

*Please read the following information carefully before completing the Nomination Form and preparing the supporting written submission.*

### **The closing date for submissions is Sunday 6 April 2025**

**Blues** are awarded to students who have achieved high sporting standard while enrolled at the University and who have represented or contributed to the University in sport. To receive a Blue, students must demonstrate both sporting excellence and representation / contribution to University sport.

## 1. Eligibility

- 1.1. To be eligible for consideration the nominee will:
- 1.2. be or have been an enrolled student at the University of Newcastle proceeding towards a Degree or Diploma at the time of performance.
- 1.3. have successfully completed two semesters at the University.
- 1.4. be nominated by a Blue; a student of the University; a member of staff of the University of Newcastle / NUsport / UNSA; a NUsport affiliated sporting club or by a UniSport Nationals Team Manager. *Students may nominate themselves and are encouraged to do so.*

## 2. Performance

- 2.1. It is essential for the nominee to have an outstanding record of sporting achievement while enrolled as a student. Evidence of outstanding performance may include:
  - 2.1.1. success in an UniSport Nationals Event; or a NSW Country, State or National individual championship.
  - 2.1.2. selection in any Australian Universities Representative team (selected by UniSport Australia) or in an official NSW Country, State or National team.
- 2.2. Where applicable, the student will also have been a regular member of a University team which participates in the highest level district competition (other than state or national league) and will have played in approximately 70% of matches in either the highest district grade or a higher representative level, unless prevented by injury.

## 3. Representation and Contribution

- 3.1. While outstanding performance is necessary for the award of a Blue, it is not sufficient. The nomination must also include evidence of (a) University representation in the sport or (b) activities undertaken by the nominee to support the sport on campus.
- 3.2. In addition to performance requirements, **one** of the **following two criteria** is also necessary for a Blue:
  - 3.2.1. *Representation* - The student will have represented the University as a regular player for a University club / team in district or regional competitions in that sport **or** at UniSport Nationals (or AUG/ EUG/AUC if prior to 2018) on at least two occasions. **OR**
  - 3.2.2. *Contribution* - The student will have contributed to the sport on campus. Contribution to University sport may be demonstrated through such activities as coaching, fundraising, administration, publicity, compiling statistics or maintaining equipment for a University team or club or managing a university team or assisting in the organisation of a university sporting event.
- 3.3. No award will be recommended for any player who has acted in an unsportsmanlike manner which has been to the detriment of the reputation of the club, NUsport or the University e.g. misbehaviour at an event reported by officials or instances of this kind.
- 3.4. The Sports Awards Selection Committee will consider a nominee's achievements, representations and contributions throughout his or her enrolment as a student of the University of Newcastle. Performances by the nominee, while not enrolled as a student of the University of Newcastle, will not be considered and have no bearing on the deliberations of the Selection Committee.
- 3.5. **In addition to completing the Nomination Form (over), a detailed written submission must be provided which addresses ALL the above criteria. See page 4 for details. Early submission is strongly recommended.**

### 4. Guide to Nomination Form Completion - Blues

- 4.1. **Sport:** The sport for which the nomination is being lodged.
- 4.2. **Nominated by:** The person or official from the group listed in point 3 on page 1 who is responsible for the nomination. Students may nominate themselves and are encouraged to do so.
- 4.3. **Names:** The full correct first name and surname as recorded with the University on enrolment.
- 4.4. **Student No:** This is essential. Graduates are also required to include the student number they had when they were enrolled at the University but to make clear they have graduated.
- 4.5. **Year 1<sup>st</sup> enrolled:** List the year in which the nominee was first enrolled at the University. Graduates also must provide this information.
- 4.6. **Course / Degree:** Full official name of the degree / diploma in which the nominee is or was enrolled [e.g. *Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) / Bachelor of Health & Physical Education*], or correct University abbreviations thereof. For those who have completed a degree, please provide year of graduation. Postgraduate students should provide details of degree(s) completed as well as of current studies.
- 4.7. **Deferments:** Provide details of every period since 1<sup>st</sup> enrolled during which the nominee was not enrolled, suspended or had deferred from their course. Please note that sporting achievements during such periods of deferment cannot be credited towards a Blue and should not be included in the submission.
- 4.8. **Referees:** Provide names, positions held in sport and contact details of independent persons (persons other than family members or in the case of nomination by a club or team, persons other than members of that club or team) who can clarify, confirm or evaluate the performances or contributions of the nominee. More than 2 referees can be provided. **The nomination will not be accepted if details of at least one independent referee are not supplied.**
- 4.9. **Nominations** lodged by a club must be approved by the Club Committee beforehand. Details of the committee meeting which approved the nomination must be cited.
- 4.10. **Declarations:**
  - 4.10.1. The person lodging a nomination on behalf of a club or team must confirm that the details provided in the submission have been checked against reliable independent sources for accuracy. The nomination must also be reviewed by the nominee who must attest to the accuracy of information that relates to matters of fact and to confirm his/her acceptance of the nomination.
  - 4.10.2. *To avoid errors which will count against the nomination, students are advised to prepare the submission and nominate themselves.* Students who nominate themselves will need to obtain references which provide evidence of their contribution to University sport. Students who nominate themselves only need to sign the 2<sup>nd</sup> declaration.
- 4.11. All starred fields (\*) on the Nomination Form are mandatory and the requested details must be provided. In addition, the nominee's sporting performances and achievements while enrolled at the University as well as his/her contributions to University sport must be accurately detailed in an attachment. Information provided in support of the nomination must be referenced in the usual academic manner with references cited which provide independent evidence to support claims of achievement, performance, selections, representation or contribution. References may include website URLs of state or national sporting bodies which confirm selection in a representative team; a photocopy of an award certificate or newspaper article; a copy of the minutes of the club general meeting at which an official was elected; the names and contact details of additional referees who can confirm specific matters, etc.
- 4.12. Use the Detailed Submission outline on the next page as a template. Retain the black text and provide the information requested in **blue**. When this is done, delete all the **blue instructions** to leave one or two pages of detailed information about the nominee's sporting achievements, University representations and contributions while enrolled at the University of Newcastle.
- 4.13. Nominations which do not provide the required information **will not be accepted**.
- 4.14. Nominations on previous versions of the nomination form **will not be accepted**.
- 4.15. *Submit early!* Nominations received after the closing date **will not be accepted**.

## Detailed Submission

Nomination for a Blue for name in the sport of sport.

A detailed submission must be included with the nomination form. Please ensure your submission follows guidelines given above and below. Begin by *carefully re-reading* the preceding information as failure to follow instructions and provide the required information will likely lead to the rejection of this nomination.

Include the **following headings** in your submission and attach the submission to the completed nomination form.

### **Performance:**

**Instructions – Provide details of significant performances or selections while enrolled and include the following:**

- *Include details which specifically address points 4 and 5 on page 1 above.*
- *Provide complete details of good performances in significant events and selections in representative teams (full correct title). Include only performances and representations at District Open level or higher.*
- *Indicate all selections and performances in any State, National or International side while enrolled and specify if the event / team was an Open or Age (U19, Colts etc) event / team.*
- *Provide specific dates for each performance.*
- *Cover the full period of enrolment of the nominee as a University of Newcastle student.*
- *Indicate all selections and / or participation in World University Championships or Games*
- *Indicate all selections in AUG Green & Gold Teams (if applicable).*
- *Indicate medals won in an AUC/AUG/Nationals individual championship in Open events. Specify precisely which event.*
- *For members of University Clubs, detail the % of games played in First Grade for the club each season.*
- *Performances prior to enrolment or during any period of non-enrolment such as deferment from studies, do not count and should not be included.*
- *Provide references for all significant achievements i.e. independent sources, such as NSO or SSO websites, where achievements can be independently verified. Alternatively, attach documentary evidence.*
- *Provide the names and contact details of two independent referees e.g. Newcastle or state association officials. The nomination will not be accepted if it fails to provide details of at least one independent referee.*

### **University Representation and/or Contribution to University Sport:**

**Instructions – Provide details of all representations and contributions while enrolled and include the following:**

- *Include details which specifically address points 6(a) and 6(b) on page 1 above.*
- *Only include contributions and representations when the nominee was an enrolled student.*
- *Cover the full period of enrolment of the nominee as a University of Newcastle student. Selectors want to know the full extent of the nominee's involvement in sport at the University since first enrolled.*
- *For members of University Clubs, detail the years and number of games played for the club each season.*
- *For nominees claiming club contributions, detail those contributions. Provide explanations where membership of a club was for only a short period eg. club member for 6 months during 4 years of University enrolment.*
- *List every EUG and AUC/AUG or UniSport Nationals in which the nominee has participated.*
- *Provide explanations for non-attendance at AUC/AUG/Nationals while enrolled.*

### **Additional supporting information:**

- *Include other relevant information which may support this nomination e.g. coaching or refereeing in the sport while enrolled.*
- *Do NOT include information prior to enrolment or during any period of suspension or deferment from study.*

When all required information for all significant performances / selections as well as all contributions to University sport and University representations have been entered, delete these instructions in blue to leave a detailed explanation of achievements and contributions made by the nominee while enrolled.

# University Blue Nomination & Declaration



**NUSPORT**

## Declaration

Clubs - This nomination was recommended by a club committee meeting on: *			
<b>Declaration by Nominator</b> - I confirm that the information provided in this nomination has been cross checked for accuracy with reliable sources and that all details are true and correct.			
Name*		Signed*	Date*
<b>Declaration by Nominee</b> - I have checked the nomination and confirm that details about specific performances, dates and events are correct. I consent to the nomination being submitted for consideration.			
I have read all the information attached to this form and I agree to the conditions for nomination. I understand that if I am awarded a Blue, I am expected to attend the Sports Awards presentation function and required to provide a suitable photograph and attend blazer fitting when requested to do so by NU sport.			
Name*		Signed*	Date*
<b>Office use</b>	Date received & staff initial		Eligibility checked