

The University of Otago Blues & Golds Awards Policy

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Note: This policy replaces and combines the University of Otago Blues Policy and the University of Otago Golds Policy.

Related Policies: The University of Otago Blues & Golds Terms of Reference, the OUSA Appointments Policy, and the OUSA Affiliation Policy.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose is to uphold the value and prestige of the awards listed in this policy when making recommendations to the OUSA Executive.

2. The Awards

- 2.1. The panel shall consider all nominations received for the following awards:
 - 2.1.1. University of Otago Blue;
 - 2.1.2. University of Otago Gold;
 - 2.1.3. University of Otago Sportswoman of the Year;
 - 2.1.4. University of Otago Sportsman of the Year;
 - 2.1.5. University of Otago Māori Sportsperson of the Year;
 - 2.1.6. University of Otago Graduates' Association Outstanding Contribution to Arts and Culture;
 - 2.1.7. OUSA Silver Service;
 - 2.1.8. OUSA Coach of the Year;
 - 2.1.9. OUSA Sports Club of the Year;
 - 2.1.10. OUSA Society of the Year;
 - 2.1.11. OUSA Cultural Society of Year;
 - 2.1.12. Any other awards approved by the OUSA Executive.
- 2.2. The panel shall make recommendations to the OUSA Executive on the awards.

3. Nominations

- 3.1. All nominations shall be submitted in writing through the provided online nomination form to the OUSA Clubs Development Officer (CDO) within the specified time period.
- 3.2. The CDO shall set the nomination time period as they see fit.

- 3.3. Individuals may be nominated or nominate themselves for an award.
- 3.4. Clubs and Societies may be nominated or nominate themselves for an award.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. The achievements of the individual, club or society being nominated must have taken place in the 12 months following the 1st of August of the previous year.
- 4.2. For any individual to be eligible for any award, they must have been an OUSA member during the qualifying period, with the exception of OUSA Coach of the Year Award.
- 4.3. For any club or society to be eligible for any award, they must have met the requirements for affiliation in that year.

5. Standards

- 5.1. In arriving at a standard for the University of Otago Blue Award and the University of Otago Gold Award, the panel shall consider the regional standard for that sport or cultural area.
- 5.2. Should the panel be left in reasonable doubt as to whether a nominee satisfies the required standard for any award, the panel shall not recommend an award to the Executive.

6. Awards and Records

- 6.1. All of the awards shall be awarded once every year.
- 6.2. The panel shall have discretion in recommending awards.
- 6.3. The panel may refuse to recommend an award to any individual, Club or Society even if they have met the criteria for the particular award.
- 6.4. The OUSA Executive reserves the right to strip any holder of any Otago University Blues and Golds awards.
- 6.5. Each recipient of an award shall receive a certificate which shall specify the name of each recipient, the type of award, and the year which the award was given.
- 6.6. The CDO shall keep a record of all University of Otago Blues and Golds awards which shall specify the name of each recipient, the name of each recipient, the type of award, and the year which the award was given.