



**AFL North Coast Awards Policy
Clause 19 of the By-Laws**

This policy underpins the State-wide By-Laws by specifying the basis upon which awards are determined in both the Junior and Senior competition.

Best & Fairest

- (A) The fairest and 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 Football Operations Co-ordinator his or her idea of the three fairest and best players in the match in order of preference by 6:00pm on the day of the match.
- (C) The player adjudged fairest and best shall receive three votes, the player adjudged second fairest and best shall receive two votes and the player adjudged third fairest and 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.
 - a. In recognition of the fact that teams may have been drawn to play varying numbers of matches across the Junior competition season, the tallied votes will be divided by the number of matches played by each team to determine an average points per match. The player receiving the highest average points per match is to receive the Best and Fairest Award.
- (E) In the case of two or more players receiving an equal number of votes/average points per match (to two decimal points), 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 disqualified for an offence in a match in which votes have been cast shall be ineligible to receive the award or runners up trophy in that season.
- (H) The League shall instruct umpires that votes are to be awarded to the players adjudged by the umpires to be the fairest and 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) A player who has been found guilty of an offence, or who has elected to accept an automatic suspension in a match in which votes are cast in any of the grades/age group of the League shall be ineligible to win the respective medal in any grade of the League in that season, except in the instance of a time wasting offence(s).



- (K) 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 as that player is concerned.
- (L) Players playing on permit are not eligible to receive votes towards any League awards.
- (M) 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 10 and playing in the Under 11 competition). This award shall be called the “Rising Star” and will be awarded in each age group.

Grand Final Best on Ground

- (A) The best player on the ground as adjudged by the appointed panel of judges in the Senior Grand Final shall be awarded the “Woodlock Medal”.
- (B) The best player on the ground as adjudged by the field umpires in the Reserve Grade and Women’s Grand Finals shall be awarded the “Best on Ground Medal”.
- (C) The best player on the ground as adjudged by the field umpires in the Under 17 Grand Final shall be awarded the “Nathan Harris Medal”.
- (D) The best player on the ground from each team as adjudged by the field umpires in the Under 11, Under 13, Under 15 and Youth Girls Grand Finals shall be awarded the “Best on Ground Medal”.

Goalkicking Award

The player that kicks the most goals for the home and away season in each grade of the Senior Competition, as recorded in Footyweb, shall receive the Goalkicking Award.