

The University of Otago Blues & Golds Awards Policy

Category: Procedural

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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 To uphold the value and prestige of the awards listed in this policy when making recommendations to the OUSA Executive.

2. Interpretation

- 2.1 Unless the context otherwise states:
 - 2.1.1 OUSA is the Otago University Students' Association.
 - 2.1.2 CDO is the OUSA Clubs Development Officer.
 - 2.1.3 Club means any organisation, society or association affiliated to OUSA under the constitution.
 - 2.1.4 OUSA Executive are the elected or appointed officers responsible for governing OUSA.
 - 2.1.5 Panel is the appointed members outlined in the Terms of Reference.
 - 2.1.6 Criteria relates to The University of Otago Blues & Golds Criteria Document outlined in the Terms of Reference Appendix.

3. The Awards

- 3.1 The panel shall consider all nominations received for the following awards:
 - 3.1.1 University of Otago Blues;
University of Otago Golds;
 - 3.1.2 University of Otago Sportsperson of the Year;
 - 3.1.3 University of Otago Highly Commended Sportsperson of the Year;
 - 3.1.4 University of Otago Māori Sportsperson of the Year;
 - 3.1.5 University of Otago Outstanding Contribution to Arts and Culture;
 - 3.1.6 OUSA Silver Service;
 - 3.1.7 OUSA Coach of the Year;
 - 3.1.8 OUSA Sports Club of the Year;
 - 3.1.9 OUSA Society of the Year;
 - 3.1.10 OUSA Cultural Society of Year;

- 3.1.11 Outstanding Member of the Dunedin Community;
- 3.1.12 Outstanding member of the University of Otago Community;
- 3.1.13 Any other awards approved by the OUSA Executive.
- 3.2 The panel shall make recommendations to the OUSA Executive on the awards.

4. Nominations

- 4.1 All nominations to be submitted in writing through the provided online nomination form to the OUSA CDO within the specified period.
- 4.2 The CDO shall set the nomination period as they see fit.
- 4.3 Individuals may be nominated or nominate themselves for an award.
- 4.4 Clubs and Societies must nominate themselves for an award.
- 4.5 As set out in the Criteria, some nominations may require a letter of endorsement.
- 4.6 In the instance a nomination does not meet the award criteria, but may meet another award criteria, the nominee will be contacted by the CDO before being tendered.

5. Eligibility

- 5.1 The achievements of the individual, club or society nominated must have taken place in the 12 months following the 1st of August of the previous year.
- 5.2 For any individual to be eligible for any award, they must have been a University of Otago student during the qualifying period.
- 5.3 For any club or society to be eligible for any award, they must have met the requirements for affiliation in that year.

6. Standards

- 6.1 For all relevant awards, the panel shall consider the regional standard for that sport or cultural area, as prescribed in the criteria.
- 6.2 Should the panel have reasonable doubt as to whether a single nominee satisfies the required standard for any award, the panel shall recommend withdrawing the award to the Executive.

7. Awards and Records

- 7.1 With the exception of clause 7.2, all of the awards are awarded once every year.
- 7.2 The Executive may refuse to recommend an award to any individual, club or society even if they have met the criteria for the particular award.
- 7.3 The OUSA Executive reserves the right to strip any holder of any Otago University Blues and Golds awards.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 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.

7.6 A University of Otago Blues or Golds award can only ever be awarded once for the same discipline. An individual can only receive a second University of Otago Blues or Golds award where they have excelled in a second/difference discipline