



Section A - Awards and criteria

1. Sportsman of the Year

Celebrates the domestic or international success of a student studying at a BUCS member institution. The award recognises the highest possible standard of competition achieved by an eligible male identifying student.

Nominated individuals must:

- Be a student at a BUCS member institution and eligible to compete in BUCS competition*

Consideration will be given to:

- Success in international student competition, such as representing their country at a World University Games or Championships
- Success in non-student competition, such as representing their country at the Olympics, Paralympics, Commonwealth Games, European or World Championships
- Outstanding success within BUCS competition
- Other significant international or domestic competitive success.

*Although the nominee must be eligible, there is no requirement for them to have ever competed in a BUCS competition

2. Sportswoman of the Year

As above, for an eligible female identifying student.

3. Team of the Year

Celebrates the competitive achievement of a student team competing in BUCS competition or a BUCS representative team that has attended a FISU sanctioned competition.

Nominated teams must:

- Have more than 50% of the team members eligible to compete within BUCS competition at a member institution

And

- Have competed for their institution at a BUCS event(s) or competition(s)

or

- Have represented BUCS at a BUCS-sanctioned international competition.

Note: Teams can be nominated for success **outside** a BUCS competition, but they must also have taken part in a BUCS event/competition or represented BUCS internationally.

Consideration will be given to:

- Performance in their sport within BUCS, EUSA or FISU sanctioned competition
- High level of achievement and success within BUCS competition
- High level of achievement and success outside of BUCS competition

4. Club of the Year

Celebrates a club that has demonstrated a commitment to club development that has resulted in improving the university sport experience. This award is a club award focusing on development achievements and not specifically on performance success.

Nominated clubs must:

- Be a student led club supported by their universities sport department, athletic union or student union sport department. There is no requirement for the club to have any teams or individuals competing in BUCS competition.

Consideration will be given to:

- Improving the experience to club members and the wider community across all levels of sport
- Growing membership through positive action
- Increasing participation in physical activity
- Supporting club volunteers, coaches and officials
- Developing links with external and internal partners

5. Student Volunteer of the Year

Celebrates a student volunteer who has contributed to university and/or community work. This can include working in domestic or international competitions or performance or participation driven projects and programmes.

Nominated individuals must:

- Be a registered student at a BUCS member institution

Consideration will be given to the student's voluntary contribution to sport, including but not limited to:

- Increasing opportunities for social and recreational sport
- Club development and support of university club committees
- Providing student athlete support
- Developing and supporting other volunteers within student sport
- Supporting and managing domestic and/or international events
- Working with the institution, NGBs and other partners
- Supporting wider sporting initiatives in the community

Students who are also in paid roles (such as gym assistants or coaches) may be considered. However, only contributions in purely voluntary roles will be considered in the application.

6. Unsung Hero

Celebrates a member of staff at a BUCS member institution who has worked tirelessly, and without broader recognition, to supporting student sport at any level in the last 12 months.

Nominated individuals must be:

- A staff member from a BUCS member institution for at least one year

or

- A staff member of a member institution's club (such as a club coach)

Consideration will be given to:

- Going 'above and beyond' the expectations of their role on a regular basis
- Work that has improved the sport and/or physical activity offering at their institution
- Work that has improved the sport and/or physical activity offering to the wider BUCS membership

7. Higher Education Sport Champion

Celebrates the contribution made by those working outside the sector to Higher Education sport. Awarded to an individual or organisation from outside the BUCS membership who has worked tirelessly to support student sport at any level in the last 12 months. Institutions are encouraged to nominate organisations or individuals that have supported them or HE sport in general, including but not limited to; NGB staff, sport facilities and inclusion charities.

Nominated individuals must:

- Not be employed by a HE institution
- Not be employed by a student union

Nominated organisations must:

- Not be part of a HE institution
- Not be part of a student union

Consideration will be given to:

- Going 'above and beyond' the expectations of their role on a regular basis
- Work that has improved the HE sport and/or physical activity offering at a local or national level
- Other work to champion HE sport in the wider sporting sector

8. A.D. Munrow Award

Celebrates a remarkable individual who has made a significant contribution to BUCS and/or university sport and has been instrumental in supporting, growing and developing university sport and physical activity over a sustained period.

Nominated individuals are expected to have given at least 10 years' service to HE Sport from working either within or outside of the HE sport sector.

Consideration will be given to:

- Impact on improving the university sport experience across the sector
- Contribution to HE Sport on national organisations/committees
- Contributed to HE Sport on international organisations / committees

9. Dan Porter Award

This award is in memory of former Sheffield Hallam Head of Sport, and BUCS colleague, Dan Porter who tragically lost his 13-year battle with cancer in 2018. In this period, despite the challenges faced, he established the Danny Porter Foundation to support those also effected by cancer while remaining a fully active at Sheffield Hallam and as a member of Higher Education, Yorkshire and national sporting landscape.

This award celebrates an individual or group who have faced and overcome adversity or disadvantage to positively impact others within university sport and physical activity. The individual or group will have demonstrated a remarkable sense of character to achieve, motivate and inspire.

Consideration will be given to:

- Overcoming adversity or disadvantage
- Significant contribution and impact on the lives and experiences of others
- Developing a sense of character to achieve, motivate and inspire others

10. Participation Programme of the Year

Celebrates a programme that has actively improved the provision to for their students, staff and community with outstanding new participation opportunities.

As this is an institution level award, nominations should:

- Be for activity over the last 12 months

Consideration will be given to:

- Increased participation in social and recreational sport, and physical activity
- Impact on overall physical activity levels in the institution's community
- The impact of the programme(s) across the entire institution
- The sustainability of participation programmes

11. Diversity and Inclusion Award

Celebrates a BUCS member institution that has actively ensured that their activities, programmes and opportunities are inclusive and accessible to all students

Consideration will be given to:

- Developing internal partnerships to widen access to sport and physical activity opportunities
- Increased the diversity of participants in sport and physical activity
- Increased participation in inclusive sport and physical activity opportunities
- Improving the inclusivity of sport and physical activity

12. Digital Engagement Award

This award recognises a club, department or institution that has improved areas such as awareness, engagement, spectators and/or participants through the use of digital marketing. Nominees of this award may vary from paid members of staff, to students and volunteers who have utilised channels such as social media, editorial and design to actively improve engagement and awareness amongst their audience.

Nominations should:

- Be for activity over the last 12 months

Consideration will be given to:

- The reach of digital engagement
- The quality of engagement with partners
- Engaging with new internal and external organisations
- The positive effects on university sport

13. Workforce Programme of the Year

Celebrates an institution that has created a new, or enhanced an existing, student leadership or workforce programme to support the upskilling and employability of their students.

As this is an institution level award, nominations should:

- Be for activity over the last 12 months
- Include all workforce programmes within an institution in a single nomination

Examples could include, but are not restricted to, coaching, officiating, volunteering or community outreach projects to increase the leadership and development opportunities for students at their institution.

Consideration will be given to:

- Impact on the employability of the student workforce
- Impact of the workforce on university sport programmes and the student community
- Increased student engagement in workforce programmes
- Partnerships and relationships built to support the student sport workforce
- The sustainability of the programmes