

Best & Fairest Voting

The club is keen to ensure a consistent approach to Best and Fairest voting and the presentation of awards across each age group.

Weekly best and fairest voting must recognise – in the vote givers' eyes – the best five players on the ground, and they are to remain confidential at all times.

Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES are the votes to be used as encouragement awards. Encouragement awards are supplied each week to every team, and are used at the discretion of the coach for all players, regardless of whether or not they have been among the best 5 on the ground.

By season's end, **every player on the list will** have received an encouragement award.

The following process applies to EVERY East Sandringham Junior Football Club (ESJFC) team, regardless of age level. (U9-U17)

Guidelines to follow:

The COACH will complete the vote slip nominating:

- 5** votes for the best player on the ground
- 4** votes for the 2nd best player on the ground
- 3** votes for the 3rd best player on the ground
- 2** votes for the 4th best player on the ground
- 1** votes for the 5th best player on the ground

The coach and team manager will nominate an individual or a small group of parents (up to three) that have a solid football background to complete a second voting form. This group of parents will come to a consensus on second set of votes.

In all cases the voters will complete their set of votes independently without consulting with the Coach prior to casting their votes.

After both sets of votes have been completed the votes will get handed to the Team Manager, who seals them in an envelope. On the back of the envelope, the TM will list any details of "Yellow or Red cards" or send offs or issues.

The purpose of the incident information on the back of the envelope is to allow the Football Department to counsel any player, Coach or parent breaching the club's Codes of Conduct. Should any player receive a ESJFC or SMJFL suspension during the home and away season, **they are still eligible to receive and accumulate B&F votes**. However, they will be ineligible to receive ESJFC best and fairest awards.

Voting for the best and faires award concludes at the end of the home and away season. That is, at Under 9 and Under 10, there is no voting during lightning premiership; and from Under 11 to Under 17 votes will not be cast during finals.

It is strongly requested that the Coach and or TM refrains from keeping a running tally of player votes.

End of Season Award Process

Each team will receive 7 trophies to award.

At season end, the Coach and Team Manager count the votes in conjunction with the Football Department.

Under 9 and Under 10 awards will go to the top three players in the best and fairest vote, with three further awards to be given at the coach's discretion. These may be for the fourth, fifth and sixth best and fairest. Or, the coach may call them by another name – best team man, most courageous etc. A Coach's Award will also be presented.

From Under 11 to Under 17, the results of best and fairest voting have a major impact on the nomination of players to representative squads. Recognising that every team has at least one player the coach wants to recognise for a specific reason, a Coach's Award will be presented at the coach's discretion.

In the case of a tied vote, there will be no count back system. So, if 2 players end up on the same amount of votes winning the best and fairest, they will both be recognised as best and fairest.

These awards are listed in the club's Year Book.

Representative Squads:

With regard to the representative players, the process is complicated, varied, and subject to change by the SMJFL and Sandringham Dragons. The Football Department is responsible for nominating players to try out for representative sides of behalf of ESJFC. The Football Department, in consultation with the relevant team coaches, will only be nominating players that meet Interleague and ESJFC criteria. Any issues should be addressed to the Football Department.

COACH VOTING SLIP

Round number Team Under

Players name

5 votes

4 votes

3 votes

2 votes

1 vote

"Top up" players who starred

COACH NAME and SIGNATURE.....

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PARENT/ SUPPORTER VOTING SLIP

Round number Team U Date
Players name
Best player 5 votes
2nd Best player 4 votes
3rd Best player 3 votes
4th Best player 2 votes
5th Best player 1 vote