
Best and Fairest

Criteria

As has been the norm, votes to be awarded to those players who the coach or the coach and manager deem to have been the best and fairest player afield during the game.

3 points awarded to the Best & Fairest player

2 points awarded to the second Best and Fairest player

1 point awarded to the third Best and Fairest player

Best

The definition of the **best** player will take into account the team structure, tasks assigned to a player and the level to which these tasks are reached by each individual player and to the overall contribution by a player to the team's goals. Typically, a player may be viewed by the coach/manager as the best afield given the specific tasks set for that player but not necessarily viewed the same by the spectator group.

Fairest

This is arguably the more important part of this award, as this will be a reflection of the standards and expectations set by the club. Part of the mantra of the Wodonga Hockey Club is "Family Fun and Fair" and this needs to be applied at every level of the game, from players to coaches and managers.

The person judged to be the **fairest** player during a game will have shown a level of maturity, have only offered positive support to their team mates, will have been respectful to both the opposition **and** to their team mates and will not have verbalized or vilified any other player or umpire on the field. The use of abusive, threatening or intimidating language will not be tolerated. The Fairest player will have exhibited these attributes throughout the game.

Note

Players carded (Green/Yellow) during a game will not automatically be disqualified to receive Best & Fairest votes, however the Coach/Manager should take into account the reason for the suspension and use their discretion. An example may be a player suspended for abusive or threatening language to the opposition would be ineligible to receive any votes for that game whereas a player sent off for a technical foul would be eligible to receive votes for the game.

Players receiving a red card during a game will be ineligible to receive Best & Fairest votes for that game. If the red card incident were to proceed to HAW tribunal and a suspension is imposed, then the player will be deemed ineligible for the clubs Best & Fairest for that year. if no suspension is imposed by the tribunal, then the player may still be awarded the club Best & Fairest at year end.