLIMBING |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| **Notes:** BUCS Championships only.  |
| CYCLING |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| FENCING |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| **Notes:** BUCS League/Knockout. Individual Tournament considered in addition but not in isolation. |
| GOLF |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| **Notes:** BUCS League/Knockout. Student Golf Tour Individual Tournaments considered in addition but not in isolation.  |
| RIDING |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| **Notes:** BUCS League/Knockout. |
| ROWING |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| RUGBY (UNION and LEAGUE) |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| **Notes:** BUCS League/Knockout only. BUCS Rugby 7s applicable in place of 15s where appropriate. |
| SAILING |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| SHOOTING |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| **Notes:** At least one of the following: BUCS Clay pigeon, short range, small bore or full bore  |
| SNOWSPORTS |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| **Notes:** At least one of the following: BUCS Dry slope, Dome or Alpine. Must be BUCS categories only. (Compete for a minimum of two years at Novicelevel or one year at Championship level) |
| SURFING |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| **Notes:** BUCS qualifiers for a minimum of 2 years and/or Championships for a minimum of 1 year |
| SWIMMING |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| VOLLEYBALL |
| **COLOUR*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **HALF BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
 | **FULL BLUE*** Standard Criteria apply
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| **Notes:** BUCS League/Knockout only. |

**Criteria for Blues Special Awards**

**HONORARY BLUE**

There may be more than one Honorary Blue awarded each academic year but there is no requirement to make the award every year. This award will be decided by the UBCC on the following basis –

• An Honorary Blue may be awarded to any current student or alumnus of the university who medals at World Championships, World Cups, Commonwealth Games or equivalent relevant to their sport. Additionally, should a student or alumnus compete at an Olympic or Paralympic Games, they would be eligible for the award.

• An Honorary Blue may be awarded to a person connected with the University of the Highlands and Islands who has made outstanding contributions to Scottish, British or World Sport

• An Honorary Blue may be awarded to any person who has made an outstanding contribution, normally over a period of at least three years, to the development of University student sport resulting in a significant change in the delivery of the sport at the university.

# SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

# This award will be decided by UBCC following the same criteria as for a Full Blue. The committee may decide on the most deserving candidate from those awarded a Full Blue from the current, or any previous year.

# UHI TEAM OF THE YEAR

# This award is only open to the 1st team of any BUCS sport, and may be presented purely on the level of performance and achievement during the period between the last Blues Committee meeting of the preceding year and the last Blues Committee meeting of the current year.