

Bulleen Templestowe District Junior Football Club Player Awards Policy

The following policy has been developed to provide consistency and direction in the application of voting and awards at the Bulleen Templestowe District Junior Football Club (BTDJFC). BTDJFC award three (3) types of trophies in the regular season and an additional trophy for finals, where applicable. These trophies are:

- Best and Fairest Award
- Coaches Award
- Most Improved Player Award
- Best in Finals Award (where applicable)

Note: All players from under 12 and below are eligible to receive a “participation” trophy.

Best & Fairest (B&F) Award

1. The B&F Award is applicable for all teams from Under 10 and older.
2. B&F votes are awarded for every game of the home and away season including grading matches.
3. The Team Manager is responsible for ensuring the B&F votes are awarded, collated and sealed in an envelope and placed in the box in the clubrooms at the end of each round.
4. A voting roster will be circulated prior to round one (1) detailing the rounds that each family group is rostered to vote in.
5. Guidance on **who votes each week**:
 - a. The Coach
 - b. The Assistant Coach (note: where there are multiple Assistant Coaches, a single, combined vote will be considered)
 - c. Two families (excluding coaching staff families) will have the opportunity to vote once per season in accordance with below:
 - i. The allocation of families to rounds will be randomly drawn and where possible overseen by both the Team Manager and Coach.
 - ii. Where there are more families than rounds to be played, it is acknowledged that some families may miss out on the opportunity to vote – if a family does miss the opportunity to vote, it should be by chance alone rather than a selective decision.

- iii. Where there are fewer families than rounds, a family may be offered the opportunity to vote for a second time – this family will be selected at random and where possible be overseen by both the Team Manager and the Coach.
- iv. Where a family forgoes their opportunity to vote, the Team Manager is responsible for assigning another family to vote – ideally, the replacement family has not already been allocated a round for voting, however, where all families have an allocated round, the replacement family is to be randomly drawn (and where possible overseen by the Coach).

6. Guidance on **how to vote**:

- a. B&F 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 – using the universal vote slip supplied to Team Managers at the start of the season.
 - b. B&F votes are not a “Most Improved” or “Coaches Award” vote – these awards are the responsibility of the Coaching team to decide at the end of the season. Criteria to be considered for the B&F Award include but are not limited to: influence, leadership, impact on the game and teamwork
 - c. Votes are not to be discussed publicly.
 - d. The voting slip must include the date, round and name of the person who awarded the votes. Completed voting slips are to be handed to the Team Manager.
7. The Team Manager is to seal all four (4) voting slips in an envelope which is to be dated and relevant round/match to be noted on the envelope and then placed in the B&F vote box in the clubrooms.
8. Votes will be collected and entered into PlayHQ by the Trophy and Tally Coordinator on a regular basis. Running vote tallies are strictly confidential and will not be shared throughout the season.
9. At season’s end, the final B&F vote tally will be shared with the Coaches who will have the opportunity to audit the votes if they believe an administrative error may have occurred.

10. Where an error has occurred, the Coaches, Trophy and Tally Coordinator and Executive Committee are to discuss and agree a determination. Once a determination has been made, the results are considered final.
11. The top 3 players plus ties will receive a trophy based on the B&F vote count.
12. A player may be ineligible to be awarded a B&F Award if any of the following situations apply:
 - i. A player is suspended by the YJFL Tribunal for any reason during the season
 - ii. A player is subject to any internal disciplinary action by the BTDJFC Committee as a result of an on/off field incident that is contrary to the rules of football and/or the code of conduct.
 - iii. If a player is subject to suspension or internal disciplinary action for an on/off field incident that is contrary to the rules of football and/or the code of conduct, the BTDJFC Committee will consider all the circumstances of the suspension or internal disciplinary action before determining if a player is ineligible for a B&F Award
13. Any confusion, questions, disputes, or errors relating to the Best and Fairest voting system or vote count must be immediately referred by the Team Coach or Team Manager to the Committee for clarification and determination.

Coaches Award

1. The Coaches Award is the responsibility of the Coach with the assistance of the coaching team to decide at the end of the season.
2. Only one player per team is to be awarded the trophy. No ties are allowed.
3. Criteria to be considered for the Coaches Award include but are not limited to: application of coaches instructions, application / dedication to training, team rules, team spirit, and self-development / improvement, positive sportsmanship shown to both team members and opposition players, respect for umpires and other officials.
4. Once the Coaches Award has been determined, the result must be kept confidential and forwarded to the Trophy and Tally Coordinator for recording.

Most Improved Player Award

1. The Most Improved Award is the responsibility of the Coach with the assistance of the coaching team to decide at the end of the season.

2. Only one player per team is to be awarded the trophy. No ties are allowed.
3. Criteria to be considered for the Most Improved Player Award include but are not limited to: development / improvement of players skills from previous season, development / improvement of players skills throughout the current season, application / dedication to self-development, improved ability to listen to and take instructions from coaching staff and team officials, improved ability to perform team orientated tasks/functions
4. Once the Most Improved Award has been determined, the result must be kept confidential and forwarded to the Trophy and Tally Coordinator for recording.

Best In Finals Award

1. One (1) Best in Finals trophy (no ties), determined by the coaching team, will be awarded to any team who plays two (2) or more finals.