



Winter Club & Team Awards Policy

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Belnorth Football Club awards players and teams yearly for various reasons during the season. There are five award categories:

- Participation
- Reward and Recognition
- Recognition
- Team Awards
- 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. Disciplinary records during the year will be taken into account when considering nominees. Team award allocations from team management will also require approval if there are disciplinary indiscretions.

Participation Awards

U5 to U18 Player Awards

U5 to U18 players at Belnorth FC receive awards recognising their participation and dedication to football during the winter season.

Referee Medallions

A medallion is presented to all Belnorth FC referees to recognise their dedication to refereeing during the winter season.

Reward and Recognition Awards

These awards provide reward and recognition to Belnorth FC players who have demonstrated good 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 to which 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 (Junior Player of the Year)

The Peter Desmond Memorial Award is presented to a junior male and female player with above-average ability and commitment.

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 program or equivalent.

Senior Player of the Year

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

- 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 a future in football.

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 well-being of Belnorth FC.

10-Year Award

Recognises members who have accumulated ten playing years of membership with the club. Continuous membership will be automatically identified. Those who have accumulated ten playing years, but not in sequential order, may be required to provide evidence to the committee.

President's Awards and Commendations

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

Junior Club Person of the Year

It is awarded to a junior 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.

Senior Club Person of the Year

Awarded to a senior club member (involved with a senior team) who has brought great distinction to Belnorth FC and whose efforts to assist with the Club's activities have been above what is normally expected.

Coach of the Year

A team coach who demonstrates enthusiasm and commitment, ensuring all players learn and enjoy the game in a positive and encouraging environment.

There are Coach of the Year awards for the below categories.

- Youth/Young Coach: a coach who is 18 years or younger
- U5-U7 Open
- U6-U9 Just for Girls
- U8-U9 Open

- U10-U11
- U12-U18
- Seniors

Manager of the Year

A team manager who goes above and beyond to ensure the team and its members are organised, fosters a positive team environment and is professional in their dealings with opposition teams and club officials.

Manager of the Year awards are available for the categories below.

- U5-U9
- U10-U11
- U12-U18

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 is on the perpetual trophy.

Team Awards

Junior Team Awards

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

- **Improvement:** the player who advanced, developed, and improved their playing skill the most throughout the season during training and games.
- **Contribution:** the player that most applied themselves throughout the season for the team's benefit.
- **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 trophy. 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 winter registration fee waived*

*Note: if the recipient of life membership has a child under 18 years, they can substitute the registration for one of their children under 18 years. This benefit is not transferable to grandchildren. This applies to any joint (couple/parent) recipients.