



2026 Award Nomination - Club of the Year

There is currently a bug with survey forms which limits longer text fields to 255 characters.

It is recommended that longer submissions use the "Additional Documents" fields to upload PDFs of these responses for the time being, or that nominations be done via the downloadable form.

The "Club of the Year" Awards is "to recognise clubs with strong off field management".

Announcement and presentation of recipients of the The Jessop Shield & The Bennett Shield will be made at the **2026 Blues Awards, Monday 9th November 2026.**

CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

There will be two categories for the Clubs of the Year.

Club of the Year - The Jessop Shield

Is awarded to a club with less than 50 members which we consider to be an "ideal" club. It is an honour that all affiliated clubs should strive for and winning clubs are awarded with a \$1,000 financial incentive towards a club project. A perpetual shield is presented in recognition of Charles Jessop, one of the first life members.

Club of the Year - The Bennett Shield

Is awarded to a club with more than 50 members which we consider to be an "ideal" club. It is an honour that all affiliated clubs should strive for and winning clubs are awarded with a \$1,000 financial incentive towards a particular club project. A perpetual shield is presented in recognition of Richard Bennett, one of the first life members.

Applications will be assessed across three key areas:

- Governance - club governance & compliance, stakeholder relationships, training and development
- Membership & Culture - club culture, member engagement, volunteer management, club promotion, welcoming and inclusiveness
- Events & Achievements - on campus and community presence, on and off field club and member key achievements and successes

The Adelaide University Sport Board will make the final decision on the award winners.

Only one nomination/sport will be accepted for the award category.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE

1. Completed online
2. Received by AUSF within the application period, by the closing date/time - 11.59 pm Sunday 4 October 2025.
3. Submitted with all support documentation required.

Contact email address

1. (Required) Name of Club being nominated (Please tick ONE option)

☐ Athletics

☐ Badminton

- ☐ Baseball
- ☐ Basketball
- ☐ Boat
- ☐ Cricket
- ☐ eSports
- ☐ Fencing
- ☐ Football
- ☐ Gliding
- ☐ Gridiron
- ☐ Gymnastics
- ☐ Hockey
- ☐ Judo
- ☐ Karate
- ☐ Kendo
- ☐ Lacrosse
- ☐ Lawn Tennis
- ☐ Motorsport
- ☐ Mountain
- ☐ Netball
- ☐ Powerlifting
- ☐ Rugby Union
- ☐ Sailing
- ☐ Scuba Diving
- ☐ Snow Ski
- ☐ Soccer
- ☐ Swimming
- ☐ Table Tennis
- ☐ Tae Kwon Do
- ☐ Touch Football
- ☐ Ultimate Frisbee
- ☐ Volleyball
- ☐ Water Ski
- ☐ Wing Chun Kung Fu

2. (Required) Which award is the club nominating for? (Please tick ONE option)

☐ Small Club (less than 50)

☐ Large Club (more than 50)

3. (Required) Position of individual nominating

4. (Required) Has the nomination been approved by the club committee?

Please upload minutes from Committee Meeting

Governance

5. (Required) In 2025, what practices and improvements were introduced to improve governance and/or meet compliance requirements?

6. (Required) What approach did the club take in 2025 to maintain relationships with key stakeholders not limited to AUSF, UoA, SSO, government, sponsors etc?

7. (Required) Aside from those held by AUSF, what training and development did your club leaders (office bearers, coaches etc.) undertake in 2025?

MEMBERSHIP & CULTURE

8. (Required) In 2025, how did your club sustain or improve its club culture?

9. (Required) Outline the on and off field activities provided by the club to cater for members in 2025?

10. (Required) How has your club sought to grow its membership in 2025?

11. (Required) In 2025 what initiatives did the club undertake to be more welcoming of volunteers, and retain and recognise existing volunteers?

12. (Required) In 2025 what strategies were undertaken by the club to welcome and include targeted/diverse population groups?

13. (Required) How did the club promote itself in 2025?

EVENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

14. (Required) In 2025 what on campus and community activities/events was the club involved in?

15. (Required) In 2025 has the club and/or members been recognised for any key achievements by external bodies?

Please provide details

16. (Required) What successes did the club have in 2025 e.g. premierships, sponsorship growth?

17. Additional Documents

18. Additional Documents

19. Additional Documents

20. Additional Documents
