



Policy & Procedure:
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Player Award & Recognition Policy

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1. Policy Objectives

The objective for this Policy is to provide a transparency and consistent process for awarding and recognising performance and contribution as a representative player.

2. The Awards

The following playing awards will be offered in each year:

a. Team-based awards (each season)

- i. Best and Fairest (B&F)
- ii. Coaches Award
- iii. Encouragement Award

b. Age group award (annual only)

- i. Player of the Year

c. Club-based awards (annual only)

- i. Number of Games
- ii. Further Achievement in Netball Recognition
- iii. Other Special Recognition

3. Best & Fairest (B&F) Award

The B&F is awarded for a season and offered to the player in each team who has:

- demonstrated the best performance on court, as noted by their:
 - advanced netball skills
 - ability to consistently positively influence/control the game
- demonstrated a commitment to and intensity at training.
- represented the Club in a sportsmanlike manner while upholding the Player Code of Behaviour

The B&F award is decided upon by the team coach(es). The Club encourages each coach to record a B&F player each week after a game, and count the number of votes received at the end of each season.

Coaches should not ask players to determine B&F votes each week.

4. Coaches Award

The Coaches Award is awarded for a season and offered to the player in each team who demonstrates the most growth/development, sportsmanship, leadership, punctuality and/or has positively contributed to building team spirit throughout the season, on and off-court.

The Coaches award is decided upon by the team coach(es). The coach will decide upon the name of the coaches award each season. For example: 'Coaches Award – Commitment to Training', or 'Coaches Award – All-round Team Player', etc.

The Club encourages each coach to record a recipient of this recognition each week after a game, then count the number of votes received at the end of the year.

5. Encouragement Award

From time-to-time the team coach or WDNA Representative Teams Committee may offer an encouragement award, typically in the form of a voucher, for a particular player or group of players.

The method of assessment and timing for the issue of the recognition will be agreed at the time.

6. Player of the Year Award

The Player of the Year Award is an annual award offered to the person who is considered the best player within the age competition level in which they are playing (ie. 13/U, 15/U, 17/U).

Only one award is issued per age competition level.

For the avoidance of doubt, any player who has trialled and selected to a team above their age group will be assessed against other players in that higher age competition level.

To select the Player of the Year, the following criteria will be used:

- Demonstrated ability to consistently deliver dominant on court performance across the year.
- Demonstrated ability to consistently and positively influence and control a game through their own personal contribution.
- Demonstrated ability to inspire their team to improved performance through their personal performance, positivity, leadership and spirit on court.
- Demonstrated advanced netball technique and skill.
- Demonstrated commitment to and intensity at training.

The Player of the Year Award is recommended by the Head Coach for each age competition level after consultation and agreement with the coach(es) of the #1 team.

The WDNA Representative Teams Committee will consider the recommendation made by each head coaches. If required, the Sub-Committee may request further information prior to committing to the award recipients nominated.

7. Number of Games

The Number of Games Awards is an annual recognition offered to those players who have surpassed a number of representative games played.

A record of the number of games is held and managed by the WDNA Representative Teams Sub-committee.

A recognition 'pin' is offered after a player has reached the following number of games played:

- 100
- 200

- 250
- 300

8. Further Achievement in Netball Recognition

This is an annual recognition offered to those existing players who have gone on to achieve further success in netball. Examples of further success include:

- Henderson Region Team
- Zone Academy
- Victorian State Team
- VNL Team
- National Team

The format of this recognition will be at the discretion of the WDNA Representative Teams Committee.

9. Other Special Recognition

Any person within the greater rep teams 'family' may propose to the WDNA Representative Teams Committee a special recognition for a player. The proposal must be submitted in writing with a full explanation of reason why the player deserves special recognition.

10. Responsibility matrix

Activity	Team Coach	Age Group Head Coach	WDNA Representative Teams Committee	WDNA Representative Teams Secretary
Best & Fairest	✓			
Coaches Award	✓			
Encouragement Award	✓		✓	
Player of the Year	Influences	✓	Decides*	
Number of Games				✓
Further Achievement in Netball Recognition			✓	
Other Special Recognition			✓	

✓ = The person/group responsible for this task.

* = Where there is not unanimous agreement amongst all parties, the WDNA Representative Teams Committee will request further information and make the final decision.