



INDIVIDUAL PLAYER AWARDS

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Under 10 to 17s individual awards

Age divisions Under 10s to 17s will participate the Best and Fairest voting system throughout the regular season. A vote count will be held within 14 days of the final round and determined by the SBJFC Exec. And trophies presented at an awards presentation night at the completion of the season.

The following awards will be presented to each under 10 to 17 team.

1. 1st Best and Fairest
2. 2nd Best and Fairest
3. 3rd Best and Fairest
4. Bob Holmes (Coaches Award)
5. Most Improved Player Award

Under 8 and 9 participation awards

Each registered Under 8 & 9 player will be presented with a club participation trophy at an awards presentation night at the completion of the season.

Under 10 to 17 Best and Fairest voting system

The following voting system has been developed to provide consistency and direction in the application of voting and awards at the South Belgrave Junior Football Club (SBJFC)

1. Best and Fairest Awards are applicable for teams from Under 10 through to Under 17s.
2. Best and Fairest votes are awarded for every game of the home and away season that the team is involved.
3. The Team Manager, under the direction of the Team Coach, is responsible for ensuring the Best and Fairest votes are awarded, collated and submitted to the Secretary

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4. 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
5. 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
6. 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
 - III. All families, excluding those listed at paragraphs 6.i and 6.ii above will be required to vote once per season
 - IV. 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. 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.
(ie: selected from a family group that missed an opportunity to vote during the course of the season due to the random selection process at 6.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 be 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
 - 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 3 sealed envelopes are collected for each round
 - c) Envelopes containing votes are to be submitted to the Secretary and not opened until the vote count is conducted in the presence of the Coach, Team Manager and SBJFC Exec member(s)
7. Once the vote count has been conducted, the results must be kept confidential and the Team Manager must forward the results to the Secretary for recording
8. Only the top 3 players will receive a trophy (unless there is a tie for 3rd Best and Fairest (B&F) where 4 or possibly more players will receive a trophy.)

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Possible outcomes are:

- i. 1st B&F, 2nd B&F, 3rd B&F
 - ii. 1st B&F, 2nd B&F, Equal 3rd B&F.
 - iii. Equal 1st B&F, 3rd B&F (No 2nd B&F awarded)
 - iv. 1st B&F, Equal 2nd B&F (No 3rd B&F awarded)
 - v. Equal 1st B&F, Equal 3rd B&F (No 2nd B&F awarded)
9. 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 SBJFC Executive, via the Secretary for clarification.
10. Should a dispute or error occur during the voting process or vote count then the Team Coach must immediately inform the President of the anomaly and seek a determination.

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 EFL Tribunal for any reason during the season
- ii. A player is subject to any internal disciplinary action by the Committee of the SBJFC as a result of an on-field incident that is contrary to the rules of football
- iii. If a player is subject to suspension by the EFL or internal disciplinary action for an on-field incident that is contrary to the rules of football, the Committee of the SBJFC will consider all the circumstances of the suspension or internal disciplinary action before determining if a player is ineligible for an SBJFC Best and Fairest Award.

Public Vote Count

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.vii.c. (as detailed above).

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 or 3rd place getters), prior to the public count – It is imperative that all children receive at least one (1) in a public vote count.

Bob Holmes (Coaches Award)

The Bob Holmes 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 Bob Holmes (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

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- Respect for umpires and other officials

Once the Bob Holmes (Coaches Award) has been determined, the result must be kept confidential and the Team Manager must forward the result to the Secretary for recording.

Most Improved Award

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
- 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 Secretary for recording.

Policy Review

To ensure this policy continues to be relevant to the club, this policy will be reviewed tri-annually by the committee.

Next review date: June 2019

Approved SBJFC Exec: 28 June 2016 - effective from 2017 season.

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