

Club Award Guidelines

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15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managers Award (1 award/team) Coaches Award (1 award/team) AFL Players' Inspirational Trophy (1 award/squad) Wright Trophy (1 award/squad)
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best & Fairest (1 award/team) Best & Fairest Runner-up (1 award/team) Managers Award (1 award/team) Coaches Award (1 award/team) C21 Clubman Trophy (1 award/squad – Division 3 Player) Kel Matheson Trophy (1 award/squad) Bob Bayles Trophy (1 award/squad) The North Shore Bombers Rising Star Award (1 award/squad – 17yo)
<i>Umpires</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Ives Umpires Award (Perpetual)

St Ives AFL Award Criteria

All Teams – Best and Fairest

- **Best & Fairest** - this is based on the best & fairest votes collected at the end of each round. The winner is the player who polls the most votes across the season.
- **Best & Fairest Runner's Up** - this is also based on the best & fairest votes and it goes to the player who is second in the Best & Fairest count.

All Teams – Discretionary Awards

- **Coach's Award** - this is a discretionary award selected by the coach.
- **Manager's Award** - this is a discretionary award selected by the Manager.

The coaches and managers awards are awards to reward those players outside the B& F and as a guideline could include selection criteria such as:

- An excellent team player
- A good player but not necessarily the best
- Polled well in the B&F but didn't win
- Always at training
- Always gives his/her best at training and in game
- Is a fair player who respects the opposition.
- A player who has shown significant improvement throughout the season.

Junior Teams (9-12) Discretionary Awards:

The GSJ Award: the Greater Sydney Juniors Outstanding Achievement Award is an association award given to the Clubs for players in the U09s to U12s age group. As a Club, selecting the winners is based upon the similar criteria as for the Coaches and Managers Awards, such as:

- An excellent team player
- A good player but not necessarily the best
- Polled well in the B&F but didn't win
- Always at training
- Always gives his/her best at training and in game
- Is a fair player who respects the opposition.
- A player who has shown significant improvement throughout the season.

Primarily the GSJ Award should be considered as an achievement award for someone outside the B&F awards that demonstrates sportsmanship & leadership capabilities. The B&F awards should be considered the ultimate awards as they are based on consistent performance using the regular voting each week. The GSJ Award winner will get their award at a GSJ Event near the end of the season. We then suggest that they bring it along to the presentation day and get presented the award from the coach with the other club awards.

12s Discretionary Award:

- **(Perpetual) IGA Sportsmanship Award:** the award is for displaying outstanding sportsmanship throughout the season and the criteria are:
 - no matter what the situation, the player consistently displays the St Ives AFL creed of humble winners and gracious losers
 - respects the umpires and accepts their decisions gracefully, even if it goes against them
 - treats others as they would like to be treated
 - accepts responsibility for their mistakes
 - plays by the rules
 - attends and works hard at both training and games
 - talks politely and acts courteously toward everyone before, during, and after games and training (teammates, opponents, coaches and spectators)
 - stays cool and does not lose their temper
 - cheers and encourages teammates with positive statements and/or actions
 - acknowledges and applauds good plays, even when the opposition makes them
 - win or lose, congratulates opponents on a game well played

13s Discretionary Awards:

- **(Perpetual) Winfried Roge “Tower of Strength” Award:** the award is for persistence and determination in defence. This is a Backman’s Award for one of the toughest jobs in the team; what Kevin Sheedy would call the Back Pocket Plumber’s award. Winfried coached at St Ives for many years from the mid 1980’s to the early 1990’s. He was well liked by all and he showed great admiration for defenders and their role as a backman.
- **(Perpetual) Rod Wilkes “Perpetual Encouragement” Trophy:** *In the words of Rod Wilkes:* “This award goes to the player that is not the most talented boy on the paddock but who is always at training, always prepared to do as the coach asks, helps coordinate team mates, even when injured still turns up to training and games. Listens to the coach and tries to put it into play at training and on the ground. Does not distract team mates at training, is focused as a team player. He is an all-round team man.” (This player is the most dedicated and enthusiastic). Rod Wilkes was a long serving player in the St Ives seniors who also found time to help coach juniors in the 1980’s. He was also the author of a book on the history of the St Ives Club that came out for the 30th anniversary in the late 1990’s.

14s Discretionary Awards:

- **(Perpetual) Danny Callinan Memorial Trophy:** is for dedication and determination for the recognition of general service to the Club by a player – a Clubman Award for the U14s. Danny Callinan was tragically killed in a car accident whilst he was a current player in the 1980’s He was considered by many as a terrific team player, a real hard worker who wasn’t a flashy superstar but you’d pick him first every week.
- **(Perpetual) The St Ives Club Award for “The Most Promising Player”:** this award is given to the U14s player most likely to play senior football.

15s Discretionary Awards:

- **(Perpetual) Wright Trophy:** is for outstanding service to the Club and team. The Wright family’s involvement with St Ives stretches across 3 generations, with Tony Wright who coached in the 70s-80s and was club president for 3 years in the 80s, followed by Robbie Wright who played for the club from 1980 to 1987 and continues to coach his 3 boys, Mitchell, Noah and Cooper, and to Robbie’s wife, Anna, who also manages multiple roles each year for team and club.
- **(Perpetual) AFL Players’ Inspirational Trophy:** is for being the most inspirational to his team mates both on and off the field and for leading by example. St Ives has a proud history of having players go all the way to the AFL including Jarrod Witts, a current Collingwood player, Robbie Wright and Mark Livy who both represented the Sydney Swans and Russell Morris who represented Hawthorn and St Kilda.

17s Discretionary Awards:

- **(Perpetual) C21 Clubman Trophy:** is for dedication and determination for the recognition of general service to the Club by a player; Clubman Award for a **Division 3** player when there are multiple teams in the 17s age group.
- **(Perpetual) Kel Matheson Trophy:** is presented to the U16s player who demonstrates outstanding service to the Club and the AFL code. Kel Matheson came to the club in the early 1970's and he was the sort of guy who volunteered to do something, anything. Ultimately he managed a number of teams across Juniors and he was well known for his "salt of the earth" service to the Club.
- **(Perpetual) Bob Bayles Trophy:** is for the "Footballer of the Year" and it is awarded to the player who has had the most influence on the team from a performance & talent perspective. Bob Bayles (life member) worked on the Board for many years during the 1970's and 1980's whilst his wife Barbara ran the canteen. Bob also did lots of things in the background and belongs in the St Ives "stalwart" category.
- **(Perpetual) The North Shore Bombers Rising Star Award:** this award is given to the U17s player most likely to play senior football. On North Shores request, **this award must go to an outgoing 17yo player.**

NB: Where there are multiple teams, the 2 clubman awards (C21 and KM) should be split between the divisions.

Umpires Awards:

(Umpires - Perpetual) St Ives Umpires Award: goes to the best St Ives umpire as determined by Umpire Coordinator and/or Umpire Coach of region.

Best and Fairest Voting Process

Process

- Team/Game based votes.
- Points awarded for:
 - Junior teams are the best player (3), 2nd best (2), & 3rd best (1) on the day.
 - Youth teams for the best player (5), 2nd best (4), and so on down to the 5th best (1) player on the day.

- Points should be awarded independently of any other encouragement awards for the team.
- Fill in players are allowed to receive votes.
- Voting should be undisclosed by the voter and provided to the team manager.
- 3 judges each game, could be manager, coach and parent, or coach/manager together and parents. Try and get people that understand a little about footy, & also share around voting so it becomes know that it is a variety of people doing the voting.
- Votes should go to the 3 (Junior) or 5 (Youth) best players on the field.
- Voting slips to be sent to President for collation ASAP after each game.
- Total votes added throughout the year, those 1 and 2 votes that someone gets may be important in close calls.

Other Award Criteria

- As a general guideline, for **ALL** awards, a player **must play a minimum of 60%** of regular season games for the team that they receive the award for. This may mean that a player could poll the most number of votes but be ineligible for team award due to the minimum games requirement.
- As an overriding principle, for team awards a player **cannot receive a team award in 2 different teams, only in 1.**
- A player who is **suspended** is not eligible for the B&F awards, however can be considered for the discretionary awards. The key here is that they whether or not a player has been suspended should only be a consideration in terms of how this impacted on the team. So by itself it shouldn't preclude a player winning one of the discretionary club awards. The player could still rack up votes each week, they are just ineligible to win the award.
 - **In Youth grades**, this means that they can be reported, carded, or have a suspended penalty and still be eligible for all awards, the suspension is the trigger.
 - **In Junior grades**, a suspension is club imposed for either a red card or 2-yellow cards in a season, or any other instance of a club imposed suspension would render the player ineligible for B&F.
- If **players tie for any of the B&F awards** then the award is co-awarded. So if:
 - 2 players tie for B&F, then the B&F is co awarded and the runner up B&F goes to the next highest points, so 3 trophies are awarded.
 - 2 players tie for runner-up B&F, then the runner-up B&F is co awarded, so 3 trophies are awarded.
 - 2 players tie for B&F, and 2 players tie for runner up B&F, then both B&F & Runner-up B&F are co-awarded, so 4 trophies are awarded.

Some Possible Scenarios:

- A player playing across divisions plays min 60% of games in both divisions, they are then **eligible** for awards in both divisions, but should not receive an award in both divisions. If eligible in both divisions, depending on points, the order of choosing which award the player should receive is:
 1. B&F higher div,
 2. B&F lower div,
 3. R/U B&F higher div,
 4. R/U B&F lower div
- If they are eligible in both divisions but do not win any of the above points awards, then their eligibility for the team discretionary awards is:
 1. The team that they played the most games in.
 2. If equal games in both teams, then the award is to the discretion of the coaches and managers, but the player can only win an award in 1 of the teams, not both.
- A player playing across divisions does not have 60% in either team, but has 60% of games in the age group across teams; as an exception to the guideline they should then be eligible for ALL awards in the team that they have played the most games in. If equal, then both.
- All awards need to be approved by with the Youth or Junior coordinators, and the VP Footy Operations. This is to ensure that the spirit of the guidelines has been complied with particularly if a specific scenario arises that was not anticipated and explicitly documented.