



## **JETS JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB**

### **CLUB AWARDS POLICY**

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The following policy has been developed to provide consistency and direction with regard to the determination of Club Awards at the Jets Juniors Football Club

## **1. Team Awards**

- All teams at both non-competitive and competitive age groups will be able to present six (6) team award trophies at the end of each season.
- At the non-competitive age groups – Under 8 through to Under 10 – these will be six (6) Coaches Awards
- At the competitive age groups – Under 11 through to Under 18 – this will be four (4) Coaches Awards and two (2) Best and Fairest Awards – First and Runner-Up

## **2. Coaches Awards**

Coaches Awards are the responsibility of each Team Coach, with the assistance of other team officials, to decide at the end of the season.

To assist Coaches in determining these awards the following criteria are to be considered although other criteria can be included at the discretion of the Coach:

- Listening to and the consistent application of coaching instructions
- Application, dedication and enthusiasm towards training and matches
- Adherence to team rules
- Positive team spirit
- Demonstrated self development/improvement
- Positive sportsmanship shown to team members and opposition players
- Respect for umpires and other officials
- Development/improvement of players skills from previous season and throughout the current season
- Improved ability to listen to and take instructions from coaching staff and team officials
- Improved ability to perform team orientated tasks/functions

Coaches awards can be named at the discretion of each coach, or left named as 'Coaches Award'. Some examples are -

- Most improved
- Most courageous
- Best team mate
- 3rd runner up B&F (for competitive teams)
- Best goal kicker
- ect...

Once the Coaches Awards have been determined, these should be kept confidential and forwarded to the Jets Juniors Secretary following the last home and away game of the season.

## **3. Best and Fairest Awards**

- Best and Fairest Awards (B&F) are applicable for all competitive age group teams from –
  - Boys under 11 to under 17.5

- o Girls under 12 to under 18
- Best and Fairest votes are awarded for every game of the Home and Away (H&A) season that the team is involved in (not including finals).
- The Team Manager is responsible for ensuring that Best and Fairest votes are awarded, collated and secured after each game.
- Three (3) sets of votes will be cast in every game. Two team officials – the Coach and one other team official such as an Assistant Coach, Runner or Team Manager - and one parent (as determined by the Team Manager on a weekly basis) will cast votes at the conclusion of each game.
- Best and Fairest votes are awarded on a descending scale with the best player being awarded five (5) votes scaling down to the 5th best player being awarded one (1) vote.
- An additional single encouragement vote can be awarded to a 6th player – this player does not need to be the 6th best player on the day, but can be recognised for effort, endeavour, improvement, etc. This vote is optional and does not need to be awarded unless warranted.
- All votes must be recorded using the voting slips provided to team managers.
- Voting slips are to be completed and returned to the Team Manager at the conclusion of each match. The voting slips must include the date and round. The Team Manager will then ensure that all three voting slips are secured in a sealed envelope.
- Envelopes containing votes are to be placed in a secure location and not opened until the counting of votes is conducted in the presence of the Team Coach, Secondary Official and the Team Manager.
- Once the vote count has been conducted the results must be kept confidential and the Team Manager must forward the results to the Secretary immediately after the conclusion of the last home and away game.
- The two players receiving the most number of votes will be awarded a trophy
  - o Best and Fairest
  - o Runner-Up Best and Fairest
- Tied voting results –
  - o In the event of a tie for the Best and Fairest, two Best and Fairest trophies will be awarded with no Runner-Up.
  - o In the event of a tie for Runner-Up, an additional trophy will be awarded.
- Ineligibility for Best and Fairest Awards - a player will be ineligible to be awarded a Best and Fairest Award if any of the following situations apply:
  - o A player is suspended by the EFL Tribunal for any reason during the season
  - o A player is subject to any internal disciplinary action by the Committee of the Heathmont Jets JFC as a result of an on field incident that is contrary to the rules or spirit of the game
  - o A player receives 3 or more Send-Offs (Yellow Cards) during the season
- If there is any confusion/questions in regards to the voting system to be used for the Best and Fairest votes or the eligibility of players to receive the awards, then these questions/concerns should be directed to the Director of Football for clarification.

Once the Best and Fairest Awards have been determined, these should be kept confidential and forwarded to the Jets Juniors Secretary following the last home and away game of the season.

## 4. Club Awards

A number of special awards are presented each year recognising our club volunteers. These awards include the following:

### **Ray Woolridge Award**

The Ray Woolridge Award is a perpetual trophy named in honour of Ray Woolridge who was the founder of the Heatherdale Junior Football Club in 1969. The Heatherdale JFC later merged with the Heathmont FC and the result was the establishment of the Jets Juniors Football Club in 1998.

The Ray Woolridge Award is presented to a player from the non-competitive age groups who displays consistent behaviour and dedication both on and off the field. All non-competitive team

coaches nominate one player to receive the award – each of these nominated players receives a certificate. The criteria for nominations include the following, although other criteria can be included at the discretion of the Coaches:

- Application, dedication and enthusiasm towards all facets of the game including training and matches
- Positive team spirit
- Demonstrated self development/improvement
- Positive sportsmanship towards team members, opposition players, umpires and officials
- Development/improvement of skills from previous season and throughout the current season

Based on the nominations, the Junior Committee then selects one player to be the recipient of the Ray Woolridge Award.

### **Rex Ablett Award**

The Rex Ablett Award is a perpetual trophy named in honour of Rex Ablett, who served two stints as president of the juniors and who was also a prominent coach and committee member over many years, especially in the early years following the amalgamation of the Heathmont and Heatherdale clubs.

The Rex Ablett Award is presented to the junior “Coach of the Year”. Nominations for the award are provided to the Junior Committee by the Director of Football and Football Operations Manager – based on criteria including the following:

- Demonstrated coaching skills and knowledge
- Application, dedication and enthusiasm towards all facets of coaching including game day and training sessions
- Demonstrated self development/improvement
- Demonstration of the Club’s trademark coaching behaviours and coaching philosophy

### **Ken Lane Award**

The Club Person of the Year Award – the Ken Lane Award - is presented annually to a person who has made a significant contribution to the club in the previous twelve-month period or beyond. This can be a player, coach, committee member or supporter.

The award is named after Ken Lane who was heavily involved in Junior Football primarily with Heathmont and Heatherdale Junior Football clubs, Ken epitomised what it means to be a club person as he was always willing to help in any way, be it on the committee, coaching, or generally helping out around the club.

The award is determined by the Club Committee on the basis of any nominations provided to it.

### **Team Manager of the Year Award**

This award celebrates the input of our team managers in the successful running of our teams. It is presented annually to a team manager that demonstrates a significant contribution to their team and club. The criteria includes –

- Organisation skills
- Communication
- Team support of club events
- Charity partner event support
- Tenure

Nominations for the award are supplied by the Team Manager Coordinator and ratified by the Junior Executive Committee.

## **5. Effective Date and Review**

This policy is effective from 1 August 2023 and is to be reviewed annually at the start of the season.