



CLUB AWARDS POLICY

PURPOSE

Greensborough Junior Football Club (GJFC) was established in 1964 and is the oldest junior football club in the Diamond Valley area. GJFC is a growing football club that aims to build the Diamond Valley's most inclusive and supportive community sporting club.

This document outlines the policy for recognising individuals who demonstrate outstanding contribution, commitment, leadership, character, and alignment with the Club's values of Belonging, Ownership, Respect, and Our Best.

This policy establishes the purpose, eligibility criteria, nomination process, selection process and administration of the Club's major annual awards.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all GJFC club members.

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Guiding Principles

All GJFC club awards are intended to:

- Recognise individuals who positively contribute to the Club community.
- Celebrate achievement, commitment, sportsmanship, leadership, and personal growth.
- Reinforce the Club's values.
- Promote fairness, transparency and consistency in award selection.
- Honour the legacy of individuals whose names and contributions have shaped the Club.

Club Values

Award recipients should demonstrate one or more of the following GJFC values:

Belonging – creating an inclusive environment where all players, families, volunteers, and supporters feel welcome and valued.

Ownership – Taking responsibility for actions, commitments, and contributions to the Club and team.

Respect – Demonstrating respect for teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, volunteers, and the broader community.

Our Best – Striving for continual improvement, effort, resilience, and excellence both on and off the field.

Annual Club Awards

Joe Murphy Trophy - Awarded to a GJFC Player.

Background

Joe Murphy joined Greensborough Football Club from Fitzroy in 1954 as Captain-Coach and became widely regarded as one of the finest players to compete in Diamond Valley football. Following an outstanding playing career, Joe served on the Club committee and as Club President from 1966 to 1968, where he was instrumental in establishing junior football in the area.

Following Joe's passing in 1985, the GJFC established the Joe Murphy Trophy in 1986 to honour his vision, leadership, and lasting contribution to junior football.

Eligibility

Nominees must be current GJFC players.

Selection Criteria

Nominees will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Years of involvement at GJFC.
- Standing and reputation within the Club.
- Contribution both on and off the field.
- Demonstration of leadership qualities.
- Respect earned from peers, coaches, volunteers, and committee members.
- Integrity and sportsmanship.



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- Positive character and conduct.
- Ability to act as a role model for younger players.
- Consistent demonstration and promotion of GJFC values.

Ray Dickson Award - Awarded to a GJFC Coach.

Background

Ray Dickson exemplified community-focused coaching and player development. His coaching philosophy prioritised improving every player, encouraging participation, building character, and helping players progress to higher levels of football. Ray was highly respected by players and families for his commitment to development, inclusion, and community values.

Eligibility

Nominees must have coached a GJFC team in the year of voting.

Selection Criteria

Nominees will be assessed on the ability to:

- Focus on the development and improvement of every player.
- Demonstrate a sustained coaching commitment (generally two or more years).
- Assist players to progress to higher levels of football.
- Promote community respect and positive behaviour.
- Provide equitable opportunities and game participation for all players.
- Demonstrate and promote GJFC values.

Lion Spirit Award - Awarded to a GJFC Player

Background

The Lion Spirit Award recognises players who make an exceptional contribution to their team and Club through effort, resilience, sportsmanship, and commitment to GJFC values. This Award is presented jointly by the GJFC President and a representative of the Diamond Valley Lions Club.

Eligibility

Nominees must be current GJFC players.

Selection Criteria

Nominees will be assessed against the following qualities:

- Exceptional effort on behalf of their team or Club.
- Demonstration of resilience in overcoming personal challenges or adversity.
- Outstanding team spirit and support of teammates.
- Pride in and commitment to the Club.
- Demonstration of GJFC values.
- Positive contribution as an all-round Club participant.

Nomination Process

For the above three awards:

- Nominations may be submitted by members of the GJFC community.
- Nominations must be submitted using the nomination form by the advertised closing date.

Selection Process

For the above three awards:

- The GJFC Executive Committee will review all nominations.



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- The Executive Committee will determine the recipient through discussion and voting.
- The Committee's decision will be final.

Stephen Hatfield Trophy – Under 17 Best and Fairest

Purpose

The Stephen Hatfield Trophy recognises the Under 17 player who has demonstrated outstanding football performance, sportsmanship, commitment, and contribution throughout the season.

Eligibility

Players registered in the Under 17 GJFC team.

Selection Process

The recipient of the Stephen Hatfield Trophy will be selected via the voting process undertaken throughout the season, in line with the GJFC Awards Policy.

Rising Star Award – Under 17 GJFC Player.

Purpose

The Rising Star Award recognises an emerging Under 17 player who demonstrates significant potential, improvement, commitment, and alignment with GJFC values.

Eligibility

Players registered in the Under 17 GJFC team.

Selection Criteria and Process

The recipient of the Rising Star Award will be determined by the Coaches of the Under 17 team. Consideration may be given to:

- Improvement throughout the season.
- Commitment to training and development.
- Team-first attitude.
- Sportsmanship and conduct.
- Leadership potential.
- Demonstration of GJFC values.

Governance and Administration

Award Administration

The GJFC Executive Committee is responsible for:

- Maintaining nomination forms.
- Promoting award opportunities.
- Reviewing nominations.
- Administering voting processes.
- Maintaining award records.
- Presenting awards at the Club's annual presentation event.

Conflict of Interest

Any Executive Committee member with a real or perceived conflict of interest regarding a nominee should declare the conflict and may be excluded from voting on that award.



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Discretion

The Executive Committee reserves the right not to present an award in any given year if it believes no nominee sufficiently meets the award criteria.

Policy Review and Ownership

The contents of this document represent the current policy and procedures of GJFC.

This policy is subject to review every two years and will be amended appropriately.

Amendments will be communicated to members as and when appropriate to ensure that it remains current.

Approved by GJFC Committee.

Authorised by

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Scott Devers

President GJFC

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