

# Gungahlin Jets Australian Football Club Junior Awards Criteria

September 2017

## Foreword

This document was originally created and agreed upon by the Junior Committee and later amended by the Board of Directors at the conclusion of the 2017 season and ratified in 2018.

The purpose is to document all junior awards presented at the club on presentation day/night, providing consistency with an aim of preserving a rich history at the club.

Should future committees wish to add remove or change an award the process to do so is also documented.

<b>Version Control - Date</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Changes</b>
2014	Junior Committee	Original document
September 2017	Board of Directors	Proposal to change team award criteria
June 2018	Board of Directors	Amended criteria and approved

## **Junior Club Awards**

### **Junior Jet of the Year Award**

The Junior Jet of the Year Award is the most prestigious annual club award which recognises a person for special service. This award recognises a person who has been an outstanding contributor throughout the year (or cumulatively for that year and past years) in relation to the time and effort they have put into the club at junior level. Their attitude to and their enthusiasm for the juniors in the club will have been an inspiration to all. Any person can submit a nomination.

The Junior Jet of the Year award is determined by a majority vote of the junior committee or proxy where a committee member is absent at the time of vote. Votes cast by the junior committee are to be given to the Chairman of the Club. Where the vote is tied, the Chairman of the Club will decide the winner.

Where a committee member is nominated, the nomination should go to directly to the President or Chairman for private assessment.

### **Nominations**

Nominations should be submitted to the Junior Secretary within one week of the final round/final of the season. Nominations must be submitted on the appropriate form located in the attachments of this document.

## **“Rohan Wilson” – Clubperson of the Year**

The Jets Juniors recognises a Junior player (or players) who upholds and exemplifies the core values of the Gungahlin Jets.

*Rohan Wilson is a club legend among the Gungahlin Jets Juniors and epitomises what volunteering really means.*

First introduced in season 2011, the “Rohan Wilson” Junior Clubperson of the Year Award is presented to a Junior player (or players) who have gone above and beyond simply playing Australian Rules Football.

The Award is not reflective of on-field success; rather it reflects a Junior player or players who has contributed to the Gungahlin Jets Australian Football Club or the local community in general.

Areas of contribution may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Assisting at Jets Registration days, helping out at canteen and sausage sizzles, assisting the Coaches or Managers in their own or other Junior teams of the Gungahlin Jets, promoting the Jets in the local community, or participating in other community related events and activities.

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## **“The Byrnesy” Coach of the Year Award**

The Jets Juniors recognises a Coach or an Assistant Coach who has performed an outstanding job of working with the talent they have at their disposal.

*John Byrne was one of the founding members of the club and during his involvement with the Jets held a number of positions within the club committee. His true passion was coaching and in this area he was the first Jets coach to see a team enter a finals series. It was deemed appropriate that the club recognise John’s contribution by the naming of the coach’s award after him given this was his true passion.*

This club award was generously donated by John Byrne hence “the Byrnesy” and in 2007 the Jets committee officially recognised the name of this award as “the Byrnesy” in recognition of John’s contribution to the Jets Juniors.

The winner of the award will have demonstrated effectiveness in coaching and training Australian Rules Football skills and team motivation appropriate to the age level being coached, whether it be Auskick Rookie, Auskick Pro, U10’s or the competitive aged teams.

### **Criteria**

Areas of effectiveness may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- the ability to accommodate different player abilities;
- promoting “team play”;
- participation in recommended level training;
- demonstrating a commitment to safety and fostering sportsmanship and a sense of fair play;
- team improvement from previous season;
- demonstrating a professional manner and attitude of coach;
- application of appropriate and accepted training theory and coaching principles to improve the level of performance of the team and/or individual player(s);
- demonstrating a positive image of coaching and the role of the coach;
- respect for officials, opponents and supporters as defined in the Coaches Code of Conduct;
- demonstration of an interest in players’ careers and lives outside the sporting environment; and
- team success during current season.
- Note: Whilst the on field success of the team is an indicator of the success of the Coach, it is not the only factor to be considered.

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## **“Graham Bonnett” Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award**

The Jets Juniors recognises the importance of volunteers in encouraging, inspiring and coordinating throughout the football season. The efforts and skills volunteers provide to Australian Rules Football are invaluable and worthy of recognition.

*This club award has been named in recognition of the service and dedication provided by Graham Bonnett to the Jets Juniors. Graham joined the club as the development officer in 2001 and formerly retired at the end of 2007. In this time Graham was responsible for AFL clinics and the Jets name being promoted in all schools in the Gungahlin area with over 30,000 children participating in clinics. Through Graham’s tireless efforts he was able to turn around the bias against AFL in the local schooling area to the point that schools would contact him at the start of the year to have clinics arranged for the coming year. It was deemed fitting that the clubs most valuable volunteer to date (noting Graham did not have any children of his own but rather a long standing love of the Jets) be honoured with the naming of such an award after him (and to be the inaugural winner in his year of retirement).*

First introduced in season 2007, the “Graham Bonnett” Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award is presented annually to an individual who has shown dedication and initiative in their work and has positively contributed to the Jets Juniors. The award is presented to an individual volunteer or couple whose efforts have been outstanding and have shown great commitment to the Club. The award is open to any person currently associated with the Club in a volunteer capacity.

The Award is judged on the involvement of the Club member(s) for the current season or cumulatively over this year and past years.

Areas of contribution may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Umpiring, Coaching, Managing, Runner, First Aider, Registrar, Fundraising, Committee Member.

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## **Junior Competition Age Group Awards**

The following awards will be presented each year in all competition age group teams (Under 11 and above):

- 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.

Best and Fairest votes are by the Coach, Assistant Coach plus two different independent voters (parents) as selected by the Team Manager (i.e. there are four vote cards each week).

The Team Manager will supply the voting form to the voters and once filled out they should be sealed and returned to the Team Manager in person. Voters 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. Voters are 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.

## **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.

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 player's 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 receive three votes in the Players' Player Award for that game. Similarly, the players 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 Player's Player award 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.

*If the recipient of the highest B&F votes is also the recipient of the highest PP votes, the PP award is to be awarded to the next highest recipient of PP votes. It is the philosophy of the Junior Committee that awards are distributed among as many players as appropriate (i.e. players should only receive 1 award) with the exception of Player of the Finals. Any deviation from this philosophy is to be justified to the Junior Football Director (Junior President) for approval.*

The winner will be announced at the Junior Presentation Day.

## **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 (e.g. 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.

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, demonstration of team spirit, sportsmanship or others at the coach's discretion. It is given to a player who has not received another award, such as Best & Fairest or Runner Up Best and Fairest for that season, who the coach thinks deserve special recognition.

The coach is to inform the 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.

## **Adding/Changing or Removing Awards**

Awards can be added, removed or change when put to a vote by the junior committee. Proposals need to be submitted in writing 2 committee meetings prior to presentation day/night so insure an informed decision can be made by the annual presentation day/night.

If the committee vote is tied the Junior Football Director (Junior President) will seek board advice to progress the proposal.

Any changes should be documented in the version control at the beginning of this document.

The proposal should include the following:

- Purpose of submission
- Criteria of award
- Who determines the recipient/winner of the award?
- What is the award. i.e. trophy/shield etc.
- Additional information that the committee needs to consider.







