

## Student Sport Awards and Criteria

“The Student Sport Awards at University of Exeter epitomise excellence, highlighting outstanding achievements. Throughout the year, dedication, discipline, and sportspersonship conduct are paramount. Recipients exemplify these qualities, inspiring their peers and embodying the university's commitment to athletic excellence and integrity. Consequently, conduct both on and off the sports field significantly influences the selection criteria for all awards.”

### ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Throughout the year, the club has actively pursued alumni engagement initiatives, striving to involve former members in various tournaments, events and other activities. They've cultivated a working relationship with Global Advancement to leverage resources and opportunities for alumni involvement. To gauge the effectiveness of their engagement efforts, clubs have implemented measures to assess participation levels, feedback from alumni, and the impact of alumni involvement on club activities and initiatives.

### ACHIEVEMENTS IN MEDIA

This award recognises a club who have consistently produced positive high quality media content to engage with an online community throughout the year to raise the profile of sport at Exeter. This may include running a campaign for fundraising, club awareness and/or membership promotion. Consideration will also be given to a club and/or individual who has demonstrated a strong working relationship with communication staff including sharing content, producing articles and always adhering to brand guidelines.

### PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY OF THE YEAR

This award recognises the effort that clubs have put into participation programmes and/or events to develop their club and provide wider opportunities for students outside of BUCS activity. This may include pitch up and play, non-BUCS inter-university competitions or local community events entered as a university club. It could also have been a charity event, a one-off occasion, a new initiative, or a recurring event. Detail the organisational and administrative groundwork you've undertaken, such as conducting risk assessments and addressing health and safety concerns all within a timely manner leading up to the activity/event.

### REPRESENTATION & INCLUSION AWARD

This award recognises a club's continuous effort to be as inclusive as possible to all students at the university. This may include organising or attending training to engage with under-represented communities, delivering diverse and adaptable sessions and engaging with local community groups. Consideration will also be given if the club has engaged with Student Sport and University of Exeter's inclusivity campaigns.



**STUDENT COACH**

This award honours the memory of Andrew Vickers. Andrew was a dedicated sportsman and coach and as such this award will recognise hard work and commitment from a current student in a coaching capacity. The person nominated for this award is a dedicated current student coach who has generously devoted numerous voluntary and/or paid coaching hours to enhance the club. Their coaching has significantly impacted the performance of the teams they've led, fostering growth and success. They've made substantial contributions to both the club and the broader community, establishing a grassroots participation pathway that welcomes new members and thereby promoting inclusivity and expanding the club's reach.

**CLUB CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR**

This individual has demonstrated exceptional communication skills, fostering strong relationships with the Sport President, Heads of Sport, and coaching staff where appropriate. They've taken proactive steps to enhance the club, consistently working tirelessly to ensure its continual improvement and future sustainability. Their dedication and initiative serve as a positive example within the club, embodying effective leadership and management qualities.

**TEAM OF THE YEAR**

This is awarded to an AU team that has achieved a high level of success within their sport. This may include performance in BUCS (or equivalent where there is no BUCS competition) and/or performance in associated local/regional/national leagues.

**FRESHER OF THE YEAR**

This award recognises a first-year student who has achieved success within their sport. The recipient of this award will be someone who has made a positive impact in their club and has achieved success at a high level. In sports where possible, this athlete may have attained national or international representation.

**SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR**

This award recognises a male who has achieved success within their sport. The recipient of this award will be someone who has been a positive representative of the University and has achieved success at a high level. In sports where possible, this athlete may have attained national or international representation.

**SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR**

This award recognises a female who has achieved success within their sport. The recipient of this award will be someone who has been a positive representative of the University and has achieved success at a high level. In sports where possible, this athlete may have attained national or international representation.

**CLUB SUCCESS OF THE YEAR**

This is awarded to an AU club that has achieved a high level of success within their sport. This should include outstanding performance across the depth of the club in BUCS or equivalent competitions e.g. local/regional/national teams and/or individuals. Consideration will also be given to the percentage of available BUCS points achieved.



## CLUB OF THE YEAR

Club of the Year is awarded to the club who has achieved high levels of success across a wide range of sport and non-sporting activities. The following criteria are considered:

1. Positive image of the University has been promoted by the club
2. General Behaviour by club has consistently been exceptional
3. Progress the club has made towards their development plan with the AU
4. Engagement in AU organised events and Student Sport Campaigns

## THE BRUCE COLEMAN UNSUNG HERO - (as decided for by the students)

This award recognises individuals who consistently go above and beyond, yet often remain unrecognised for their contributions. This award honors those who have volunteered their time and efforts for a significant period, at least one year, demonstrating unwavering commitment. It also acknowledges those who support officials and referees behind the scenes, recognising their invaluable contribution to the success of events and competitions.

## SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR (as decided for by the students)

This award recognises a vibrant, charismatic and enthusiastic individual who has been heavily involved in sport at the University, be this in a playing capacity or otherwise. They will be a well-known character amongst the Student Sport body at Exeter with unique personal flair.

