

SOHS Blues Criteria

A Blue is a reward for **EXCELLENCE** and **ACHIEVEMENT** in a school sport or cultural activity. Out-of-school activities may be considered in exceptional circumstances. A Blue is NOT a service award.

Nominations can come from anyone at any time, as long as they are submitted by Monday, **12th October 2026 and endorsed by a coach, manager, or instructor** for the activity. No late nominations will be accepted.

Once a blue has been received in a particular field, it is unlikely that one for the same activity will be repeatedly awarded in following years. EG. you will not be able to get two or more blues in one field, even if you make a rep team the following year.

Criteria

1. Be a senior student - in very exceptional circumstances, juniors and teams may be awarded a Blue
EG: NZ representative, NZ qualifier, NZ award winner
2. Represent SOHS - in very exceptional circumstances, playing for a club or competing/performing unattached to the school, may be considered
3. Show a consistent commitment to an activity and display behaviour that will bring credit to the school.
4. Perform at a high level.

All nominations are to be forwarded to the school office. The final awarding of a Blue shall be decided by the SOHS Blues Awards committee.

Guidelines

Athletics	First place at Otago Southland SS champs or place at South Island SS
Badminton	Otago age groups and performance at a high level
Tennis	Otago age groups and performance at a high level
Basketball	Otago age groups and performance at a high level
Touch	Otago team girls/boys/mixed and performance U18
Netball	Dunedin under 19 (Otago Team), or similar, NZ or SI developmental squad
Hockey	Otago team (not a development team) and performance at a high level
Football	Otago age group team and performance at a high level
Rugby	U18 - Highlanders School team, or 3 matches in the Highlanders round-robin tournament. U16 Country - at least 3 matches at the South Island tournament.
Cross Country	Placing at Otago/Southland, place at Nationals
Equestrian	Otago or Southland Event team, individual placings in Show Jumping (Otago)
Swimming	Placing at SISS or National SS qualifier
Cricket	Selection for Otago SS team or Higher
Speech	First place at Regional Competition Kapa Haka Kaitataki Kotiro or Kaitataki Tane in a placing performance at Te Hautonga Otago/Southland
Manu Korero	Placing at an Otago Competition
Rockquest	Placing at Regional Finals, or a winning individual award ie Best Vocalist, or Best Guitar
Performance Music	Grade 5 (with merit or above)
Dance	Grade 5 (Highly Commended or above) RAD or BBO
Visual Art	Placing in a Regional Competition
Drama	Winner in a Regional Competition ie. Sheila Winn Shakespeare
Refereeing/umpiring	Selected to referee a representative high-level match (EG. A-grade netball game at OSS)
Other	National representation

SOHS Blues Nomination Form

2026

Nominee _____ Activity _____

Dates involved: _____

HOW DOES THIS NOMINATION MEET THE CRITERIA? - (it is essential that this is completed thoroughly)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Confirmed by an adult (Coach/Manager/Instructor):

Print name: _____ Position: _____

Signature: _____ Contact Number: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

This information has been verified by a member of the Blues Committee.

Signature of member: _____ Date: _____

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 3 pm, 12th October 2026 – no late nominations will be accepted