



# **AWARDS POLICY**

**BEDFORD JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB**

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Bedford Junior Cricket Club (BJCC) acknowledges that its playing members should be duly recognised for their achievements and commitment during the course of the regular fixtured season which is not inclusive, unless otherwise stated, of 'Finals Matches'.

## 2. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this policy to ensure the BJCC maintains consistency and fairness in how award recipients are chosen and the number and types of awards given are appropriate to each team and/or individual.

## 3. DEFINITIONS

**'BJCC Office Bearers'** consists of both management committee and sub-committee members appointed the following roles: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Girls' Cricket Coordinator, Blasters Coordinator, Coaching Coordinator, Child Safety Officer, Assets Coordinator and General Committee Member.

**'Blasters'** shall consist of both Junior and Master Blasters. Blasters are individuals who are fully registered to the BJCC and the current recognised national Cricket Blast program.

**'Central Junior Cricket Association (CJCA)'** is the recognised district level of cricket administration incorporating the BJCC.

**'Committee Meeting'** is a scheduled and documented meeting of the BJCC Office Bearers where discussions and decisions, by vote or general consensus, on matters of importance to the BJCC is held.

**'Cricket Australia'** is the recognised Australian national level of cricket administration.

**'Finals Matches'** are games signified by the letters 'SF' or 'GF' in MyCricket.

**'MyCricket'** (or its equivalent) is the officially recognised software program/application of Cricket Australia used for fixturing and to record/retain a player's statistics.

**'Participation Medal Teams'** shall consist of the following ages/groups:

- Blasters;
- Under 10's boys' teams;
- Under 11's boys' and girls' teams; and
- Under 12's boys' teams.

**'Playing Member'** refers to an individual person who is fully registered to the BJCC and either recognised as a participating Blasters' participant or recorded in MyCricket as a participating cricket player.

**'Regular Matches'** are games signified and occur numerically in MyCricket.

**'Rising Star Teams'** shall consist of the following ages/groups:

- Under 10's boys' teams; and
- Under 11's girls' teams.

**'Team'** a group of playing members as recognised by the CJCA and recorded as such in MyCricket.

**'Trophy Teams'** shall consist of the following ages/groups:

- Under 13's girls' and boys' teams;
- Under 14's boys' teams;
- Under 15's boys' and girls' teams;
- Under 16's boys' teams;
- Under 17's boys' teams; and
- Under 18's girls' teams.

#### **4. POLICY**

BJCC Office Bearers may on occasion confer with coaches based on the criteria as documented from clauses 5 and 6. The '*Cec Coultas*' award can only be conferred by the BJCC Officer Bearers during a Committee Meeting and decided by secret ballot.

#### **5. AWARDS**

##### **5.1 *Participation Medallions***

This award recognises a Playing Member's regular attendance at training, games and Blaster sessions. This award will be afforded to Playing Members of the Participation Medal Teams.

##### **5.2 *Rising Star***

This award recognises the Playing Member who, in the opinion of the coach and if required the BJCC Office Bearers, made significant contributions/improvements to themselves, the sport (cricket) in general and their team.

Coaches can make their decision on which Playing Member receives their rising star nomination based on, but not limited to, the following attributes: good sportsmanship towards opposition, officials and teammates; attendance at training and games; attention and adherence to coaching instructions; positive attitude toward all facets of the sport; encouragement and/or assistance to teammates; positive promotion of the sport and self-improvement.

Eligible recipients for this award are members of the Rising Star Teams only.

The process of determining the recipient of this award is as follows.

Coaches of the eligible teams are to submit a short-written submission to either the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Registrar of the BJCC outlining the reasons for their nomination. Nominations are limited to one Playing Member per eligible team.

In the event of a single eligible Rising Star Team, the coach's nomination will be the only determining factor.

In the event of multiple Rising Star Teams and nominations, the BJCC Office Bearers will vote at a Committee Meeting. In the event of a tied vote, the BJCC President will have the deciding vote to determine the recipient of this award.

##### **5.3 *Coach's Award***

This award recognises the Playing Member who, in the opinion of the coach of that particular team, made significant contributions/improvements to themselves, the sport in general and their team.

Coaches should make their decision on which Playing Member receives their 'coach's award' based on, but not limited to, the attributes as per the *Rising Star* award in clause 5.2.

BJCC Office Bearers remind coaches this is *not* a performance-based award and is a unique individual award that should be afforded to the Playing Member who demonstrates the aforementioned and other positive attributes.

This award is limited to one Playing Member per Trophy Team.

#### **5.4 Top Team Batter and Bowler**

These awards recognise the Playing Member with regard to:

- (a) *Batting* - who made the highest number of runs for their individual team; and
- (b) *Bowling* - who took the highest number of wickets for their individual team.

In the event of a tie, the award will be awarded to the Playing Member with regard to:

- (a) *Batting* - who has the best average (aggregate) of those tied, the highest average figure is the better;
- (b) *Bowling* - who has the best average (aggregate) of those tied, the lowest average figure is the better; and

should results remain tied after this stage, multiple awards shall be awarded.

Cricket Australia statistics from Regular Matches shall be used to determine the award recipients.

These awards are limited to Playing Members in each individual Trophy Teams only.

#### **5.5 Boys Club Champion - Batter & Bowler**

These awards recognise a male Playing Member with regard to:

- (a) *Batting* - who made the highest number of runs for the BJCC in Regular Matches.
- (b) *Bowling* - who took the highest number of wickets for the BJCC in Regular Matches.

In the event of a tie, the award will be decided as per the process documented in clause 5.4. Should results remain tied after this stage, multiple awards shall be awarded.

Cricket Australia statistics from Regular Matches shall be used to determine the award recipients.

These awards are limited to one male Playing Member per award from all of the Trophy Teams only.

#### **5.6 Girls Club Champion - Batter & Bowler**

These awards recognise a female Playing Member with regard to:

- (a) *Batting* - who made the highest number of runs for the BJCC in Regular Matches.
- (b) *Bowling* - who took the highest number of wickets for the BJCC in Regular Matches.

In the event of a tie, the award will be decided as per the process documented in clause 5.4. Should results remain tied after this stage, multiple awards shall be awarded.

Cricket Australia statistics from Regular Matches shall be used to determine the award recipients.

These awards are limited to one female Playing Member per award from all of the Trophy Teams only.

## **5.7 Individual Achievements**

### **5.7.1 Hat-trick**

This award recognises any Playing Member who took three (3) consecutive wickets in any match, including finals matches, for the BJCC.

Where possible the 'game ball' used at the time should be retained by the Playing Member's coach and mounted/displayed on the award presented.

### **5.7.2 Centuries**

This award recognises any Playing Member who made 100 or more runs in a single innings during any match, including finals matches, for the BJCC.

Where possible a copy of the 'scorebook' used at the time should be retained by the Playing Member's coach. An enlarged and framed copy (or an electronic version if applicable) of this record will form the award presented.

## **5.8 Cec Coultas**

This award recognises the efforts of a BJCC member, which includes: Playing Members, parents/guardians of Playing Members, coaches, a BJCC Office Bearer or a parent/guardian volunteer who made the most outstanding contribution to the BJCC.

Nominations for this award can be submitted by any BJCC member, as outlined in the previous paragraph, to either the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Registrar of the BJCC. Nominations are to include valid grounds for nomination and BJCC members may submit multiple nominations.

The process of determining the recipient of this award is as follows.

The BJCC Office Bearers will confer on all nominations and conduct a secret ballot vote at a Committee Meeting. In the event of a tied vote, the BJCC President will have the deciding vote to determine the recipient of this award.

A secret ballot vote is used in this instance as often BJCC Office Bearers are nominated for this award. A BJCC Office Bearer who is highly unlikely to receive this award will privately tally the votes and make the required arrangements for the presentation of the award.

BJCC Office Bearers are strongly discouraged from revealing the recipient's details, with the exception of a tied vote situation where the BJCC President must be informed, until official presentation of the award.

## **5.9 Miscellaneous Awards**

The BJCC Office Bearers reserve the right to present awards that have not been mentioned throughout this policy, to BJCC members and members of the general community. The BJCC Office Bearers also reserve the right to name and select the item to be awarded.

Awards in this category recognise the efforts made by individuals or community groups involved with or contributing (financially or otherwise) to the greater good of the BJCC, the community of Bedford and the sport in general.

The process of selecting the physical item itself and determining the recipient will be made by the BJCC Office Bearers at a Committee Meeting. The BJCC Office Bearers should come to a unanimous agreement on both item/recipient and where possible maintain secrecy of these details until official presentation of the award.

## **6. EXCEPTIONS and REVOCATIONS**

### **6.1 *Multiple Individual Awards***

The BJCC Office Bearers recognise many of these awards are based upon statistics of an individual Playing Member and in some instances, it will be inevitable that a Playing Member will receive multiple awards.

It is the BJCC Office Bearers' view that in these instances the Playing Member has proven themselves to be a worthy recipient of multiple awards and are thereby entitled to receive them.

The BJCC Office Bearers remind coaches, in all instances possible, to avoid or refrain from awarding the '*Coach's Award*' to a Playing Member, who by virtue of statistics, is likely to receive another award.

The BJCC Office Bearers reserve the right to re-allocate the '*Coach's Award*' should a Playing Member be the recipient of multiple awards, with the exception of any 'Individual Achievement' awards.

### **6.2 *Revocations/Ineligibility***

The BJCC Office Bearers reserve the right to revoke any or all awards previously mentioned, with the exception of 'Individual Achievement' awards. The BJCC Office Bearers reserve the right to deem a Playing Member ineligible to receive an award.

The BJCC Office Bearers recognise many of these awards are based upon the performance and statistics of an individual Playing Member, however the BJCC's values, beliefs and ethos, as per our constitution, will take precedence when awarding any Playing Member an award.

Playing Members who do not display or practice the BJCC's values, beliefs and ethos or display adverse behaviour, may be deemed ineligible or revoked from receiving awards. Such behaviour may include but not be limited to: non-attendance at training, poor sportsmanship, negative comments/sentiments directed at the BJCC, non-adherence to coaching instructions, or abuse (verbal, physical or otherwise) to others.

The process of determining award revocation or ineligibility for awards is as follows.

Coaches who identify Playing Members displaying behaviour contrary to BJCC's values, beliefs and ethos are to advise (either verbally or in writing) the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Registrar.

The BJCC Office Bearers will confer on the information received at a Committee Meeting and decide upon an appropriate course of action that will be conveyed to the parent/guardian of the Playing Member. In some cases, the appropriate course of action may occur in consultation with the coach and/or the parent/guardian of the Playing Member depending on time, place and circumstances.

In all cases, if a Playing Member is deemed to be ineligible or revoked from receiving an award the parent/guardian of the Playing Member will be notified of this prior to the award presentations.

In cases where an ineligible or revoked Playing Member won an award, the award will be awarded to the Playing Member who statistically finished immediately after (second place). In the event of a tie, the award recipient(s) will be determined by the relevant section rules pertaining to the award.

**7. CONCLUSION**

After decisions are announced, no communications or negotiations will be entered into regarding the results.

This Policy may be amended in writing at any time by the BJCC Office Bearers.

This Policy is available to members at any time and can be accessed either on the BJCC's website or by request from the BJCC Secretary.

The Awards Policy was enacted and last updated on 1 January 2022.