

Gungahlin Jets Australian Football Club Senior Awards Criteria

September 2017

Foreword

This document was originally created and agreed upon by the 2014 Senior Committee and later amended by the Board of Directors at the conclusion of the 2017 season and ratified in in 2018.

The purpose is to document all senior awards presented at the club on presentation night, providing consistency and 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.

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

Senior Club Awards

Senior Jet of the Year Award

The Senior 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 senior level. Their attitude to and their enthusiasm for the seniors in the club will have been an inspiration to all. Nominations should be submitted on a nomination form. Any person can submit a nomination.

Nominations must be received by the Seniors Secretary and passed on to the committee for selection.

The Senior Jet of the Year award is determined by a majority vote of the senior committee or proxy where a committee member is absent at the time of vote. Votes cast by the senior 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 directly to the President for private assessment.

President's Award - Don Efford Memorial Award. (Re- allocated in 2013)

Don Efford was involved with the Gungahlin Jets Seniors for ten years before he passed in 2003. As a team manager, Don was involved in the successful back to back premierships in 1988 and 1989 and was also the proud father of club champion Steve Efford. A dedicated and tireless clubman, Don was held in high regard by all who knew him, and it only seemed fitted that the Volunteer of the Year award was named in his honour.

The Gungahlin Jets Australian Football Club 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.

The President's award is presented to an individual volunteer or group of volunteers whose efforts have been outstanding and who have shown great commitment to the seniors in the club. This award gives recognition to the work performed by volunteers to advance the club. The award is open to any person currently associated with the club in a volunteer capacity.

Selection is decided by the President of the senior club and is judged on the involvement of the volunteer/s for the current season or cumulatively over this year and past years. Selection will be based on, but not limited to, the following:

Achievement – personal and club

Impact – club, sport and wider community

Dedication – level of service to club or club members, and levels of involvement

Areas of contribution may include, but are not limited to, the following directed at the seniors in the club:

- Umpiring
- Coaching
- Managing
- Runner
- First Aider
- Registrar
- Fundraising
- Social Planner
- Coordinator
- Promotion/publicity

The Boot Award

The Boot Award is selected by the committee for the funniest individual event at the club during the season - on or off the field. Only nominations deemed socially appropriate will be accepted.

Senior Team Awards

The following awards will be presented each year in all senior teams which includes Rising Stars:

- Best and Fairest
- Runner Up Best and Fairest
- Coaches Award
- Players Player
- Best Defender (In Reserve Grade this is known as the – Kelvin Ryan Memorial)
- Leading Goal Kicker (Acknowledged only on perpetual trophy and year book)

Coaches are to provide recipients for the Coaches Award, Best Defender and Leading Goal kicker to the Football Manager one week following the end of the home and away season. All other awards are determined after vote counting by the Senior and Vice President. This may be tallied after each round only by either the President or Vice President.

The Munday Medal - Best and Fairest Runner-up Best and Fairest

It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to ensure that three people including the team coach select the best five players who played fairly and record these on the voting slip for each home and away game of the regular season (finals not included). Where a player has been found guilty at the AFL Canberra tribunal or suspended by the Club, 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:

- Five votes shall be awarded to the best player who played fairly;
- Four votes shall be awarded to the second-best player who played fairly;
- Three votes shall be awarded to the third best player who played fairly
- Two votes shall be awarded to the fourth best player who played fairly; and

- One vote shall be awarded to the fifth best player who played fairly.

It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to ensure these votes are recorded on a voting slip in a sealed envelope for each home and away game. The Team Manager will be supplied the voting form for the coach and two other people watching the game and once completed they should be returned to the Team Manager in person. The Team Manager is to ensure that after each game they are handed to the Senior president for record keeping.

A vote count will be conducted at the end of the regular season (at a time and date at the discretion of the Senior Committee) with the trophies awarded on Presentation night.

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 is tied, no Runner-up Best and Fairest Award will be awarded.

The player(s) voted Best and Fairest or Runner Up Best and Fairest will be ineligible to win the Best Defender or Coach's Award. The winners however, are eligible to win the Leading Goal Kicker, Player of the Finals and Player's Player awards.

Players playing for Jets senior teams on permit (ie Canberra Demons players) are eligible for all awards.

In 2013 the Senior Committee decided to name the club best and fairest after Damian "Disco" Munday. Damian played 108 consecutive games for the clubs since changing over from Ainslie. Disco played the majority of his career at the Jets at Centre Half Back, winning the club Best and Fairest 3 times. He was the first to win a club Best and Fairest at the Division 1 level. Due to his commitment to playing at the club and success as a club Best and Fairest winner it was deemed fitting and appropriate to name the award the "Munday Medal."

Coach's Award

The coach of each senior 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 other criteria 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 believes deserves special recognition.

A player that is voted Best and Fairest or Runner Up Best and Fairest and Players Player is ineligible to win this award.

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 (including those playing on permit) who are actively participating in the regular home and away competition are eligible to receive the Players' Player Award. Each selected 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 ineligible 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 criteria used as a guide to select the Players Player for each game is based on a player who has done the most to help the team to achieve its goal of winning on the given day: This may include:

- 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

All players within each senior team will be required to submit their players player vote at the completion of each game on the match team sheet.

At the end of every game all the participating players select whom they consider (no team collaboration) the best player for the game and award them the vote for Players Player. A player cannot vote for themselves. These votes are collected and presented to the Senior President after each game. 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 Senior President 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 Home and Away season is deemed the Players' Player. The winner will be announced at the Senior Presentation Day.

In the event of a tie for the Players Player award, the winner will be determined by the player receiving the most number of votes in games played eg. two players receive 157 votes; player one received votes in 12 games whereas player two received votes in 8 games. Player one will be deemed the winner as they scored more votes in games played. If the result is still tied the casting vote will be made by the coach and Senior President in the event that the coach is one of the tied players.

Best Defender – (Kelvin Ryan Memorial - Reserve Grade only)

The player who receives the most Best and Fairest votes (outside of the winner and Runner Up Best and Fairest) as a regular defender will receive the Best Defender Award. In the event of a tie, the coach will determine the winner. The winner of the Best Defender award will be presented with a trophy at Senior Presentation day at the end of the season. The Best Defender award cannot be shared.

For Reserve Grade only

Kelvin was a dual premierships player who was tragically taken in 1989 after playing 23 games for the Jets. Kelvin was a diminutive back man - for his size he was a remarkable high-marker and took on many players twice his size and regularly beat them. He was best on ground in the Grand Final in 1988 when the Jets won their 3rd premierships.

Never beaten, his courage and determination epitomised the culture of the Jets. He was amongst the best players in every finals game he played. He kept his illness to himself and often trained in immense pain, never giving in.

Due to his courageous and outstanding performances as a backman the club has seen fit to name the best defender award in his honour. The Kelvin Ryan Memorial Shield was first awarded in 1989.

A player that is voted Best and Fairest or Runner Up Best and Fairest is ineligible to win this award.

Leading Goal kicker

The player who scores the most number of goals at the conclusion of the home and away season will be deemed the Leading Goal Kicker. The winner of the Leading Goal Kicker award will be presented with the perpetual trophy at Senior Presentation Night at the end of the season. In the event of a tie, the award will be shared.

A minimum of 10 goals must be registered for this to be awarded.

Player of the finals

A player of the finals award will only be awarded when a team plays two or more finals. The coach will determine the winner of this award. The winner of the player of the finals award will be presented a medallion at Senior Presentation day at the end of the season. The Player of the Finals award cannot be shared.

A minimum of two (2) finals games must be played for this to be awarded.

Adding/Changing or Removing Awards

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

If the committee vote is tied the Senior Football Director (Senior 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.