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Best and Fairest Voting

The following policy has been developed to provide consistency and direction in the application of voting and awards at the Tooradin Dalmore Junior Football Club. Best and Fairest Awards are applicable for all Junior teams.

1. Best and Fairest votes are awarded for every game of both the home and away season and all finals matches that the team is involved in.
2. The Team Manager, under the direction of the Team Coach, is responsible for ensuring the Best and Fairest votes are awarded, collated and secured until the vote count at the end of the Home & Away season.
3. Best and Fairest votes are awarded on a descending scale with the best player being awarded five (5) votes scaling down to the 5th best player being awarded one (1) vote – using the universal vote card supplied to Team managers at the start of the season.
4. It is important that all people awarding votes are aware prior to the commencement of the game that they are to cast votes for that match and that it is not a Most Improved or Coaches Award vote – these awards are the responsibility of the Coach and Team Officials to decide at the end of the season.
5. The process to be followed in awarding Best and Fairest votes is:
 - i. The Coach votes each week
 - ii. The Assistant Coach votes each week and/or the Opposition Coach/Assistant Coach
 - iii. All families, excluding those listed at 5.i and 5.ii above will be required to vote once per Season. *i.e. coaching staff families do not get to vote if they are already casting votes.* Family names are to be drawn at random prior to the commencement of the season and a roster is to be circulated prior to round one (1) detailing the rounds that each family group is rostered to vote in.
 - iv. The drawing and allocation of family groups is to be overseen by both the Team Manager and Coach.
 - v. It is acknowledged that there may be more family groups than rounds to be played and some family groups may miss out on the opportunity to vote – if a family group does miss the opportunity to vote, it will be by chance alone rather than a selective decision.)
 - vi. If a family forgoes their opportunity to vote, it is to be recorded and another family who have not previously voted, be requested to do the voting for that game. (i.e: selected from a family group that missed an opportunity to vote during the course of the season due to the random selection process at 5.iv)
 - vii. Once every family has voted and there are more games than family groups, then any family that is to be offered the opportunity to vote for a second time is selected at random (names drawn from a hat) and overseen by both the Team Manager and the Coach.
 - viii. Votes must be placed in a sealed envelope and not discussed publicly
 - a. The voting slips must include the **date, round and name of the person** who awarded the votes

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- b. Envelopes containing the votes are to be sealed, dated and relevant round/match to be noted on the envelope and then handed to the team manager who must ensure that all of the sealed envelopes are collected for each round
- c. Envelopes containing votes are to be placed in a secure location and not opened until the vote count is conducted in the presence of the Coach, Committee Executive Member and Team Manager.

6. Once the vote count has been conducted, the results must be kept confidential and the Team Manager must forward the results to Committee Executive Member for recording.

7. Only the top 4 players will receive a trophy based on the vote count (unless there is a tie for any award where 4 or possibly more players will receive a trophy.)

8. If there is any confusion/questions in regards to the voting system to be used for the Best and Fairest votes, the questions/concerns must be directed to the Committee for clarification.

9. Should a dispute or error occur during the voting process or vote count then the Team Coach must immediately inform the Committee of the anomaly and seek a determination.

Team Awards

Coaches Award

The Coaches Award is the responsibility of the coach with the assistance of the team officials to decide at the end of the season. Only one player per team is to be awarded the trophy. No ties are allowed.

Criteria to be considered for the Coaches Award include but are not limited to:

- Application of coaches instructions
- Application/dedication to training, team rules, team spirit, and self-development/improvement
- Positive sportsmanship shown to both team members and opposition players
- Respect for umpires and other officials

Once the Coaches Award has been determined, the result must be kept confidential and the Team Manager must forward the result to a Committee Executive Member for recording.

Most Improved

The Most Improved Award is the responsibility of the coach with the assistance of the team officials to decide at the end of the season. Only one player per team is to be awarded the trophy. No ties are allowed. Criteria to be considered for the Most Improved Award include but are not limited to:

- Development/improvement of players skills from previous season
- Development/improvement of players skills throughout the current season
- Application/dedication to self-development

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- Improved ability to listen to and take instructions from coaching staff and team officials
- Improved ability to perform team orientated tasks/functions

Once the Most Improved Award has been determined, the result must be kept confidential and the Team Manager must forward the result to a Committee Executive Member for recording.

Ineligibility for Best and Fairest Awards

10. A player **may** be ineligible to be awarded a Best and Fairest Award if any of the following situations apply:

- i. A player is suspended by SEJ Tribunal for any reason during the season
- ii. A player is subject to any internal disciplinary action by the Committee of the TDJFC as a result of an ***on/off field incident that is contrary to the rules of football and/or the code of conduct.***

If a player is subject to suspension by the SEJ or internal disciplinary action for ***an on/off field incident that is contrary to the rules of football and/or the code of conduct,*** the Committee of the TDJFC will consider all the circumstances of the suspension or internal disciplinary action before determining if a player is ineligible for a TDJFC Best and Fairest Award.

Public Vote Count

11. If teams wish to have a public vote count at season end, then this is to be conducted after the votes have been counted and recorded in accordance with paragraph 6. (as detailed above).

12. Some vetting at the bottom end of the team list is to be made (this must have no effect on the result of 1st 2nd, 3rd or 4th place getters), prior to the public count – It is imperative that all children receive at least one (1) in a public vote count.

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