**What is a University Blue?**

**Blue** and **Half Blue Awards** have a century-old tradition in university sport and have been awarded to sportsmen and women in recognition of their outstanding sporting achievements, and for enhancing the reputation of university sport. To be awarded a University Blue is held in high esteem and is one of the highest accolades a university athlete can receive.

**The University of Queensland** and **UQ Sport**, through an independent **Blues Advisory Committee**, have developed selection criteria to ensure Blue and Half-Blue recipients are of the highest standard.

To receive a **Blue**, student-athletes will have produced exceptional results at national or international-level sporting competitions. The Blues Advisory Committee also takes into consideration the standard and quality of these competitions when judging Blue nominations.

A **Half Blue** recognises outstanding sporting performances at state-level and/or university competitions.

**Eligibility Criteria**

* The award period covers sporting performances between **October 2022 and September 2023**.
* Where a person already holding a Half Blue in a particular sport from a previous year meets the criteria for the award of a Blue in that sport, that person is eligible to be nominated for a Blue for the current year.
* A person may not receive a ‘re-award’ of a Blue or Half Blue (i.e. an award of the same level in the same sport).
* A Blue recipient in a particular sport may not be awarded a Half Blue in the same sport in subsequent years.
* Nominees are eligible to receive a Half Blue or Blue in more than one sport.
* The nominee must be either a currently enrolled student of The University of Queensland, or a recent graduate of the University, having graduated within the past 12 months.
* If still a student, where possible, the nominee should have represented The University of Queensland at a UniSport Nationals event, or other Australian University Championships in that year.
* The nominee should have competed for the UQ Sport-affiliated Club in their chosen sport, noting that applicants from sports where a University Club does not exist will also be considered.
* Where applicable, the nominee must demonstrate a high level of commitment to their Club.
* The nominee must have displayed good sportsmanship and not acted in any way that may be considered to be detrimental to the welfare of the Club, or prejudicial to the dignity and honour of UQ Sport or The University of Queensland.

 **The Blues Awards are determined at the absolute discretion of an independent Blues Advisory Committee.**

 **Submitting the Nomination**

* Please ensure you have completed the application in full. All nominations must be submitted on this document, typed, and submitted via email to blues@uqsport.com.au. **Hand-written, PDF, or hand-delivered nomination forms will NOT be accepted.**
* When considering Award nominations, the **Blues Advisory Committee** may require additional information to accurately judge your sporting achievements. In some cases, reliable event data may not be forthcoming. When listing your sporting achievements, please provide as much detail as possible, and always note the **official names of events and applicable teams** – shortened or informal references are not acceptable. Please see the examples below:

**Correct Event Information:** 2022 Queensland State Championship Regatta

**Incorrect Event Information:** 2022 Qld Rowing Titles

**Correct Team Information:** Australian Men’s Under 21 Touch Team

**Incorrect Team Information:** Australian Touch Team

* For promotional purposes, please include a **high-resolution photograph** (portrait or action shot) with your application.
* **Nominations close at 5pm on Thursday 21 September 2023.** Late or incomplete applications may not be accepted.
* For nominees competing at the 2023 UniSport Nationals – please still submit the nomination form by the due date mentioning that results are pending. UQ Sport will monitor these and insert on the nominee’s behalf at the completion of the event.
* Award nominees and nominators will be contacted via email following the Awards Selection Meeting. Should you wish to appeal the result, you will have five (5) days to submit any supplementary documentation.

**Example Achievement Listing**

Please ensure you list as much information as you can in each field, and always note the **official names of events and applicable teams.**

Team Sport – e.g. Basketball:

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| **Date** | **Team Represented / Event / Competition / Location** | **Performance Details / Ranking / Titles Won** *Including Placement, Times, Distances, Events, Rankings, Number of Competitors* |
| *23 Jul 2019* | *Australian Men’s U/21 Team. World Junior Men’s Basketball Championship / Tokyo, Japan* | *Silver Medal. 12 teams. Player of the Tournament* |

Individual Sport – e.g. Athletics:

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| **Date** | **Team represented / Event / Competition / Location** | **Performance Details / Ranking / Titles Won** *Including Placement, Times, Distances, Events, Rankings, Number of Competitors* |
| *28 Aug 2019* | *UniRoos Athletics Team / Long Jump / World University Games / Taipei, Taiwan*  | *Bronze Medal, 7.92m. 3rd out of 29 competitors*  |

 **Nomination Form**

Please select the award/s you wish to submit a nomination for:

[ ]  2023 Blue [ ]  2023 Half Blue

**Nominator’s details**

Please provide **your** contact details should we need to contact you regarding the nomination:

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| Name:\*  |  |
| Phone:\* |  | Email:\* |  |
| Club:\* |  | Club Role\* |  |

 \*denotes required field.

**Nominee’s details**

Please provide **the nominee’s** contact details as we will need to contact them about the outcome of their nomination:

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| Name:\*  |  | Sport\*: |  |
| Program of Study\*: |  | Faculty / School\*: |  |
| Commencement Date\*: |  | Expected or actual graduation date\*: |  |
| Was the nominee a current member of the relevant UQ Sport Affiliated Club during the award period?\*:  | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  N/A | Did the nominee compete at an Australian University Sport sanctioned event during the award period\*?  | [ ]  Yes[ ]  No[ ]  N/A |
| Street Address:\* |  |
| Suburb:\*  |  | Postcode:\*  |  | State:\*  |  |
| Phone:\* |  | Email:\* |  |
| DOB:\* |  | Student Number\*: |  |
| Web Link to Video Footage of Nominee (to use for promotional purposes):  |  |

 \*denotes required field.

PLEASE NOTE: *Award nominees and nominators will be contacted via email following the Awards Selection Meeting. Should you wish to appeal the result, you will have five (5) days to submit any supplementary documentation.*

**Nominee Achievements: October 2022 – September 2023**

Please provide as much information as you can, and always note the official names of events and applicable teams. If insufficient room, please insert additional lines. Please ensure achievements are listed in **chronological order**, and that they **occur with the award period** (October 2022 – September 2023)

1. **Club Level**

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| **Date** *(Month, Year)* | **Team Represented / Event / Competition / Location** | **Performance Details / Ranking / Titles Won** *(Placement, Times, Distances, Rankings, No. of Competitors)* |
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1. **UniSport Nationals (Australian University Games) or Championships**

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1. **State/ Regional Level**

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1. **National Level**

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| **Date** *(Month, Year)* | **Team Represented / Event / Competition / Location** | **Performance Details / Ranking / Titles Won** *(Placement, Times, Distances, Rankings, No. of Competitors)* |
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1. **International Level**

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| **Date** *(Month, Year)* | **Team Represented / Event / Competition / Location** | **Performance Details / Ranking / Titles Won** *(Placement, Times, Distances, Rankings, No. of Competitors)* |
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**Past Achievements and Representation**

Please provide as much information as you can, and always note the official names of events and applicable teams. If insufficient room, please feel free to insert additional lines or attach additional details. Please list achievements in **chronological** order.

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| **Date** *(Month, Year)* | **Team Represented / Event / Competition / Location** | **Performance Details / Ranking / Titles Won** *(Placement, Times, Distances, Rankings, No. of Competitors)* |
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**Other Awards**

Has the nominee received any other previous sporting awards?

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| **Year Award(s) won:** | **Please specify the Award(s) received** *(e.g. previous Half Blue, Player of the Year Award etc)* |
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**Referee / Endorsement**

Please provide the names of a referee, (e.g. Officials in the relevant sport association, coaches or officials from relevant sporting teams or competitions) and/or a UQ Sport-affiliated Club executive. Self-nominations cannot be considered if these names are not provided.

**Referee: National / state sporting organisation contact**

This is required for all nominees

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**Club Endorsement**

This is required for nominees who are involved with the relevant UQ Sporting Club.

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