

# Kalamunda & Districts Junior Football Club



## FAIREST AND BEST VOTING and YOUTH TEAM AWARDS POLICY

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### **Background**

The Kalamunda & Districts Junior Football Club celebrate a variety of Team and Club awards as outlined within the clubs Constitution and WAFC By-laws. From the resulting tallies of team based Fairest and Best voting, Club award(s) are decided.

### **Purpose**

This policy is designed to provide guidance to all members, players, parents, committee, and team officials in ensuring that there is a consistent approach to the best and fairest voting and the presentation of awards across each age group in the Youth competition.

Weekly best and fairest voting must recognise, in the vote giver's eyes, the best 3 players on the ground for the club and they are to always remain confidential.

### **Fairest and Best Voting Procedure**

Fairest and Best voting only applies for Youth grades as outlined in the WAFC Junior Competition guide.

For each home and away fixture, votes shall be awarded as follows:

#### **3 votes (best player), 2 votes, 1 vote**

Prior to each game the Team manager is responsible for distributing 3 (three) voting slips to 3 separate individuals for completion. Voting slips must include the information as per the template below.

Voting slips are to be distributed under the following criteria;

- i. One (1) voting slip shall be held by the Head Coach, One (1) voting slip shall be held by a person in the coaching box for every game. A roster should be kept ensuring all coaching box staff (runner, assistant coach, manager) cast votes in at least 1 game over a season and that no single individual from within the cohort cast votes in more than 50% of home and away matches, except the coach.

- ii. The one (1) remaining vote Slip is to be distributed amongst families, team supporters and/or opposition coaches or supporters. A roster should be kept so all families are given opportunity to cast votes at least once over the course of a season, but it is acknowledged some individuals may prefer not to complete this role. No individual in this cohort shall cast votes in more than 25% of home and away matches.
- iii. Voting slips are to be signed and dated by the individual casting the votes.

### **Fairest and Best Voting Criteria**

When a member is voting it is important to think about why the player was the best on the ground. Below is a guide for all members when voting:

- i. **Influence on the game** - did that the player have an influence on the outcome of the match
- ii. **Impact on the game** - did the player have an impact on the game. For example - how many disposals, goals, tackles, marks, effective hand balls etc
- iii. **Consistency** - were they consistent throughout the game - or did they just perform in 1 quarter, and poorly in the other 3
- iv. **Team Work** - did they assist their team to a positive outcome including attitude, leadership, encouragement etc.

Additionally, any player who behaves poorly during the game i.e., bad behaviour, umpire questioning, bad mouthing opposition, red/yellow card should be excluded from the votes regardless of the above 4 criteria.

### **Collection & Storage**

At the conclusion of each game the voting slips are;

- 1) To be collected by the team manager;
- 2) Checked for completeness,
- 3) Votes added to the F&B Voting spreadsheet and;
- 4) Sealed and stored in a marked envelope indicating the game and date.

There should not be any ongoing tracking or sharing of the votes cast with any person(s) other than the Team manager and Club Registrar.

Managers are required to place all sealed envelopes in the F&B voting box situated inside the clubrooms each week. The team manager coordinator will collect, track, and store the votes until the end of the season. All votes cast will be counted at a function to be organised after the completion of the final home and away round of the season with at least 1 executive committee members in attendance.

If a Team is found not to have followed the specified process, the Committee at its discretion, may exclude that team, or it's players, from eligibility for any Club recognised award(s).

## **Ineligibility for Best and Fairest Awards**

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 the WAFC Tribunal for any reason during the season
- ii. A player is subject to any internal disciplinary action by the Committee of the KDJFC as a result of an on field incident that is contrary to the rules of junior football

## **Procedure for End of Season presentation day**

The following club awards only apply for Youth grades as outlined in the WAFC Junior Competition guide.

Each team will receive 5 trophies to award to players. At season end, the Team Manager & Club Registrar (or a committee member) will count the votes together for the Best & Fairest Winner/s. The Coach and Assistant Coach is responsible for determining the winners of the remaining 3 trophies.

The trophies / awards will be set out as follows:

- Best and Fairest winner
- Best and Fairest 2nd place
- Leading Goal Kicker Award
- Coaches Award
- Most Improved

In the case of a tied vote, there will be no count back system. If 2 players end up on the same number of votes winning the best and fairest, both players are recognised as best and fairest winners. These awards are to be listed in the club's Annual Report.

### ***SAMPLE OF VOTING CARD***

KALAMUNDA & DISTRICTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB				
FAIREST & BEST VOTING				
GRADE:		DATE:		
QUARTER				Player Name or Number
1	2	3	4	3 votes _____
				2 votes _____
				1 vote _____
Coach/Manager _____				

Date of Policy: June 2023

Policy Owner: Registrar

Signoff: Committee

## Version Control

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