



**AFL North Coast 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.
  - 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 the Player's 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 suspended for an offence in a Match in which votes have been cast shall be ineligible to receive the 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:
  - a. Senior Grade – the Brian Saville Medal
  - b. Reserve Grade – the Paul Sheldon Medal
  - c. Youth Girls 17 – the Nikki Wallace Medal
  - d. Under 14 – the Ackerly Colliver Medal
  - e. Women’s Grade, Under 18, Under 16, Youth Girls 14, and Under 12 – the Best & Fairest Medal

#### **Rising Star Award**

- (A) In the Junior competition the provisions of this policy shall similarly apply to the awarding of trophies for the best Players who are in the youngest age bracket within that age group (e.g. a Player who is Under 11 and playing in the Under 12 competition).
- (B) 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 18 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 12, Under 14, Under 16, Youth Girls 14 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 each grade of the Senior Competition, 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.