CONSTITUTION OF THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY BLUES COMMITTEE

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1. PURPOSES OF THE COMMITTEE

1.1. The regulation and recording of awards of Full Blues, Half Blues, Extraordinary Full Blues, Extraordinary Half Blues & Team Colours.

1.2. The regulation of conditions for competing in the Varsity Match (See Appendix A).

1.3. The supervision of colours and trimmings worn by OU Sports Clubs.

1.4. The mediation and arbitration between clubs should a difference of opinion exist.

1.5. The representation of University Sport as a whole where is necessary.

1.6. The awarding of the 'Blues Grant' (see Appendix E).

1.7. The organisation of an Annual Awards evening for the presentation of new Full Blues, Half Blues and Team Colours in conjunction with the Sports Federation.

1.8. Formation of a sub-committee to organise this event.

1.9. The organisation of an annual dinner for the Presidents and Captains serving as representatives on the committee.

1.10. To maintain a database containing the information of past Blues awards and current Captains.

2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1. Attendance to Meetings

2.1.1. The Oxford University Blues Committee shall consist of the Senior Member, the Captains or Presidents of all Full, Discretionary Full or Half Blue sports and the elected President, Treasurer, Secretary of the Committee itself.

2.1.2. The following shall be invited as observers: The Director of Sport, the Sports Services Manager, and a Sports Federation Representative. Captains or Presidents of clubs who are recognised by the Sports Federation but who do not have a Blues or Half Blues status may request to be included in communications and may attend meetings as observers.

2.1.3. In addition a member of Sports Federation will be invited to attend in a non-voting capacity as an advisor to the Committee and to representatives of attending Clubs.

2.1.4. The Captain or President of a club on the committee may invite their Secretary or Treasurer in an advisory capacity or in their stead to serve as a representative.

2.1.5. Full Blue and Discretionary Full Blue Clubs shall send a Captain, President or representative to every meeting. Half Blue Clubs shall do so to at least one meeting per term. A club unable to attend in exceptional circumstances shall send apologies to the Secretary before the meeting.

2.1.6. Where a club fails to meet 2.1.5 without valid reason, the President may place its status on probation and bring its status review forward to the next meeting. While on probation a club may not award Blues. If the club fails to attend that meeting, its status shall be revoked.

2.1.7. Blues falling due while a club is on probation may be awarded if its status is reinstated at that meeting.

2.1.8. The dress code is at the discretion of the President.

2.2. Requirements

2.2.1. An annual affiliation fee, set by the Treasurer each year (currently £20), shall be collected from each club (payable to Oxford University Blues Committee).

2.2.2. The Secretary is entitled to tell the Sports Federation to refuse to order Blues certificates for clubs who have outstanding fees.

2.2.3. The President is entitled to remove the voting rights of any club which has not paid their annual affiliation within 30 days of being invoiced, with the rights to be immediately reinstated on payment.

2.2.4. Clubs are required to be affiliated with University Proctors.

2.2.5. Club Captains must submit Blues and Colours, with supporting evidence, by ninth week of the term of their Varsity match (or by a date agreed with the Blues Committee Executive prior to the Varsity Match).

2.2.5.1. The latest date by which Blues submissions for an academic year can be received is seven days after the end of that academic year.

2.2.6. All voting members of the OUBC are bound by the current standing orders of the Joint Blues Committee of Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

3. MANAGEMENT

3.1. The President shall:

3.1.1. Chair the meetings of the committee.

3.1.2. Oversee the general running of the Blues Committee.

3.1.3. Attend Oxford University Sports Council meetings.

3.1.4. Attend the Joint Blues Committee meetings with Cambridge.

3.1.5. Produce an annual report.

3.1.6. Oversee the organisation of an annual award ceremony.

3.1.7. Approve submissions into the Blues Database.

3.1.8. Sign Blues certificates.

3.2. The Secretary shall:

3.2.1. Organise the venue and timing of the Committee meetings.

3.2.1.1. The Secretary shall maintain a single register of meetings, recording for each its date, venue and the papers circulated; the date in the register is the date of the meeting for all purposes under this constitution.

3.2.2. Send out notices of meetings, no later than three (3) weeks prior to the meeting.

3.2.3. Send out an agenda at least five (5) days before the meeting.

3.2.4. Take minutes at all Blues Committee meetings and be responsible for maintaining minutes.

3.2.4.1. Minutes shall record the date of the meeting, the representatives present and the club and Blues status in respect of which each attends, the votes cast on each motion (for, against, abstain) and the electorate and quorum applied; shall be reviewed by the Executive, and distributed to the committee for approval at the following meeting.

3.2.5. Be responsible for helping the President organise the Awards presentation evening.

3.2.6. Carry out a contact detail check at the beginning of each term, assisting the Webmaster under 3.7.2.

3.2.7. Attend the Joint Blues Committee meetings with Cambridge.

3.3. The Treasurer shall

3.3.1. collect the affiliation fees and any other sums due to the Committee, which shall be paid into the Committee's bank account and no other, save that where access to that account has been lost and reported under 3.3.3, sums may be held on the Committee's behalf in an account designated by the Executive until access is restored;

3.3.2. keep proper records of the Committee's financial transactions and operate the Committee's bank account;

3.3.3. ensure that the Senior Member, the President and the Treasurer are the signatories to that account; verify the bank mandate against this requirement within one month of taking office and report the result to the Senior Member; and report any loss of access to the account to the Senior Member and the Sports Federation within seven days;

3.3.4. make all financial records available on request to the Senior Member;

3.3.5. prepare the accounts for the financial year, which shall end on the date of the first bank statement issued after the end of Hilary Full Term, and deliver them with the bank statements for the year to the Senior Member within fourteen days of that date. The accounts, signed by the Senior Member under clause 3.9.4, shall be presented to the Committee at the first meeting of Trinity Term;

3.3.6. attend the Joint Blues Committee meetings with Cambridge; and

3.3.7. within fourteen days of the end of their term of office, hand to their successor all financial records and submit to the bank the instructions required to transfer authority over the account to the incoming signatories; and remain available to the

bank until that transfer is complete. The duties under 3.3.5 and 3.3.7 continue to bind the outgoing Treasurer after their term has ended.

3.4. The President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee will be known as the "Executive".

3.5. Each member of the Executive shall, within fourteen days of the end of their term, hand to their successor all records of the Committee in their possession and complete any transfer of access or authority required; these duties continue to bind them after their term has ended.

3.6. If an Executive position falls vacant, the Committee shall elect a replacement under Article 4 at the next meeting.

3.7. The Committee shall maintain a single website, designated by the Executive and notified to the Sports Federation. The Executive shall designate one of its members as Webmaster, who shall:

3.7.1. be responsible for the operation of the Blues website and for the content published by the Committee on it, which shall include at a minimum the current Executive, this constitution, and the register of Blues Sports and their criteria. Each club is responsible for the content of its own pages;

3.7.2. maintain the Committee's mailing list of member and observer clubs, through which all notices and agendas under 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 shall be distributed, and reconcile it against the register of clubs at the beginning of each term;

3.7.3. ensure that every website, domain, mailing list, account or data store used for Committee business is held by the Committee or by a provider on its behalf, on terms under which the Committee is the data controller and may export its data at any time, and with administrative access held by every member of the Executive;

3.7.4. maintain an awareness of the University guidelines on web and social media publishing, and comply with regulations and guidelines relating to the use of IT facilities published from time to time by IT Services; including IT services guidance and rules about on-line harassment; and

3.7.5. on leaving office, pass to their successor all credentials, records and documentation relating to those facilities.

3.8. A motion of no confidence in any member of the Executive may be brought provided it has the backing of at least ten voting members of the committee, in writing to the Secretary prior to the circulation of the meeting agenda. To succeed it must have a two-thirds majority.

3.9. The Senior Member shall:

3.9.1. be a member of the Committee *ex officio*;

3.9.2. meet the Executive on at least one occasion during each University Full Term;

3.9.3. keep abreast of the actions and activities of the Committee;

3.9.4. receive from the outgoing Treasurer, under clause 3.3.5, the accounts for the financial year together with the bank statements for the year and confirmation of the current signatories; examine them; and, if satisfied that the accounts are in order and that the signatories are those required by 3.3.3, sign them before the first meeting of Trinity Term;

3.9.5. be available to represent and speak for the Committee in the public forum, and before the University authorities;

4. ELECTION PROCEDURE

4.1. The Committee shall elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer in Hilary Term.

4.2. The incoming Executive will assume office on Sunday of the 9th Week of Hilary Term.

4.3. Eligibility to stand for office extends to any person who has sat on the committee, as per clause 2.1.1, or per clause 2.1.4 if they have represented their club at a minimum of three previous meetings. They must be a matriculated student for their entire tenure.

4.4. The election procedure will start with a three (3) minute presentation by each candidate in an order chosen at random by the chair. Committee members and observers may then direct questions to the chair to be answered by the candidates. The order in which candidates answer questions shall rotate with each question.

4.5. The election for the position of President shall take place first, followed by Secretary, and finally Treasurer. Unsuccessful candidates may put themselves forward for another position.

4.6. Voting members may vote for any candidate or may choose to vote to Re-Open Nominations, but no votes are transferable.

4.7. The election of a candidate shall be determined by a simple majority vote.

4.8. Voting on the election of officers shall be taken by secret ballot.

5. SENIOR MEMBER

5.1. The position of Senior Member is not a contested position. The Senior Member is proposed by the Executive and appointed by a vote of the Committee at a meeting. No appointment shall be considered unless it has been included as an item in the notice of the meeting under clause 3.2.2.

5.2. The Senior Member must be a member of Congregation and must not be directly involved in or employed by the Sports Department.

5.3. The Senior Member will be appointed to a five-year term, unless and until:

5.3.1. their voluntary retirement; or

5.3.2. removal from office by a vote in favour of two-thirds of those present in person at a Committee Meeting. No proposal to remove the Senior Member shall be considered unless it has been included as an item in the notice of the meeting under clause 3.2.2, and the Senior Member has been given the same notice and invited to attend and address the meeting.

5.4. If the position of Senior Member is vacant, or the Senior Member is unable to act, the Executive shall propose a replacement for appointment under clause 5.1 at the next meeting. In the meantime the duties under clause 3.9.4 may be performed by a member of Congregation nominated by the Executive, who shall not be directly involved in or employed by the Sports Department.

6. VOTING RIGHTS

6.1. Committee

6.1.1. The quorum of the Committee meeting shall be at least fifteen (15) voting members.

6.1.2. A club shall be entitled, for each Blues Sport in which it holds Blues status, to one vote for each of the men's and women's categories in which that status is held, a mixed category counting as both. Each vote carries the Blues status of that Blues Sport and may be cast only on motions open to that status under clause 7.4.5.

6.1.2.1. Each vote shall be cast by a different President, Captain, or representative of the club present at the meeting; no person may cast more than one vote.

6.1.2.2. A voting member is a President, Captain, or representative of a club present at the meeting and entitled to cast a vote under 6.1.2.

6.1.2.3. A Blues Sport is a sport, or a section of a sport, in respect of which the Committee has conferred Blues status, as recorded in the Committee's register under D.2.4. The register records for each Blues Sport its status and the categories (men's, women's or mixed) in which that status is held.

6.1.3. Any observers to the meeting will not have voting rights.

6.1.4. Anyone proposing a motion does not relinquish their voting rights.

6.1.5. Any status change affecting voting rights will take effect in the subsequent meeting.

6.2. Quorums:

6.2.1. For promotion to, or maintenance of Full Blue: ten (10) Full Blue voting members of the Committee shall be required, but such a quorum shall include no more than four (4) representatives.

6.2.2. For votes on the maintenance or promotion to Discretionary Full Blue status a quorum of twenty (20) Discretionary or Full Blue voting members is required.

6.2.3. For the granting of Half Blues, or a change of Half Blues status, a quorum of twenty (20) Full, Discretionary and Half Blue voting members of the Committee shall be required.

6.2.4. A two-thirds majority is need for a maintenance or promotion of a sport's status.

6.2.5. A two-thirds majority is needed for a change in criteria to pass.

6.3. Abstentions:

6.3.1. Where this constitution requires a two-thirds majority, it is two-thirds of the votes cast for and against the motion. Abstentions are not counted, save that on an amendment to this constitution an abstention counts as a vote against.

6.3.2. If abstention is the most popular vote choice, the motion will be dismissed and may be resubmitted at the following meeting.

6.4. Officers:

6.4.1. The Executive shall not represent any Full or Half Blue sport in a vote or debate on any motion before the Committee. In the event of a member of the Executive also holding the post of Captain of a Full or Half Blue sport they shall not exercise the voting right of that sport. They may invite a representative of their club to attend on behalf of their club, or they may make an apology for that sport. Any such representative of the Executive's sport shall vote independently of any instruction

or advice given by the Executive at any time.

6.4.2. The President, Secretary or Treasurer shall only have a vote in the event of a tied vote:

6.4.2.1. Where the President is not conflicted, the President shall have a casting vote in which they may not abstain.

6.4.2.2. If the President is conflicted or absent, the Secretary shall have a casting vote in which they may not abstain.

6.4.2.3. If both the President and Secretary are conflicted or absent, the Treasurer shall have a casting vote in which they may not abstain.

6.4.2.4. If all members of the Executive are conflicted or absent, the tie shall be broken by the Senior Member.

7. CONTENT OF MEETINGS

7.1. There must be at least two (2) meetings per term.

7.2. Motions and agenda items

7.2.1. Motions and agenda items must have the backing of the club before they are submitted to the Blues Committee.

7.2.2. Motions and other agenda items must be submitted in written form to the secretary at least one week before the meeting.

7.2.3. The Executive may also add motions to the agenda including reviews of clubs.

7.2.4. Any motion submitted to the committee shall not be reconsidered in similar form within one calendar year, unless there have been significant changes to its content.

7.2.5. For all motions, whether Club Reviews, Status Changes, Criteria Changes, Extraordinary Blues Applications or otherwise, if the Executive believe the proposed motion violates the constitution and/or its associated appendices, they can prevent it going to committee.

7.2.5.1. For the avoidance of doubt, the committee cannot pass a motion that contradicts the constitution and/or its associated appendixes.

7.2.5.2. A club may appeal the Executive's decision by writing to the Senior Member of the Blues Committee.

7.3. All votes on status reviews and criteria changes are to be held by secret ballot.

7.4. Motions and voting:

7.4.1. For all motions in front of the committee, whether Club Reviews, Status Changes, Extraordinary Blue Applications or otherwise, the proposer shall have up to three (3) minutes to present to the committee.

7.4.2. Following this presentation, members of the committee may address questions to the proposer.

7.4.3. At any point during these questions, any member of the committee may propose an amendment to the motion's wording. Should this amendment be seconded by

another member of committee, the motion's proposer can choose to either accept the amendment or reject it. If any amendments are accepted, the motion that shall be voted on by the committee shall be the amended version.

7.4.4. Following the presentation and questions the proposer and any other members of the club will leave the room and the President will lead a discussion between committee members about the motion.

7.4.4.1. If the President is a member of the proposing club, the discussion will be lead by the Secretary or the Treasurer, in that order.

7.4.4.2. In the case of an Extraordinary Half or Full Blue proposal, any member of the committee with personal connections to the proposed athlete will also leave the room.

7.4.5. Content of Motions

7.4.5.1. Status and Criteria Changes:

7.4.5.1.1. All motions for change of status must include a written report addressing the General Criteria for the awarding of Blues (see Appendix D)

7.4.5.1.2. If the committee does not approve the proposed review the club may present an amended review at the following meeting. If this also fails, the club must reapply for Status. Should there be a Varsity Match before a satisfactory review has been completed all awards resulting from this must be proposed to the committee.

7.4.5.1.3. For the granting of Half Blues status or a change of Half Blue criteria, Half Blue, Discretionary Full Blue, and Full Blue clubs may vote.

7.4.5.1.4. For the granting of Discretionary Full Blues status or a change to Discretionary Full Blue criteria only Captains/Presidents and representatives of Discretionary Full Blue and Full Blue clubs may vote.

7.4.5.1.5. For the granting of Full Blues status or a change to Full Blue criteria only Full Blue clubs may vote.

7.4.5.1.6. Any changes in status or criteria will come into effect from the following term.

7.4.5.2. Awarding of Extraordinary Blues:

7.4.5.2.1. A report should be included addressing the General Guidelines for the awarding of Extraordinary Blues (see Appendix C) and include enough detail for the committee to come to an informed decision as to whether the applicant adequately fulfils the criteria.

7.4.5.2.2. For the avoidance of doubt, Extraordinary Blues should only be awarded based on performances and achievements in the academic year in which the award is applied for. They are not lifetime achievement awards.

7.4.5.2.3. An application for an Extraordinary Blue shall be made by the applicant's own club and shall be presented by that club's Captain or President or, where that is not possible, by another member of that club with the approval of the club's Captain or President. An applicant may not present their own application.

7.4.5.2.4. For the granting of extraordinary Full Blues only Full Blue and Discretionary Full Blue Captains and representatives may vote. For the granting of Extraordinary Half Blues all voting members may vote. This vote must carry a two-thirds majority.

8. INDEMNITY

8.1. So far as may be permitted by law, every member of the Executive shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the Committee's assets against all costs, charges, losses, expenses, and liabilities incurred by them in the execution or discharge of their duties or the exercise of their powers. This indemnity extends to any liability incurred by them in defending any proceedings, civil or criminal, which relate to anything done or omitted or alleged to have been done or omitted by them as a member of the Executive and in which judgement is given in their favour (or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on their part), or in which they are acquitted, or in connection with any application under any statute for relief from liability in respect of any such act or omission in which relief is granted to them by the Court.

8.2. So far as may be permitted by law, the Committee may purchase and maintain for the benefit of any such person insurance against any liability which may attach to them in relation to the Committee, and against costs for which they are entitled to be indemnified under 8.1.

9. AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION

9.1. This constitution should be reviewed at least every five (5) years.

9.1.1. Any amendment to this constitution must be carried by a two-thirds majority.

9.1.2. Once 9.1.1 is satisfied, any amendment to this constitution is effective from the end of the meeting.

9.1.3. If an approved change to this constitution or its associated appendixes affects the status or criteria of a club, then the status-quo will be maintained until the club's next review or a time in which they voluntarily seek to change their status or criteria. At any time, the Executive may call the club for review and seek they bring their status or criteria in line with the current constitution.

9.1.3.1. The Executive will at all times seek to maintain an up to date list of all clubs affected by any constitutional changes and notify the clubs accordingly.

10. INTERPRETATION

10.1. Any question about the interpretation of this Constitution shall be settled by the Executive.

10.2. This Constitution shall be binding on all members of the Committee and the clubs they represent. No regulation, bye-law or policy of the Committee or the clubs represented on the Committee shall be inconsistent with, or shall affect or repeal anything contained in, this Constitution.

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APPENDIX A

A.1. Varsity Match Eligibility

The current Varsity Match Eligibility Criteria, decided upon by the Joint Blues Committee, can be found on the Blues Committee website. As per clause 2.2.6 of this constitution, the members of this committee are bound by the current standing orders of the Joint Blues Committee of Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

A.2. Changing the Varsity Match Eligibility Criteria

A.2.1. The Eligibility Criteria are decided upon by the Joint Blues Committee.

A.2.2. The President, Secretary and Treasurer of OUBC sit on the Joint Blues Committee as this committee's representatives.

A.2.3. If the committee wishes to propose a change to the Varsity Match Eligibility Criteria, it shall pass a motion at a Blues Committee Meeting addressing the proposed change, which the President will then present to the Joint Blues Committee.

APPENDIX B

B.1. Absolute Blue requirements

B.1.1. No award (Full Blue, Half Blue or First Team Colours) may be made to an athlete who does not compete in the Blues Varsity Match, thus:

B.1.1.1. Each club must clearly define what constitutes its Blues team in the Blues Varsity Match.

B.1.1.2. Reserves or substitutes who do not compete are not eligible for Blues.

B.1.1.3. Athletes who fall ill or are injured before the Varsity Match and do not compete in the Varsity Match are not eligible for Blues.

B.1.1.4. Members of a second team, B team or equivalent are not eligible for Blues[1], but are eligible for Second Team Colours.

B.2. Criteria

B.2.1. For all awards requiring criteria to be met, such criteria must be accomplished within the same academic year as the Varsity Match.

B.2.2. The academic year is defined as beginning on 1st October and finishing on 30th September the following year.

B.2.3. The criteria in effect at the commencement of the Varsity Match apply to the whole academic year.

B.2.4. Where the criteria for a club are changed during the academic year, the new criteria come into effect at the commencement of the following term, defined as Sunday of 1st week, for the purposes of the next Varsity Match, subject to B.2.3.

B.3. Submission

B.3.1. Applications for Blues awards shall be submitted as soon as possible after all

[1]Currently the Openweight Rowing Isis/Osiris crews (2nd teams) are eligible for Half Blues.

relevant criteria have been met, and in any event this should be within the 7 days following the end of the academic year.

B.3.2. It is the responsibility of the club submitting an athlete for any award to ensure that the athlete has met all the defined criteria.

B.3.3. The Sports Federation will check that all athletes submitted by clubs, for Blues or Team Colours, have met the defined criteria.

B.4. Retrospective applications for individual Blues awards are only allowed if they were not made at the correct time due to administration errors. They must be submitted within one year of the individual concerned leaving the university. Additionally, the application must be considered under the criteria for such awards as they were at the time when the application should have been made. The only exception to this is when a person who was awarded a Blue prior to 2019 (the year of Men's and Women's Committees merging) requests an updated gender-neutral certificate. This certificate will be provided at the cost of production at the earliest convenience of the Sports Federation. The year of issue of the original certificate shall be used on the replacement however the President must both sign and date the certificate. Updated certificates can only be given in exchange for the original, which must be destroyed.

APPENDIX C

C.1. University Team Colours

C.1.1. First Team Colours may be awarded at the Captain's discretion to athletes who have competed in the Blues Varsity Match but have fallen short of the requirements for a Half Blue.

C.1.2. Second Team Colours may be awarded at the Captain's discretion to athletes who have competed in the Seconds Varsity Match.

C.2. Half Blues

C.2.1. Half Blues may be awarded by any club with Half Blues, Discretionary Full Blue, or Full Blue status.

C.3. Full Blues

C.3.1. Full Blues may be awarded by any club with Discretionary Full Blue or Full Blue status.

C.3.2. Discretionary Full Blues

C.3.2.1. Discretionary Full Blue Clubs are clubs with the ability to award Full Blues in a limited capacity, at the Captain's discretion, to a member of that club has met predetermined criteria.

C.3.2.2. The sum of Full Blues and Half Blues awarded by a Discretionary Full Blue Club may not exceed the total number of Half Blue awards available.

C.3.2.3. All Discretionary Full Blue Clubs must have additional criteria outside of Varsity Match Performance for the awarding of Full Blues to members of their clubs, benchmarking their sporting achievements relative to other clubs or athletes outside of Oxford and Cambridge. These criteria

should be based off high-level sporting achievements at national (e.g. BUCS) or international competitions.

C.4. Extraordinary Awards

C.4.1. Extraordinary Awards are awarded to athletes who are deemed by the Blues Committee to have achieved the requisite standard for a Full/Half Blue in their sport, but were unable to achieve the award through the regular pathway due to no fault of their own, or have achieved an extraordinarily high standard in their sport.

C.4.2. To be awarded an Extraordinary Award, the applicant must present their case to the relevant clubs of the Blues Committee as per clause 7.4.5.2:

C.4.2.1. Evidence of the athlete's performance should be readily available to the Committee. It is the duty of the applicant's representative to prove the applicant's merit beyond reasonable doubt. Thus:

C.4.2.1.1. It should not be expected that the Blues Committee know details of the sport regarding the rules of competition, methods of scoring, meaning of the results etc. Such things should be suitably explained to allow the Committee to fairly judge the individual case.

C.4.2.1.2. Written evidence (with independent corroboration from e.g. a Coach, National team, etc.) is much appreciated. This may include comparisons to previous Varsity Matches, national rankings, or recent relevant performances, amongst other evidence.

C.4.3. While an Extraordinary Full/Half Blue carries the same standard of achievement as a Full/Half Blue achieved through the regular eligibility pathway, it must be realised that a Blues Award is a great accolade and must be taken seriously lest the value of the Blues Awards (and the efforts of others in achieving Blues status) be reduced. Sport is by its very nature competitive and the awarding of Blues is meaningless without rigorous high standards that are applied in a uniform and comparative manner.

C.5. Blues for Disabled Athletes

C.5.1. The pathway for recognition of sporting achievements comparable to a Blue for disabled students is to apply for an Extraordinary Full Blue. Captains should follow the above guidelines for applications with emphasis on drawing parallels in achievement to other disabled athletes and/or holders of blues in that sport in Oxford currently. Full blue and DFB Captains will be able to vote and should have the following options:

C.5.1.1. Does X representing OU– deserve an Extraordinary Full Blue through the Blues for Disabled Athletes Pathway?

C.5.1.2. If no, do they deserve an Extraordinary Half Blue?

APPENDIX D

D.1. Status Change of Full and Half Blue Sports

D.1.1. To change the status of a sport a request must be made to the Executive at least one week before the meeting in which the club is to request the change.

D.1.2. Clubs must fulfil the following requirements before being able to request a change:

D.1.2.1. There must have been three Varsity matches before a club is considered for a status change; and after such a status change, the club is subject to three years' probation.

D.1.2.2. The club must fulfil the Criteria for Blues Sports, as listed below.

D.1.3. Evidence for a change in status should not be based just off recent results but represent a longer term trend in the sports at the University. A full list of required details can be found below in 'Details required for Status Reviews and Changes'.

D.2. Status Review of Full and Half Blues Sports

D.2.1. Every three years a club will be called to give a review of their status to the committee. There will then be a vote to approve the status and any changes made to it. The review should be submitted in document form including an explanation of how the sport meets the 'Criteria for Blues Sports' and all the 'Details required for Status Reviews and Changes'.

D.2.2. Review documents must be sent to the Executive at least one week before the meeting.

D.2.3. Criteria wording must include the following:

D.2.3.1. Definition of what the Blues Varsity Team is.

D.2.3.2. Total number of awards available.

D.2.3.3. For Discretionary Full Blue Clubs, maximum number of Full Blues available and the criteria upon which they are awarded.

D.2.4. The criteria in force for each Blues Sport are those recorded by the Executive in the Committee's register following the motion that approved them, and published on the website maintained under clause 3.7. No other version has effect.

D.3. Criteria for Blue Sports

D.3.1. There must be an annual match against Cambridge.

D.3.2. The sport must be a major one within the University.

D.3.3. The club must have a high standard compared with other amateur clubs.

D.3.4. There must be considerable College organisation, with recognised Colleges playing each other.

D.3.5. There must be a substantial degree of athletic ability required.

D.3.6. There must be an inveterate organisation and tradition of high standard within the U.K. and the University.

D.3.7. Comment on the standard of the sport in the UK.

D.3.8. The Sport must be registered with the Sports Federation

N.B. For Half Blue sports, criteria D.3.2, D.3.4 and D.3.6 are not so important.

D.4. Details required for Status Reviews and Changes

D.4.1. Background of Sport:

D.4.1.1. Basic rules and point of the sport.

D.4.1.2. Simple explanation of rules/point scoring in your VM.

D.4.2. Background of Oxford Club:

D.4.2.1. Year of foundation of Club.

D.4.2.2. Year of first Varsity Match.

D.4.2.3. Number of squad members.

D.4.2.4. Participants in the University.

D.4.2.5. Number of fixtures and leagues play in.

D.4.2.6. Cuppers competition.

D.4.2.7. Popularity of sport Nationally.

D.4.3. Varsity Match:

D.4.3.1. Scoring in the Varsity Match.

D.4.3.2. Number of Players in the 1st team (including how many of them are reserves).

D.4.4. Current Status:

D.4.4.1. What is the current status?

D.4.4.2. Explain criteria and what it means.

D.4.4.3. Number of awards possible to be given.

D.4.4.4. Who takes the decision to award (i.e., Captain's discretion or OU Blues Committee, etc.)

D.4.5. Status Remain/Status Change:

D.4.5.1. Justify current status and why it should remain the same.

D.4.5.2. Add in BUCS or National ranking Criteria in line with OUBC directive. OR

D.4.5.3. Explain why you feel it should change.

D.4.6. How would you like it to change?

APPENDIX E

E.1. Blues Grant

E.1.1. The annual Blues Grants are open to all sportspeople in the University who have received a Full Blue, Half Blue or Colours from the Blues Committee. The grant should be awarded to individuals who have shown excellent sporting performance for use towards future personal development (e.g., new personal equipment, training camp, travel with national team, etc.).