



AFL North West NSW Awards Policy
Clause 7.10 of the Rules

This policy underpins the Rules by specifying the basis upon which awards are determined in both the Junior and Senior competition.

Best & Fairest

- (A) The best Player in the home and away Matches of each age group/grade as adjudged by the field Umpires throughout the season shall receive the Best and Fairest Award.
- (B) The field Umpire(s) shall provide to the League their idea of the three best Players in the Match in order of preference by 7:00pm on the day of the Match.
- (C) The Player adjudged best shall receive three votes, the Player adjudged second best shall receive two votes, and the Player adjudged third best, one vote.
- (D) At the end of the home and away Matches in each season the votes are to be counted by a League appointed official and the Player receiving the highest number of votes is to receive the Best and Fairest Award.
- (E) In the case of two or more Players receiving an equal number of votes, each shall be declared the joint winner and each of such Players shall receive the Best and Fairest Award.
- (F) In the event of there being a tie for the runner up to the Award, each Player shall be declared the joint Runner-Up.
- (G) Any Player who has been suspended for an offence or who has elected to accept an automatic suspension in a Match in which votes have been cast shall be ineligible to win the Best and Fairest Award or runner up trophy in that season.
 - (i) A Player that receives a reprimand during the course of the home and away season will not be deemed ineligible to receive an award under this policy.
- (H) The League shall instruct Umpires that votes are to be awarded to the Players adjudged by the Umpires to be the best Players on the day irrespective of whether such Players have been found guilty of an offence in a Match during that season and irrespective of whether any of such Players have been reported on the day.
- (I) Any reference in this policy to a Player having been found guilty of an offence shall mean an offence as described in the Laws of the Game published by the Australian Football League.
- (J) Votes allocated to a Player who shall be determined to have been an unregistered Player during the course of any Match, shall be disregarded in so far as that Player is concerned.



- (K) The Best and Fairest awards shall be named:
- (i) Senior Grade – the Tony Gillies Medal
 - (ii) All other grades and age groups – the Best and Fairest Medal

Rising Star Award

- (A) In the Senior and Women's grades, the provisions of this policy shall similarly apply to the awarding of trophies for the fairest and best Players who are aged 18 years or younger as at 31 December of the year prior to the Competition Year and played in either their first, second or third year of Senior or Women's football.
- (B) In the Junior competition the provisions of this policy shall similarly apply to the awarding of trophies for the fairest and best Players who are in the youngest age bracket within that age group (e.g. a Player who is Under 15 and playing in the Under 17 competition).
- (C) In both (A) and (B) above, the award shall be called the Rising Star and will be awarded in each age group and grade.

Grand Final Best on Ground

- (A) The best Player on the ground as adjudged by the field Umpires in the Senior Grand Final shall be awarded the "Graham Nuttall Medal".
- (B) The best Player on the ground as adjudged by the field Umpires in the Women's Grand Final shall be awarded the "Best on Ground Medal".
- (C) The best Player on the ground from each Team as adjudged by the field Umpires in the Under 12, Under 14, Under 17 and Youth Girls 17 Grand Finals shall be awarded the "Best on Ground Medal".

Goalkicking Award

- (A) The Player that kicks the most goals for the home and away season in the Senior and Women's grades and each competitive Junior age group, as recorded in PlayHQ, shall receive the "Goalkicking Award".
- (B) As per Rule 16.7.1, goals not listed on the Official Team Sheet at the time it is received by the League shall not be credited to a Player's tally.
- (C) The Goalkicking Award awards shall be named:
 - (i) Senior Grade – the Gerry Griffiths Medal
 - (ii) All other grades and age groups – the Goalkicking Award



Coaches Award

- (A) At the end of each Match, Coaches are required to identify the six best Players from the opposing Team within PlayHQ.
- (B) The Player named in PlayHQ as a Team's best Player in a Match shall receive six best Player votes, the Player named as a Team's second best Player shall receive five best Player votes, and so on, such that the Team's sixth best Player shall receive one best Player vote.
- (C) The Player that is awarded the highest total of best Player votes in PlayHQ in the home and away season of each age group/grade shall receive the "Coaches Award".
- (D) In the case of two or more Players receiving an equal number of votes, each shall be declared the joint winner and each of such Players shall receive the Coaches Award.

Team of the Year Award

- (A) A Team of the Year for the Senior and Women's grades recognising the best performed Players in each grade shall be selected after the completion of the home and away Matches.
- (B) The Team of the Year for the Senior and Women's grades shall comprise twenty-two (22) players.
 - (i) The Team for the Senior grade will have eighteen (18) Players named on field and four (4) Players on the interchange bench;
 - (ii) The Team for the Women's grade will have sixteen (16) Players on field and six (6) Players on the interchange bench.
- (C) Players eligible to be selected in the Team of the Year will come from an initial squad made up of all Players who finished:
 - (i) In the top twelve (12), plus ties, in the League Best & Fairest Award;
 - (ii) In the top twenty (20), plus ties, in the Coaches Award;
 - (iii) In the top five (5), plus ties, in the Goalkicking Award.
- (D) Should the initial squad be greater than twenty-two (22) Players, priority for selection shall be given to those Players who firstly ranked the highest in the League Best & Fairest Award and secondly ranked highest in the Coaches Award.
- (E) Should the initial squad be less than twenty-two (22) Players, additional Players required to complete a full Team of the Year will come from the next highest finishers in the awards specified at (C)(i) and (C)(ii), in that priority order.
- (F) Any Player who has been suspended for an offence in a Match shall be ineligible to be selected in the Team of the Year for that season.
- (G) A Player's position in the Team of the Year is to as closely as possible reflect the position/s the Player played in during the home and away season.



- (i) The Players named on field in the Team of the Year should have spent a reasonable amount of time throughout the season in that positional line.
 - (ii) The Players named on the interchange bench for the Team of the Year should represent an even distribution across the three positional lines.
- (H) For the purposes of ensuring positional accuracy when selecting the Team of the Year, additional input on the eligible Players may be sought from Team Coaches.
- (I) A Team of the Year will not be selected for any age groups in the Junior competition.

Senior Golden Whistle

- (A) The best field Umpire throughout the season in both the Junior and Senior Competitions, as adjudged by each League appointed field Umpire and Clubs, shall receive the Golden Whistle Award.
- (B) At the conclusion of the home and away season, each Field Umpire will be asked to lodge their votes for the best three field Umpires during the season.
- (C) A field Umpire cannot vote for themselves.
- (D) Each AFL North West NSW Club that competes in the respective competitions will be asked to lodge one set of votes only for that competition for the best three field Umpires during the season.
- (E) The Umpire adjudged by the voter as the best across the season shall receive three votes, the Umpire adjudged second best shall receive two votes, and the Umpire adjudged third best, one vote.
- (F) The Umpire receiving the highest number of total votes in each competition is to receive the Golden Whistle Award.
- (G) In the case of two or more Umpires receiving an equal number of votes, each shall be declared the joint winner and each of such Umpires shall receive the Golden Whistle Award.