



Swans Awards and Recognition Policy

1. Purpose

The Swan Districts Football Club (Swans) has a long and rich history which is memorialised through a number of ways including recognising the achievements of its players, volunteers and staff through the presentation of awards.

The purpose of this policy is to preserve the importance safeguard the high standing of the club's awards.

2. Policy

The following is a list of official club awards which should be maintained. Most are perpetual awards which must be presented at the completion of each season. However, some awards are memorial only and will only be awarded should there be a worthy candidate.

It's important that the award name, reason for the award, and the selection process be preserved.

The introduction of any new awards must be approved by the Board at least 3 months prior to any awards ceremony. The Board will consider the following when reviewing any proposed awards.

- The award category.
- Whether the award can be awarded perpetually without diminishing the standing of the award.

WAFL

Award name	Awarded for	Selection Process
Swan Medal	The League Fairest and Best player	A perpetual award using a 5,4,3,2,1 voting system for every qualifying and finals game voted by three League coaches or support staff.
Norm Thomas Memorial Award	Leagues Runner Up Fairest & Best player	A perpetual Trust Fund award using a 5,4,3,2,1 voting system for every qualifying and finals game voted by three League coaches or support staff.
Mrs N Innes Memorial Award	League third highest Fairest and Best player	A perpetual award using a 5,4,3,2,1 voting system for every qualifying and finals game

		voted by three League coaches or support staff.
FA Bonney Sweetapple Memorial Award	Reserves Fairest and Best player	A perpetual Trust Fund award linked to a bequest fund using a 5,4,3,2,1 voting system for every qualifying and finals game voted by three Reserves coaches or support staff.
DC Goddard Memorial Award	Reserves Runner Up Fairest and Best player	A perpetual award using a 5,4,3,2,1 voting system for every qualifying and finals game voted by three Reserves coaches or support staff.
Lew Armstrong Memorial Award	Reserves third highest Fairest and Best player	A perpetual award using a 5,4,3,2,1 voting system for every qualifying and finals game voted by three Reserves coaches or support staff.
EJ McManus Award	Colts Fairest and Best player	A perpetual award using a 5,4,3,2,1 voting system for every qualifying and finals game voted by three Colts coaches or support staff.
Judy Sarich Memorial Award	Colts Runner Up Fairest and Best player	A perpetual award using a 5,4,3,2,1 voting system for every qualifying and finals game voted by three Colts coaches or support staff.
Cooper Brothers Award	Colts Third Highest Fairest and Best player	A perpetual award using a 5,4,3,2,1 voting system for every qualifying and finals game voted by three Colts coaches or support staff.
RA Newby Memorial Award	Best League rookie player	The player must be under the age of 21 as of the 1 st January and have played no more than 10 WAFL games prior to the start of that season, who polled the most votes in the Swan Medal.
Ted Holdsworth Memorial Award	Highest League goal scorer for the season	A perpetual award for the highest goal scorer in the League.



WAFLW

Award name	Awarded for	Selection Process
McSherry Medal	League Fairest & Best player	A perpetual award using a 5,4,3,2,1 voting system for every qualifying and finals game voted by three League coaches or support staff.
Helen Wheeler Medal	Reserves Fairest & Best player	A perpetual award using a 5,4,3,2,1 voting system for every qualifying and finals game voted by three Reserves coaches or support staff.
Chelsea Randall Medal	Rogers Cup Fairest & Best player	A perpetual award using a 5,4,3,2,1 voting system for every qualifying and finals game voted by three Colts coaches or support staff.
WAFLW Person of the Year	An individual who has shown commitment to the club over and above what's expected	Selected by the WAFLW Football Affairs Committee.
Rookie of the Year	Best Rookie Player	The player must be under the age of 21 as of 1 January and have played no more than 10 WAFL games prior to the start of that season, who polled the most votes in the McSherry Medal.

All Ability

Award name	Awarded for	Selection Process
Maurice Embley Medal	Most Valuable Player	A perpetual award using a 5,4,3,2,1 voting system for every qualifying and finals game voted by three All Ability coaches or support staff.
Runner Up Most Valuable Player	Runner Up Most Valuable Player	A perpetual award using a 5,4,3,2,1 voting system for every qualifying and finals game



		voted by three All Ability coaches or support staff.
Coach's Award	The most coachable player	Selected by the All Ability Coach.
Most Improved Player	The most improved player	Selected by the All Ability Coach.
Most Consistent Player	The most consistent player	Selected by the All Ability Coach.
Best Club Person	A player or support staff who lives the club's values	Selected by the All Ability Coach.

Distinguished Service Awards

Award name	Awarded for	Selection Process
Life Membership	Player who has played 150 League games or a combination of minimum 120 League games and remainder Reserves games to accumulate 150 games or a person who the Board believes has rendered outstanding or exceptional service to the Club.	Nominations by club members are received by 31 August, endorsed by the club's Life Member Committee, and then ratified by the Board.
Ten Year Service	Completing at least 10 years' service at the club.	Nominations by club members are received by 31 August and ratified by the Board.
PJ Bright Memorial Award	Best Club Person Award	Nominated by a club member prior to 31 August and approved by the Board.
WAFL Ball Legend	Club WAFL Legends.	A perpetual award selected by the Board using any of the following criteria: number of SDFC games and seasons, number of club and/or league awards, number of State representative and/or AFL club games, long service, or combination of any of the above.
WAFLW Ball Legend	Club Women's Football Legends.	Selected by the Board using any of the following criteria: number of SDFC games and seasons, number of club and/or league awards, number of State representative and/or AFL club games, long service, or combination of any of the above.



Alan Hickling Memorial Award	Most outstanding player on and off the field	Selected by Indy Hickling and the support staff.
Ken Ball Players' Memorial Shield	A club volunteer who has provided support to the WAFL players over and above what's expected.	Selected by the WAFL senior playing group.
Social Impact Award	For any person involved in the club's social impact programs who has an outstanding impact on the community or individuals.	Selected by the club's Social Impact Team.
Joe Pearce Courage Award	Presented to a club player, member or official considered worthy in any one year of triumph over adversity	Nominated by a club member prior to 31 August and approved by the Board.
Hall of Fame	The Hall of Fame recognises and enshrines players, coaches, administrators, volunteers, and iconic moments that have made a most significant contribution to the club since its inception in 1934.	Nominations are made for Board approval by the Hall of Fame Committee guided by its Terms of Reference prior to any Hall of Fame induction.

3. Related documents

Nil.

4. Revision history

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