



Best & Fairest and Coaches Award Voting

Guidelines

The guidelines for awarding Best & Fairest, Runner-up Best & Fairest and Coaches Award have been established to ensure there is clear, shared understanding and beliefs in relation to the selection of award winners.

These guidelines provide coaches with an indication of the selection criteria and the methods used to identify these players, as well as providing players and parents with an understanding of how awards are given.

The guidelines are aligned to the following goals from the *Tango Strategic Plan – Towards 2026: Together, We Can:*

- **Strategic Area #1: Growth and Development**
Goal: Track, monitor and acknowledge player achievement
- **Strategic Area #4: Wellbeing and Inclusion**
Goal: Celebrate and promote players' achievement, effort and improvement

Best & Fairest

The Best & Fairest award in each team is awarded to the player with the most votes for the season, in the minor round (i.e. votes are not counted during finals). Each team will also have a Runner-up Best and Fairest award winner.

Process

- In ensuring there is consistency in the application of the criteria for the allocation of votes each week, votes should be awarded by both the Coach AND the Team Manager, independently of each other. There will therefore be two submissions per team, each week.
 - To maintain consistency across the club, each week, the Coach and Team Manager are both required to submit their votes within 24 hours of the game taking place – 3 points are awarded to the best player of the game, 2 points for the next, 1 point for the next. This ensures a consistent, fair and timely response, following that week's game.
 - Votes are submitted electronically via a club form and are collated on an ongoing basis.
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Criteria for Best and Fairest Votes:

When selecting the best players each week, the coach AND Team Manager both, independently, select players who demonstrate the following:

- Skill demonstrated throughout the game
- Player demonstrates teamwork
- Player has a positive impact on the overall outcome of the game
- Player is fair and demonstrates good sportsmanship, towards their own players, the opposition and the umpire
- Player positively responds to coaches' instructions

Coaches Award

The Coaches Award is awarded to one player each season, by the coach, to the player who best demonstrates each of the criteria indicated below.

It is to be noted that, the Coaches Award should not automatically be assigned to the third best player. Best and Fairest and Runner-up Best and Fairest awards, are allocated based on different criteria. The Coaches Award has a different purpose.

Process

The Coaches Award is submitted at the end of the season, providing the Coach with an opportunity to consider players across the season, and make an on-balance judgement.

Criteria

When awarding the Coaches Award, the coach considers the following:

- Commitment and effort to the team
 - Positive sportsmanship shown to both team members and opposition players
 - Demonstrates respect for umpires and other officials
 - Regularly attends training and weekly games
 - Shows a dedication to training, team rules, team spirit, and self-development/improvement
 - Mindful and supportive of other players' needs
 - Shows a keen interest in advancing their Netball skills
 - Shows commitment and effort at training and games and demonstrates a genuine interest in the game
 - Shows good sportsmanship by accepting umpires' decisions at weekly games and coaches' decision in position placements each week
 - Improvement in playing performance over the season (in terms of skill and 'for the team' factors)
 - Willingness to listen and learn at training and games and applies coaches' instructions
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