

Junior Competition Age Group Awards

The following awards will be presented each year in all competition age group teams:

- Best and Fairest
- Runner Up Best and Fairest
- Most Consistent
- Most Improved
- Coaches Award
- Players Player

Coaches/Managers are to provide all award recipients are to be given to Manager Social one week following the end of the home and away season.

Best and Fairest/Runner-up Best and Fairest

It is the responsibility of all team coaches, in consultation with assistant coaches, to select the best three players who played fairly and record these on the voting slip for each home and away game of the regular season. Where a player has been found guilty at the AFL tribunal or suspended through a Match Review Panel, they will be ineligible to win the Best and Fairest or Runner-up Best and Fairest Awards.

The voting system shall consist of the following:

- Three votes shall be awarded to the best player who played fairly.
- Two votes shall be awarded to the second best player who played fairly; and
- One vote shall be awarded to the third best player who played fairly.

It is the responsibility of the team coach to record these votes on the voting slip for each home and away game. The Team Manager will supply the voting form to the coaches and once filled out they should be sealed and returned to the Team Manager in person. Coaches are encouraged to complete the form after each game and return to the Team Manager as soon as possible. The Team Manager is to include the date and opposition team on each slip and store in a labelled envelope until the end of season. The team coach is to ensure names of players are listed on the voting slips not just numbers.

It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to collect and collate the best and fairest data for their team and to provide a summary of this data on presentation day.

The Team Manager is to organise the counting of the votes and inform the committee in the week after the last competition game of the winner for trophy engraving.

The winner(s) of the Best and Fairest award shall be the player(s) obtaining the highest number of total votes over the home and away season, in their respective grade. The player receiving the second highest number of votes shall be awarded the Runner-up Best and Fairest Player Award.

Should two or more players receive an equal number of votes in their respective grade, then the Best and Fairest or the Runner-up awards shall be awarded equally between the players. In the event that the Best and Fairest Award be tied, no Runner-up Best and Fairest Award will be awarded.

Best and Fairest votes awarded to a player playing in a team other than that in which they are registered shall NOT count towards their Best and Fairest vote total in their registered grade.

Winners will be presented with a trophy at Junior Presentation day at the end of the season.

Most Consistent

The Most Consistent Player Award is presented in the competition age groups. It is generally awarded to the player who is a consistent performer in the team statistics (eg. kicks, handballs, tackles, shepherds etc). The Most Consistent Player Award is usually awarded by the team coach, with input from the team manager, assistant coaches and perhaps other team officials, such as the trainer. The coach must decide based on performances throughout the season on who should receive the award. The most consistent award cannot be shared.

Consistency is assessed in terms of performance on the field during games and at training as well as attendance at games and training. Historically, the award has been generally given to a player whose performance on the field has been capable of objective assessment across a wider range of aspects. In these circumstances it also allows the player's performance to be assessed under more significant pressure situations.

Teams generally maintain an objective game by game assessment of player performance (for example, 3-2-1 for best and fairest) as a way of identifying who has performed well – and consistently – during the year, and this can be used to support a nomination.

Most Improved

The Most Improved Player Award is usually awarded by the team coach, with input from the team manager, assistant coaches and perhaps other team officials, such as the trainer. It is awarded to the player who has made the most gains during the season. This will not always be the player who started the season with the least experience, or football skills. The award may go to a player who is already an established footballer, but who makes significant progress in his, or her, footballing skills during the season.

The general criteria for this award includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- improved throughout the season
- has the desire and the ability to play at a higher level in the future.
- has an excellent attitude towards his/her team-mates, the coaches and the game itself.

This award does not have to be based on the B&F points. Consideration should be given to the player's performances throughout the season at both games and training. The recipient of this award may have displayed an improvement in their attitude to games or training, improvement in their own skills or made a significant contribution to the team. The most improved award cannot be shared.

Coach's Award

The coach of each team decides on the recipient for the Coach's Award. The coach may adopt any criteria he or she chooses to make this award. The criteria for this is determined by individual coaches and may include consideration of such criteria as player performance, participation, teammanship, sportsmanship or others at the coach's discretion. It is usually given to a player who has not received another award, such as Best & Fairest, for that season, who the coach thinks deserves special recognition.

The coach is to inform committee in the week after last competition game of winner for

trophy engraving.

The winner of the coach's award will be presented with a trophy at Junior Presentation day at the end of the season.

Players' Player

The Players' Player Award recipient must always show respect for all players and officials, while portraying good sportsmanship qualities both on and off the field. This player will also show great encouragement to their fellow team members, while always congratulating opponents on good play.

This award recipient must be a good role model and ambassador for the sport, always displays fair play, demonstrates a good team ethic and excellent football etiquette, and always plays the sport in a positive manner.

This award is not necessarily awarded to the most skilful player on the field, but a player with a great attitude towards the sport, the competition, its supporters (the public, sponsors and media) and its peers.

Criteria:

All registered players who are actively participating in the regular home and away competition are eligible to receive the Players' Player Award. Each registered player in the team is eligible to vote after each match. If a player is present at a game but cannot play due to injury or illness they are still eligible to vote for the Players Player during that game.

However, a player must have taken to the ground during the match to receive votes.

The following criteria should be used as a guide to select the Players Player for each game:

- exemplary on-field behaviour
- competent execution of skills
- outstanding contribution to the team
- positive attitude to team members and the opposition in all situations
- unselfish play
- high work rate

Voting Panel:

All players within each competition age team will be required to submit their 3, 2, 1 votes at the completion of each game on a players player voting slip.

Voting Process:

At the end of every game all the participating players select whom they consider (no team collaboration) the best 3 players for the game and award them 3-2-1 votes in order of merit.

These votes are collected and tallied by the team manager and the player who received the most votes receives three votes in the Players' Player Award for that game. Similarly the player's who ranked second and third receive two votes and one vote in the award. The player who tallies the most votes at the end of the season is awarded the Players' Player.

The voting period for the Players' Player Award (PPA) begins in Round 1 of each season and finishes at the conclusion of the regular home and away season.

All votes are entered into a confidential spreadsheet at the end of each round. The team manager is to organise counting and inform the committee in the week after last competition game of winner for trophy engraving. The player with the most points at the conclusion of the season is deemed the Players' Player. The winner will be announced at the Junior Presentation Day.