



WHITFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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Fairest and Best Selection A Club Guide to Trophies and Awards

Historically the club awards trophies at the respective windups to various categories of best player. These awards are ultimately the responsibility of the Team Captains and Coaches in senior men and women's grades and the Team Coach and Junior Co-ordinator in the junior grades.

This is a "**guide**" for captains and coaches as to the format followed in past years. While the number of trophies per team is traditional and reasonably fixed and a weekly voting system is the most proven method of selection, there is no restriction on any Captain or Coach as to the method used to select these awards. The club encourages discussion and new ideas.

Minkey and Under 9's

Every Minkey player gets a medallion with the club name, year and player's name engraved.

J5/6

All under 11 players also receive an engraved medallion. However, at the discretion of the coaches, they can also award Fairest and Best, Runner up and coach's award.

J7/8 to J11/12

Three (3) trophies are awarded to each team and generally follow the following format:

- **Fairest and Best**
- **Runner Up Fairest and Best**
- **Coach's award**

If there is a draw for any fairest and best or runner up fairest and best then more than 1 trophy can be awarded. No count back is conducted.

The coach has the discretion to decide the category or name of the Coaches award.

Most Outstanding Junior

In addition to the team awards the coaches and Junior Co-ordinator will select one junior player to be awarded the "Most Outstanding Junior" trophy. There is a precedent for more than 1 junior to be selected and the winner is not selected from any particular age group. Players are nominated for their outstanding hockey skills, development and the potential to play at a high level.

Jenny Concanen – Junior Club Person

In 2006 we initiated a new award named after Life Member, Jenny Concannen. Jenny worked tirelessly as Junior Co-ordinator for numerous years. The trophy is awarded to any aged junior player who shows promise as a future Committee or Club Person. The trophy can be awarded for various undertakings for example; umpiring, coaching, participation and assisting with social activities to name a few.

Senior Men and Women including Vets

Three (3) trophies are awarded to each team and generally follow the same format as juniors:

- **Fairest and Best**
- **Runner Up Fairest and Best**
- **Captain's award**

If there is a draw for any fairest and best or runner up fairest and best then more than 1 trophy can be awarded. No count back is conducted.

The captains in this case have the discretion to decide the category or name of the "Captains Award".

- In addition to the team awards the winner of the men's and women's respective top teams are also presented with "**Club Champion**" perpetual trophies.

A committee person will be responsible for co-ordinating the end of year wind up and trophy presentations. You will be asked for your selections following the last game of the season.

Methods of Voting Best Players

The club does not dictate the method by which you choose the best players each week. However we prefer not to see a team go through a season with the captain then trying to pick the 3 trophies based on memory.

Methods that have worked well in the past include:

- Selection by umpires on the day
- Selection by Captain on the day
- Voting by all players 1, 2 & 3 points on the day. With 3 points awarded to best player, 2 to second best and 1 to 3rd best.
- Voting by 3 different players each week as above
- Voting by members of the spectators present each week

You may have another way which suits you. Please feel free to use it.

The results are kept in a way that suits you with most past captains and coaches keeping these tabulated on a spreadsheet as per the enclosed example.