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Welcome from your VP Activities

Good evening everyone, and welcome to the Sports Awards!

It's incredible to be here celebrating all the hard work, unforgettable moments, and outstanding achievements our teams and athletes have delivered this year. Tonight is all about recognising the dedication, passion, and team spirit that make sport at LJMU such a powerful and defining part of the student experience.

This year has genuinely been one of the most rewarding of my time at LJMU. It has been amazing to play a small part in the great work across our 50+ clubs and be a point of support to such passionate students. From teams smashing their leagues, to individuals pushing themselves to new heights, to clubs fostering genuine sense of belonging, it has been a privilege to witness it all. I'm incredibly proud of everything you've achieved, both in competition and beyond.

I also want to highlight the important charity work so many of you have taken on this year. Whether it's endurance

challenges, charity matches, sponsored events, or creative fundraisers, your efforts have raised amazing amounts of money and awareness for causes that genuinely change lives. The way our sporting community comes together- not just to compete, but to give back, says everything about the kind of people you are. It's inspiring, and it's something LJMU should be extremely proud of.

I'm also really excited to be stepping into another year as VP Activities. There is so much potential across TEAMLJMU, and I can't wait to keep building on everything we've started- creating more opportunities, backing your ideas, and celebrating your successes every step of the way. Thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey, your commitment, enthusiasm, and pride in your clubs are what make this role so special.

I hope you all have an amazing night, you've absolutely earned it.

All the best, Josh!

Impact Award

Celebrating clubs and teams who have gone above and beyond to make a positive difference. Through fundraising, awareness-raising and campaigning, nominees have shown a strong commitment to supporting the student body, the wider community and making LJMU a better place.

Women's Football have ran a wide range of initiatives to support This Girl Can, Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool Women's Hospital and Movember. Their dedication to meaningful causes sets an outstanding example of community engagement.

Men's Rugby Union raised over £2,500 with an ambitious and high-energy Movember campaign. Their efforts pushed them to second place among sports clubs on the fundraising leaderboard, showing real commitment to making an impact.

Netball have consistently gone above and beyond through collaboration and campaigning. From Breast Cancer Awareness Month onwards, the club has tirelessly supported events, fundraisers and awareness initiatives across the year.

Open Water Swimming championed the mental and physical wellbeing benefits of their sport, alongside supporting key campaigns including Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Movember and Women's History Month with passion and purpose.

Men's Cricket delivered a monumental Movember effort, raising over £5,500 in semester one. Marathon walks in cricket pads, head shaves, quizzes, football matches and 5k runs drove both vital fundraising and awareness for the cause.





Rising Star Award

Highlighting a club on an impressive upward journey, this category celebrates significant growth, development and progress over the past academic year. Open to clubs that have demonstrated ambition, improvement and a clear commitment to building for the future.

Women's Futsal have delivered an outstanding competitive season, expanding to two squads and achieving strong results across both. With both teams reaching the semi-finals and the newly formed second team progressing to the final, the club has demonstrated depth, quality and rapid competitive success.

Equestrian have strengthened their competitive structure this year, developing riders through structured training and lessons to raise overall standards. Working closely with the Students' Union, the club has secured long-term stability while embedding itself within Team LJMU, laying strong foundations for future competitive progression.

Rounders have taken a significant competitive step forward by entering the newly formed BUCS Rounders competition. Successfully transitioning from participation to performance, the club travelled to qualifiers and secured a place at the national finals, a major achievement and milestone in their competitive development.

Women's Cricket have shown clear competitive progression, moving quickly from a newly formed club to competing in both indoor and outdoor competitions. With growing squad depth and increasing performance standards, the club has established itself as an ambitious and developing competitive presence within Team LJMU.

Muay Thai have built on their Best New Club success to deliver another exceptional competitive season. Fighters achieved medal success across multiple levels, from beginner to elite, demonstrating strong coaching, performance pathways and competitive depth, while continuing to sustain a high-quality, performance-driven club environment.

Varsity Team of the Year

Recognising a team that combined competitive excellence with the true spirit of Varsity. This award highlights outstanding performances alongside sportsmanship, unity, and pride in representing Team LJMU, both on and off the field.

Nominees and the winner will be announced on the night.

Volunteer / Coach of the Year

Shining a spotlight on the individuals who make sport possible. This award recognises a coach or volunteer whose dedication, passion and selfless contribution have had a lasting impact on their club or team, the unsung heroes nominated by those who know their value best.

Amelie Lewens – Women's Football

In her first year as a coach, Amelie Lewens has delivered an outstanding impact, leading the second team through an unbeaten season and into league contention. Her structured training, individual feedback and sports psychology workshops have supported both performance and wellbeing, while her leadership and dedication continue to inspire players on and off the pitch.

Bethany Oates – Cheerleading

Beth has excelled as Cheerleading coach in the club's first year without a paid external coach. Creating all routines independently, she guided the teams to their best-ever results, including a third-place national finish. Coaching both competitive and recreational squads, Beth's enthusiasm and commitment have expanded participation and driven success.

Karnpakkapas Jirapongthanavech (Poonpoon) – Muay Thai

As founder and president, Poonpoon has shown exceptional leadership in building the Muay Thai Club from scratch into a thriving community of over 160 members. She has driven competitive success, increased female participation, and dedicated extensive volunteer hours, all while fostering an inclusive, disciplined and supportive environment across the club.

Orla Moss – Netball

Orla has made a significant contribution to Netball through her dedication to coaching across multiple teams. Completing her Level 1 qualification this year, she consistently supports player development while creating a positive and inclusive environment. Her reliability, enthusiasm and commitment have had a meaningful impact across the whole club.

Sean Tracey – Rowing

Sean's dedication has been fundamental to the growth and success of Rowing at LJMU. Throughout his time at university, he played a key role in developing the club, helping to grow membership from just three students to 56. His leadership and commitment leave a lasting legacy.

Special Recognition Award

Recognising exceptional commitment to inclusion and engagement, this award celebrates a club or individual who has worked tirelessly to broaden participation, break down barriers and create opportunities for more members to get involved and feel part of the Team LJMU community.

Golf has gone above and beyond to make the sport accessible to all, balancing competitive performance with strong recreational opportunities. Regular indoor golf simulator sessions have lowered barriers to entry, while expanding from two to three teams has opened up more chances for members to play, learn and get involved at all levels.

Women's Hockey have demonstrated outstanding commitment to inclusion by expanding from three teams to four and introducing friendly fixtures to support sustainable growth. With a welcoming, beginner-friendly culture, the club provides an excellent entry point for new students, ensuring everyone feels encouraged, supported and given the opportunity to take part.

Equestrian have worked tirelessly to open their sport to a wider range of students by providing accessible riding lessons for beginners and returning riders alike. By prioritising participation, social connection and financial support for casual members, the club has created an inclusive environment where students can try something new and feel part of a community.

Women's Futsal have shown exceptional commitment to widening access to football, responding to high demand by creating a second team to provide more competitive opportunities. While overwhelmed by interest, the club has worked hard to include as many players as possible, highlighting the growing appeal and accessibility of the sport.

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu have significantly increased participation this year by offering inclusive training opportunities for all abilities. With female-only sessions and options for those without a Gi, the club has removed common barriers to entry, creating a welcoming, accessible environment that encourages more students to try and enjoy the sport.

BUCS Team of the Year

Celebrating the achievements of BUCS teams who have risen to the challenge of competitive university sport. This award recognises excellence in performance, consistency and commitment throughout the academic year.

Netball 1s enjoyed an outstanding season, winning their BUCS league with just one loss to secure promotion into Tier 1. Through consistent training and performance development, they scored 607 goals across the year and reached the BUCS Cup quarterfinals.

American Football produced an immediate bounce-back this league campaign, winning their games without conceding a single point. This dominant performance secured them a place back in the highest BUCS league for American Football.

Women's Handball delivered another strong national campaign, finishing second at Regional Qualifiers to reach the BUCS National Championships. Competing in closely fought matches, the team achieved an excellent 4th-place finish nationally.

Trampolining capped a strong season with exceptional BUCS Nationals performances. The Men's Team were crowned National Champions with 265.98 points at the International standard FIG Level. Alongside other top five results for the men, the Women's team finished 4th nationally at Level 1.

Boxing enjoyed a landmark season, with the women's team crowned BUCS Women's Team Champions after overcoming strong opposition from leading universities. Individual success followed with a gold medal in an individual weight category, underlining the club's commitment, competitive edge and sustained success.





Non-BUCS Team of the Year

For clubs competing beyond the BUCS framework, this award celebrates success measured through performance, participation and passion. It recognises teams who have thrived in alternative competitions while contributing strongly to the sporting community.

Cheerleading achieved their highest national result in recent memory, finishing 3rd at the Future Cheer National Finals, with additional teams placing 5th and 6th. The Jets also became the university's first-ever Varsity champions, demonstrating exceptional commitment, performance growth and passion throughout the year.

Dance are still delivering an outstanding year, with their competition programme supporting a wide range of styles and teams. Their dedication was rewarded with five medals at the Sheffield competition early in the season, setting a strong foundation for further success and showcasing a highly organised, passionate and driven club.

Open Water Swimming has thrived through consistent, inclusive participation, offering regular home and away sessions. The club focuses on cold water swimming, technique and breathwork, alongside women-only sessions. With a relaxed, social-first approach, they have created an accessible environment encouraging confidence, community and new experiences.

Hiking have enjoyed a particularly active year, completing a wide range of hikes across England and Wales. By collaborating with other clubs and combining activity with fundraising, the club has enhanced its impact while fostering strong participation, community engagement and a passion for outdoor adventure.

Running has transformed first-time runners into confident half marathon finishers through consistent, inclusive activity. From park runs and charity events to 10Ks and half marathons, the club caters for all abilities, including women only sessions, improving accessibility while significantly enhancing members' health and wellbeing.

Sports Member of the Year

Recognising an individual whose commitment, enthusiasm and contribution have stood out across Team LJMU sport. Nominated and voted for by fellow members, this award celebrates someone who has made a lasting impact through dedication and involvement throughout the year.

Ethan Goodwin [Men's Football]

Ethan has consistently shown exceptional dedication to improving football experiences and achievements for others. Through his active roles within JMSU and the Sport Executive, he has gone beyond his own sport to support the wider student community, with a strong and ongoing commitment to raising vital funds for charity.

Liv Crozier [Cheerleading]

Liv has shown exceptional commitment through her continued leadership and involvement across the society. She played a key role in organising major initiatives including the Movember quiz and Bring a Friend to Cheer, helped raise vital funds for the Oddballs charity, and contributed to joint charity efforts and Women's Month awareness campaigns through creative and collaborative work.

Lucia Di Michele [Lacrosse]

Lucia has played a key role in driving positive change across sport and charity. She provided valuable support during Women's Month, organised multiple charity events for her club, and actively engaged with initiatives across other societies. Her willingness to collaborate, and consistently giving her time, highlights her strong commitment and dedication.

Ruby Moran [Handball/Netball]

Ruby has shown exceptional dedication as a committed member of two major sports clubs, while successfully leading Handball as Club Captain during her third year. Known across the LJMU sport environment, she regularly supports charity initiatives and continues to balance leadership, participation, and contribution at an outstanding level.

Sean Tracey [Rowing]

Sean's dedication has been central to the growth and success of the John Moores Rowing Club. Throughout his time at university, he has shown unwavering commitment to developing the team, playing a key role in growing membership from just three athletes to 56. His leadership, knowledge, and passion have made a lasting impact on the club.





Members' Choice Award

Chosen by Team LJMU club members, this award honours a club that has positively shaped the wider sports experience. Through collaboration, guidance and inspiration, the winning club has made a meaningful difference across the sporting community.

LJMU Jets have shown outstanding commitment both on and off the mat. From raising vital funds through their Movember efforts, to consistently supporting other club's games, they have embodied true club spirit. Most powerfully, they came together with compassion and unity to honour and support their community after the loss of a teammate.

Men's Football have been fantastic advocates for inclusion and charity throughout the year. They collaborated with other clubs on awareness campaigns, including Women's Month content, and showed incredible support by attending charity events in force from making a real impact through their presence.

Women's Football have led the way in using sport to drive awareness and positive change. Through training and social media, they championed causes including breast cancer, Reclaim the Night, anti-racism, mental health, LGBTQ+ Month, and heart health. Their Week of Giving campaign for Alder Hey, involving Christmas cards and donations, was truly inspiring.

Women's Futsal consistently go above and beyond for the club and wider community. They actively support other club's games, bring energy to fundraising events, and showed exceptional generosity to the Alder Hey campaign, donating an incredible number of toys. Their enthusiasm, kindness and commitment make them thoroughly deserving of this recognition.

Ultimate Frisbee may be a smaller club, but they have made a huge impact through their positivity, inclusivity and willingness to support others. Their breast cancer awareness collaboration was outstanding, achieving a huge turnout and creating a welcoming session for all abilities. With strong performances and infectious energy, they continue to shine both socially and competitively.

Social Media Star

Celebrating digital creativity and connection, this award recognises a club or individual who has made their mark online. From engaging content to innovative campaigns, nominees have used social media to inform, inspire and build a sense of community.

Handball have made an outstanding impact online, achieving national recognition with viral TikTok content and featuring on the BUCS official TikTok page as the fourth-ranked club. With consistently high view counts across TikTok and Instagram, the club has combined creativity with charity promotion and awareness-raising to engage a wide audience.

Men's Football have transformed their online presence, delivering professional-quality graphics, impactful TikTok content and large-scale engagement across platforms. With videos reaching tens of thousands of viewers and nearly one million monthly views, their content has promoted awareness campaigns, sponsors and fixtures while positively representing Team LJMU.

Muay Thai have significantly grown their digital presence this year, increasing followers and engagement across both Instagram and TikTok. Through regular content and video updates, the club has strengthened its online identity, promoted activity within the sport and connected with a wider audience, reflecting their continued growth and momentum.

Netball's communications officers have gone above and beyond to elevate the club's social media presence. Through consistent, engaging Instagram and TikTok content, they have increased engagement while highlighting club activities, achievements and charity work. Their efforts have strengthened communication, visibility and community connection across the Netball programme.

Women's Football have created a vibrant, purpose-driven online presence that celebrates sport, community and positive change. Through engaging matchday graphics, player highlights and collaborative campaigning, including the impactful Face Your Fears initiative, the club has used social media to inform, inspire and amplify important causes across the university.

Club of the Year

The highest honour, recognising a student-led club that has excelled across all areas. This award celebrates outstanding engagement, impactful community and charity work, a strong commitment to inclusion and participation, and a significant contribution to the overall student experience.

Rowing have enjoyed an exceptional year, combining competitive ambition with strong community values. Through consistent competition involvement, inclusive campaigning and a vibrant club culture, they have raised the profile of rowing at LJMU. Their professionalism, growth and engagement on and off the water reflect a club performing at its best.

Netball have demonstrated excellence both competitively and organisationally, supporting a wide squad structure while maintaining a positive, inclusive club culture. Through consistent player development, strong communication and active engagement with charity and community initiatives, the club has continued to grow and strengthen its position within Team LJMU.

Men's Football have delivered a standout season, defeating rivals the University of Liverpool three times before Varsity, with the potential to make it four. Alongside on-field success, the club have elevated their profile through professional presentation, strong engagement and representing LJMU with pride, ambition and consistency throughout the year.

LJMU Jets have enjoyed an outstanding year of success, resilience and growth. Thriving without an external coach, the club achieved its strongest competitive results to date while expanding participation and maintaining a welcoming environment. Their commitment, leadership and club spirit have set a new standard for Cheerleading at LJMU.

Women's Football have delivered an exceptional year, combining competitive success with outstanding inclusion, wellbeing and community impact. With unbeaten league winners, inclusive leadership opportunities, wide-reaching awareness campaigns and significant charity fundraising, the club has set a benchmark for culture, engagement and ambition across Team LJMU.

