
Awards and Points Scoring Policy

Introduction

UTSNZ have several awards that are presented both annually and at each event to recognise outstanding performance. The following policy outlines the awards and the method of allocating these awards to participants and teams. The policy covers the following areas:

- 1) National Awards
- 2) Calculation of Awards
- 3) Awarding of Perpetual Trophies
- 4) Awarding of Medals
- 5) Tournament/Selection Teams

1. National Awards

- a. The following awards will be calculated and presented annually in order to recognise participation and high achievement across all National Tertiary Championship events for the current year.
 - i. Overall National Tertiary Champion
 - ii. National Tertiary Spirit Champion
- b. The Overall National Tertiary Champion will be calculated using the combined points total of the UTSNZ National Tertiary Championship events, and/or any other UTSNZ sanctioned event for the current year as agreed by Members.
- c. The National Tertiary Spirit Champion will be determined by participant vote at UTSNZ National Tertiary Championship events, based on criteria set by UTSNZ.
- d. The Overall Tertiary Champion and National Spirit Champion awards will be presented once all events are concluded for the year.
- e. All national awards remain the property of the winning tertiary institution until being required to be handed back to UTSNZ for re-awarding the following year. Tertiary institutions are responsible for ensuring awards are updated with appropriate engraving.

2. Calculation of Awards

- a. The calculation of the national awards will be undertaken by UTSNZ personnel.
- b. The following point systems shall be implemented for UTSNZ events.
 - i. Overall National Tertiary Champion

- The Overall National Tertiary Champion will be determined by a tally of all points accumulated throughout the year.
 - All events will use the same points scoring procedure as outlined in Appendix One, unless otherwise stated. Scoring is based on placement in the event and participation at that event.
 - In the event of a tie between one or more tertiary institutions, they will be separated by tallying the number of 1st places won i.e. the number of individual National Tertiary Championship titles. The tertiary institution with the most 1st places will be deemed the winner of the tiebreaker. Should there still be a tie after the 1st places are tallied, 2nd places will be tallied and so on until a winning institution is determined.
 - Refer to Appendix One for further detail and calculation examples.
- ii. National Tertiary Spirit Champion
- The National Tertiary Spirit Champion award recognises the tertiary institution that has shown the best sportsmanship and captured the spirit of the national championship events.
 - UTSNZ will manage the collation of votes for the awarding of spirit points with votes sourced from teams in conjunction with participants, officials and volunteers.
 - Note, code of behaviour reports, outcomes of disciplinary hearings, breaches of competition requirements and/or behavioural issues can count against teams in spirit votes as penalties may be applied.
 - Further detail on the voting structure, criteria and point calculation is outlined in Appendix Two.

3. Awarding of Perpetual Trophies

- a. Perpetual trophies shall be awarded to the winning member team of each National Tertiary Championship division (men's, women's and/or mixed).
- b. Perpetual trophies shall be awarded at the event prizegiving straight after the last game/round has been completed.
- c. Perpetual trophies remain the property of the winning university until being required to be handed back to UTSNZ for re-awarding the following year. Universities are responsible for ensuring the shield is updated with the appropriate engraving.

4. Awarding of Medals

- a. Medals shall be awarded at all UTSNZ National Tertiary Championship events.
- b. Medals shall be awarded to individual athletes, plus the Coach and Manager, of winning teams for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. All teams are eligible to win the medals regardless of status (i.e. member, combined, invitational or international).
- c. Spirit medals shall also be awarded at National Tertiary Championship events to individual athletes, plus the Coach and Manager, of the team voted most spirited. All teams are eligible to win the spirit medals regardless of status. In lieu of medals, a trophy may be awarded to the winner.
- d. Tertiary Challenge event awards and/or medals will be decided on a case-by-case basis per event.

5. Tournament and Selection Teams

- a. Tournament and/or selection teams will be made to recognise outstanding performance during the championship and/or for further international representation wherever possible.
- b. Where a tournament and/or selection team is to be named this will be specified by UTSNZ and Event Organisers prior to the event.
- c. The Competition Manager for each event will lead the selection process of the tournament and/or selection team in conjunction with UTSNZ.
- d. Selectors will be identified and ratified by UTSNZ and the National Sporting Organisation for the sport.
- e. The announcement and presentation of the tournament and/or selection teams will be made at the medal ceremony at the completion of the event.
- f. Athletes from all participating teams are eligible for Tournament Team selection regardless of team status. Eligibility for selection in other international representative or qualifying teams will be determined by the selectors and communicated to participants prior to the tournament
- g. Selection for international representation will be subject to the selection and eligibility rules of the international event.

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Appendices:

Appendix One: Points Allocation Formula

Appendix Two: Spirit Awards Criteria and Formula

Appendix One: Shield Points Allocation Formula

1. The allocation of points towards the Overall National Tertiary Championship Shield will be done at the completion of each National Tertiary Championship event. The final tally of all points accumulated throughout the year will identify the overall champion.
2. Separate points will be allocated to each division (Men, Women or Mixed) of each National Tertiary Championship event.
3. There must be at least 50% of current Members participating for the event to be eligible for Shield Point allocation.
4. At the completion of each event, all teams will be ranked in order of place. As points are allocated to only one team from each member institution, any additional teams will be excluded from this ranking for points allocation.
 - a. Only the first (A) team will be allocated points regardless of which team places higher.
 - b. **Example:** At the completion of a competition the places are as follows; 1st Canterbury, 2nd Auckland 1, 3rd Auckland 2, 4th Lincoln, 5th AUT. The final rankings for point scoring will be as follows; 1st Canterbury, 2nd Auckland, 3rd Lincoln, 4th AUT.
5. Specific event rules will clearly outline how the members are ranked inside of that competition and draw.
6. At least three National Tertiary Championship events must be played in any given year in order to award the overall Shield. If less than three events played, the Shield will not be awarded for that particular year and remain in possession of the previous holder.
7. In the event of a team withdrawing from the competition due to unforeseen and uncontrollable factors, the following shield point formula will apply:
 - a. Shield Points will be allocated as per the formula for the number of teams physically participating at the event.
 - b. For teams that were registered (with entry fees paid in full), Shield Points will be allocated based on prior results/seeding i.e.;
 - i. Where a team finished top 3 in the previous event, an average of the event points available will be applied.
 - ii. Where a team finished below top 3 in the previous event, 1 point will be allocated.

Shield participation points for combined teams are awarded to the registering institution as follows:

- a. If there is only one combined team, they shall receive one Shield point.
 - b. If there is more than one combined team participating in a tournament, the highest-finishing combined team receive two Shield points and all other combined teams receive one.
8. Invitational teams are not eligible for shield points.
 9. Once the members have been ranked in each division the points scoring formula in the table below will be applied.

Table 1: Shield Points Allocation Formula

Points	Number of Teams Competing										
Position	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
1st	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
2nd	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
3rd	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
4th	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
5th	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
6th	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
7th	6	5	4	3	2	1					
8th	5	4	3	2	1						
9th	4	3	2	1							
10th	3	2	1								
11th	2	1									
12th	1										

Appendix Two: Spirit Awards Criteria and Formula

1. The Spirit Awards are comprised of two types of awards – Spirit Medals and the Spirit Trophy.
2. Spirit Medals are awarded to one team at each UTSNZ event as decided by the participants of that event.
3. The Spirit Trophy is awarded to the National Tertiary Spirit Champion which is determined by the year’s overall spirit results.

Criteria

4. There are three ‘Pou’ (pillars) that form the award’s overall criteria, each as important as the others. The combination of these Pou captures the overall spirit of the National Tertiary Championships, with examples of desirable attitude and behaviour provided.
5. Voting parties are to consider the three Pou and how each team – including coaches and other team officials – displays these types of attitudes and behaviours.

1. Kotahitanga

The ability to create a sense of unity within the team and wider institution group. Examples include:

- a. Umere – to shout, applaud and cheer.
- b. Full attendance at the sporting competition and its associated activities.
- c. The display of institution pride through matching uniforms, chants, or other actions.
- d. Attendance to all team duties (where applicable) on time and without delay.

2. Manaakitanga

Showing respect, care, and generosity towards others. Examples include:

- a. Any display of behaviour and action that uplifts the mana of other event participants.

- b. Excellent team attitude and sportsmanship both on and off the court or field.
- c. Consistent positive interactions with opposition.
- d. Full and unconditional respect for all tournament officials.
- e. The ability to create an appropriate supportive atmosphere for all participants within the UTSNZ Code of Conduct.

3. Rangatiratanga

The exhibiting of strong personal and interpersonal leadership. Examples include:

- a. Assistance with covering duty requirements, set up, pack down and cleaning of the tournament venue.
- b. A commitment to maintaining the health and safety of all event participants.
- c. Adherence to the UTSNZ Code of Conduct and Participation Agreement.
- d. Attendance at university team and sport manager's meetings.

Spirit Medals

Voting Process

- 5. Prior to the beginning of each event, the voting procedure shall be outlined by UTSNZ or their representatives. The voting parties and their voting processes are as follows:

Teams:

- a. Each registered team is allowed to vote once per tournament and should consider all participating teams (i.e. men, women and mixed).
- b. Votes should be collected by the team manager at the end of the last day and the selections must include all members of the team.
- c. Teams shall vote for first, second and third most spirited teams when compared to the criteria and to each other.
 - i. First place shall receive 3 points, second place 2 points and third place 1 point (i.e. 3-2-1).
- d. Teams cannot vote for themselves or other teams from their institution.

Event officials and volunteers:

- e. This includes all referees, other on-court officials and volunteers, officials managers, court controllers and any other officials as appointed by the organising body.
- f. Officials and volunteers are allowed to vote once per tournament and only have one vote to allocate.
- g. They should consider all participating teams and votes should be submitted at the end of the final day of the tournament.

Voting Point Deductions

- 6. Teams may have Spirit points deducted from their overall tally for breaches of competition requirements, UTSNZ code of conduct, outcomes of disciplinary hearings, and/or other behavioural issues. Deductions may only be applied by UTSNZ staff or their representatives and the severity of the penalty is at the discretion of UTSNZ.

Calculation of Spirit Medal Winners

- 7. The team (including combined and invitational teams) who receives the most voting points at the end of the event will be awarded the National Tertiary Championship Spirit medals.

8. If there is a tie for first between two or more teams, a tiebreaker will occur in the following order:
 - If one team has received deductions from their total, the other shall be declared the winner.
 - If neither team has received deductions, it shall go to a vote countback in this order:
 - The team receiving the most first-place votes (i.e. 3 points).
 - The team receiving the most second-place votes (i.e. 2 points).
9. In the case that the institutions are still tied after the above tiebreakers, they shall be declared the joint winners.

Calculation of Points for the Spirit Trophy

10. The following spirit trophy points allocation formula shall be applied to all UTSNZ events.
 - a. At the completion of an event, member team spirit medal votes will be combined to get an overall institution score. Note – additional team votes are not included, only the 'A' team votes.
 - b. Member institutions are then ranked and the following points scoring formula applied:

1st place = 8 points, 2nd place = 7 points, 3rd place = 6 points, 4th place = 5 points, 5th place = 4 points, 6th place = 3 points, 7th place = 2 points, 8th place = 1 point
11. At the completion of the year's events, the institution with the highest cumulative score is awarded the Spirit Trophy.
12. If there is a tie between two or more institutions at any position, a tiebreaker will occur in the following order:
 - If one institution has received deductions from their total during an event that calendar year, the other shall be declared the winner.
 - If neither has received deductions, it shall go to a countback on Spirit Medal event placings starting with the most first places followed by second and so on.
13. If two or more institutions remain tied after the tiebreaker, they are jointly awarded that position. In the case of a tie for first, the Spirit Trophy is jointly awarded to these Universities.
14. There must be at least 50% of current Members participating for the event to be eligible for Spirit Point allocation.
15. At least three National Tertiary Championship events must be played in any given year in order to award the overall Spirit Award. If less than three events played, the overall Spirit Award will not be awarded for that particular year and remain in possession of the previous holder.
16. In the event of a team withdrawing from the competition due to unforeseen and uncontrollable factors, the following Spirit point formula will apply:
 - a. The team/s who were unable to attend due to 'uncontrollable' circumstances will be awarded the lowest number of points allocated for the event minus 1.