**Queen's University Belfast**

**University Blues Committee**

**Guidelines and Regulations Governing the Award of University Blues**

Queen's University Belfast annually presents Blues awards to sports men and women who have achieved high standards of performance in their sport. These standards have been agreed jointly by the University Blues Committee and the relevant University sports clubs. In conjunction with the Blues awards, the University also presents a ‘Sports Achievement (Individual) Award, Sports Achievement (Team) Award, Special Contribution to Sport Award and Coach of the Year Award’ to an individual who, or team which, has been deemed by the Blues Committee to have excelled in a particular sport.

The following guidelines and regulations apply to all sports clubs which have been approved by the Students' Union and have been accepted for consideration for the award of Blues by the Blues Committee.

1. **Awards**
All awards shall be granted solely at the discretion of the University Blues Committee.
2. **Range of Awards**
The Blues Committee shall have the power to award:

(a) Full Blue

(b) Sports Achievement (Individual) Award

(c) Sports Achievement (Team) Award
(d) Special Contribution to Sport Award

(e) Coach of the Year Award

1. **Club Standards**
In addition to the conditions stated in 4 below, nominees for Blues shall have attained the minimum standards required by their Blues Constitution as defined by the Club and approved by the University Blues Committee. Exceptions to this rule will be at the discretion of Queen’s Sport and the University Blues Committee.

New and amended Blues Constitutions must be approved by the University Blues Committee. Requests for changes to regulations should be submitted to the Committee at the May meeting each year and, if approved, would be effective from the beginning of the next academic year.
2. **Nominations**
Each club is expected to form a Blues Nominating Committee. This Committee is responsible for the submission of nominations for Full Blue, and Sports Achievement to the Blues Committee in accordance with these guidelines, and by a date communicated by the Secretary of the University Blues Committee.

4.1 *To be eligible for a* ***Full*** *Blue a nominee must;*

(a) be a fully enrolled student of the University.

(i.e. Enrolled student undertaking a degree, diploma or certificate course of at least one academic year in duration leading to an award of the University. Short course, Adult Education and occasional students are excluded);

(b) have represented the nominating club as details in the club’s recognised events;

(c) be available to the University club in the first instance (exceptions to this rule must be justified);

(d) have concurrently gained higher representative honours in their sport - as defined by the Club and approved by Queen’s Sport and the University Blues Committee.

**Re-awards**
Any person attaining the requisite standards for a Full Blue in the same sport on more than one occasion will be given recognition of such achievement.

1. **Presentation Ceremony**
Full Blues and award nominees along with club executive committee are expected to attend the ceremony, normally in June each year.