



## **Club Awards Policy**

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Each year Belnorth Football Club awards players and teams for various reasons during the season. There are three award categories:

- Reward and Recognition
- Recognition
- Life membership

These awards aim to recognise the player's achievements, further their playing future with Belnorth FC, and provide development pathways.

Belnorth FC members provide the nominations for awards, and the final decision on award winners sits with the Belnorth FC Committee.

### **Reward and Recognition Awards**

These awards provide reward and recognition to Belnorth FC players who have demonstrated high-quality sportsmanship, a positive attitude and a commitment to their game and Belnorth FC. These awards include reduced fees or the payment of a defined service that the winner is entitled.

#### **Mathew Starke Memorial Award**

The Mathew Starke Memorial Award is presented to a player who participated under challenging circumstances (disability, sickness or injury).

The winner will receive:

- an individual trophy
- their name engraved on the perpetual trophy
- free registration to Belnorth FC in the following year

## **Peter Desmond Memorial Award**

The Peter Desmond Memorial Award is presented to a player who displayed above-average ability, commitment and, in the opinion of the Committee, would benefit from specialised coaching.

The winner will receive:

- an individual trophy
- their name engraved on the perpetual trophy
- free registration to Belnorth FC in the following year
- free entry to a Belnorth FC coaching programme

## **Junior Player of the Year**

The Junior Player of the Year (female and male) receive:

- an individual trophy
- their name engraved on the perpetual trophy
- free registration to Belnorth FC in the following year
- free entry to a Belnorth FC coaching programme.

## **Senior Player of the Year**

The Senior Player of the Year (female and male) receive:

- an individual trophy
- their name engraved on the perpetual trophy
- free registration to Belnorth FC in the following year

## **Recognition Awards**

This category is for those players, volunteers, coaches and teams who demonstrate a commitment to the spirit of football and Belnorth FC. It recognises them for their assistance to Belnorth FC in their endeavour to build the future in football. Award recipients will be with a trophy at a presentation ceremony.

## **Sue O'Dwyer Memorial Award**

The Sue O'Dwyer Memorial Award recognises a team that has shown outstanding commitment, dedication and achievement in promoting the spirit of the game of football and in advancing the development of team members and, therefore, the image and wellbeing of Belnorth FC.

## **10-Year Award**

Recognises members who have ten years of continuous membership with the club. This extends to members of teams within the development and premier league pathways at BUFC.

## **President's Awards and Commendations**

The President awards it to people who have given outstanding service to Belnorth FC during the year.

## **Junior Club Person of the Year**

It is awarded to a player who is heavily involved in the game and with the Club. For example, a player who is a good team member and is also a referee or coach of a Belnorth FC team.

## **Club Person of the Year**

Awarded to a person who has brought great distinction to Belnorth FC or whose efforts in assisting with the Club's activities have been above that normally expected.

## **Senior Club Person of the Year**

Awarded to a senior club member who has brought great distinction to Belnorth FC, or whose efforts in assisting with the Club's activities have been above that normally expected.

## **Coach of the Year**

A junior team coach (U5 to U18) demonstrates enthusiasm and commitment, ensuring all players learn and enjoy the game in a positive and encouraging environment.

## **Junior Coach of the Year**

A junior Belnorth FC player who coaches a junior team excels in how they coach the team by raising the skills, confidence, enthusiasm and enjoyment for all players.

## **Senior Coach of the Year**

This award is for a senior Belnorth FC coach who demonstrates enthusiasm and commitment. They ensure that all players learn and enjoy the game in a positive and encouraging environment.

## **Henk's Golden Whistle (Game Leader and Referee of the Year)**

Henk's Golden Whistle is awarded to the Game Leader and Referee of the Year. Each recipient gets a trophy and their name on the perpetual trophy.

## Referee Medallions

A medallion presented to all Belnorth FC referees recognising their dedication.

## Junior Team Awards

### Improvement, Contribution and Excellence Awards

The coach of each U12 to U18 team awards the following medallions:

- **Improvement:** the player who has advanced, developed, and improved the most throughout the season in playing skill at both training and games.
- **Contribution:** the player who has applied themselves the most diligently, inspirationally, and thoroughly throughout the season for the good of their performance and that of the team.
- **Excellence:** the player who has displayed exceptional creativity, innovation, skill, and flair in play and leadership.

### Players' Player Award (optional)

U12 to U18 teams can choose to award a players' player award in the form of a medallion. Votes are generally tallied weekly from players from their peers throughout the season or at the end of the season.

## Senior Team Awards

Each senior team delegates the following awards:

- **Players' Player:** voted for by players, generally tallied weekly throughout the season or via a vote at the end of the season.
- **Coach's Player:** decided by the coach and management.

## Life Membership

Life memberships are awarded to Belnorth FC members who have contributed significantly to the club over many years. Presentation of this award entitles the recipients to:

- participate in voting at Belnorth FC General Meetings;
- participate in football at Belnorth FC with all components of the registration fee waived\*

\*Note: if the recipient of life membership has a child under 18 years, they can substitute the registration for one (only) immediate family member (child) under 18 years. This applies to any joint (couple/parent) recipients.