



# AWARDS:

## BEST AND FAIREST AWARD

The Best and Fairest award is an individual award given to the player(s) adjudged to have had the best performance over a season while not receiving a suspension for misconduct or breaching the rules during that season. It is considered the highest individual seasonal honour.

This is decided by a system and is designed to reward consistency and allows for numerous deserving players to receive their rightful number of votes. Like all Best and Fairest awards, it comes down to the quality of votes cast rather than the actual system itself. Guidelines on how to vote are provided to ensure quality and consistency.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for a best and fairest award a player must first meet the following criteria:

- The player must be a "Financially Registered Full Member".
- The player must not be suspended for misconduct throughout the season by the league or club.
- The player must have played a minimum of 3 matches.

### Process

Voting occurs at each home and away fixture, Finals are not included.

Three voting members are appointed at each game. These voting members are referred to as the voting block. The voting members consist of the Coach and where possible, two (2) independent non-playing individuals.

Each voting member independently submits their votes after each match. Voting members are required to complete a vote card which is to be sealed in an envelope and handed to the Secretary (or Committee member) on completion of each match.

Each voting member awards 15 votes apportioned to five players of their choice in order of preference and in the following format:

- 5 votes to the best player afield
- 4 votes to the next best player afield
- 3 votes to the next best player afield
- 2 votes to the next best player afield
- 1 vote to the next best player afield

Voting members are required to award all of their allotted votes.

The maximum amount of votes a player may receive from each individual voting member per game is five (5), therefore a maximum number of votes a player can receive in any one round is 15 votes from the entire voting group.

The player who receives the most votes throughout the entire season and meets the requirements of eligibility is determined the winner. Should there be a tie between two or more players then they are declared joint winners.

### Guidelines for Voting Members

The following guidelines are provided to assist Voting Members in judging best afield performances:

Players' possessions should not be the only basis for judging best afield. Effectiveness of possessions is also a consideration.

Judges should also look to ensure players work equally hard defensively as well as offensively.

Players' disposal should be creative and bring other team mates into the game. A disposal whilst not under opposition pressure which does not hit a teammate is not something of value to team success.

Look for players doing the 1% ers, tackles, shepherds, smothers, constructive talk, extraordinary acts of courage or football intelligence, 2nd and 3rd efforts will be rewarded as much as just getting a kick.

Take into account a players work rate and his role within the team structure. e.g. A Backman whilst not in a position to gather a lot of possessions who is constantly on his man and makes minimal mistakes is often more valuable than a forward or on baller with a number of possessions.

