



GEELONG FOOTBALL UMPIRES' LEAGUE INC.

AWARDS POLICY

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**REVIEW HISTORY OF GEELONG FOOTBALL UMPIRES' LEAGUE
AWARDS POLICY**

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1. SCOPE

This policy applies to all GFUL Umpires

2. POLICY

The GFUL actively recognises individuals, both members and selected non-members, for their achievements.

In order to do this, the GFUL has established a number of awards. These comprise:

- Annual Awards
- Ad Hoc Awards

From time-to-time consideration will be given to the introduction of further award categories.

The Board will, whenever possible, name an award in honour of a member whose contribution to the GFUL in the Board's opinion warrants such recognition.

3. ANNUAL AWARDS

At the inception of this policy, the following annual awards exist:

- AFL Golden Whistle award
- Best Clubman award
- Chairman's award
- Coaching awards
- Game milestone awards
- Life Membership
- Performance awards
- Senior grand final appointment awards
- Service awards
- Training awards

4. AD HOC AWARDS

Awards presented to nominees as recognition for an achievement that is not included in the annual awards.

A certificate is presented at the next 'all discipline' coaching session.

Presentation of an ad-hoc award is a one-off and does not create a precedent for an annual award.

4.1. Training Awards

The Training Supervisor may choose to make other awards in any year.

A certificate is presented at the 'Grand Final Umpire Announcement' dinner.

5. AWARD CRITERIA

Awards are presented in accordance with the criteria detailed in Appendix A unless otherwise stated.

5.1. AFL Golden Whistle award

The 'Golden Whistle' award is provided by the VCFL and determined by the coaching panel.

A trophy is presented at the annual presentation dinner.

5.2. Best Clubman

The E J Wills Best Clubman Award – the Board makes a selection from nominations received from the members - presented at the annual presentation dinner. A trophy is presented.

5.3. Chairman's award

This award is presented by the Chairman to a nominee of the Chairman's choice.

A trophy is presented at the annual presentation dinner

5.4. Coaching awards

The coaching panel presents the following awards:

- Encouragement Award – field, boundary (***Dennis Hargreaves Award***) and goal
- Most Disciplined Junior Umpire – field, boundary and goal
- Most Improved Umpire – field, boundary and goal
- Most Promising First Year Umpire – field, boundary and goal

A trophy is presented at the annual presentation dinner.

5.5. Game milestone awards

GFUL Certificates are awarded for 50, 150, and intervals of 100 games for game milestones.

Certificates are presented either at the next 'all discipline' coaching session or at the 'Grand Final Umpire Announcement' dinner.

VCFL Certificates are awarded for 100 and multiples of 100 game milestones.

Certificates are presented at the 'Grand Final Umpire Announcement' dinner.

5.6. Life Membership

Life Membership is awarded in accordance with the criteria defined in the Constitution.

Certificate and lapel badges are presented at the annual presentation dinner.

5.7. Performance awards

- Most Outstanding Umpire – field (***Andy Barnett Award***), boundary and goal
- Best Junior Umpire – field, boundary and goal
- Best Youth Umpire

A trophy is presented at the annual presentation dinner.

5.8. Senior grand final appointment awards

Members appointed to officiate in the senior grand final in each league. Emergency umpires do not receive an award.

A trophy is presented at the annual presentation dinner.

5.9. Service awards

5.9.1.1. 5 years service

GFUL Certificates are awarded for 5 years service.

Certificates are presented at the 'Grand Final Umpire Announcement' dinner.

5.9.1.2. 10, 15, 20 & 25 years service

A GFUL service lapel badge with a '10 year' service bar is presented for 10 years service. An appropriate service bar is awarded for 15, 20 & 25 years service.

5.9.1.3. 30 years service and more

VCFL Certificates are awarded for 30 and more year's service in 5 year increments.

Certificates are presented at the annual presentation dinner.

5.10. Training Awards

Jack 'Ripper' Robinson Awards are awarded for the Best at Training in Field, Boundary, Goal, Junior and Female.

A trophy and certificate are presented at the 'Grand Final Umpire Announcement' dinner.

Appendix A GFUL Annual Awards Criteria

AWARD	AGE	DISCIPLINE(S)	SELECTION CRITERIA
OPEN AGE AWARDS			
AFL Golden Whistle Award	Open	Any	<p>As assessed by the DOU and the combined coaching panel of an umpire likely to progress to the elite level.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encouragement Award/ Not Necessarily the Best 2. In the formative Stages of Career 3. Must have N.U.A.S. Level 1 Accreditation
Coaching Panel Encouragement Award	Open	Field Boundary Goal	<p>Awarded by the Field/Boundary/Goal Umpire Coaching panel in conjunction with the DOU to the umpire displaying the most commitment and effort:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At training & coaching sessions 2. To improved umpiring performance 3. And maintain a positive attitude to all aspects of his/her participation in the GFUL including feedback
Most Improved Umpire	Open	Field Boundary Goal	<p>The Field/Boundary/Goal Umpire who has shown the most improvement as assessed by the Field/Boundary/ Goal Umpire Coaching panel with the DOU:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compared to the previous season 2. Must have N.U.A.S. Level 1 Accreditation
Most Outstanding Umpire	Open	Field Boundary Goal	<p>As assessed by the Field/Boundary/Goal Umpire Coaching panel as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Achieving the Best Overall Season performance 2. Satisfying the GFUL Training Policy 3. Must have N.U.A.S. Level 2 Accreditation
Most Promising 1st Year Umpire <i>(i.e. 1st Year in umpiring)</i>	Open	Field Boundary Goal	<p>Awarded by the Field/Boundary/Goal Umpire Coaching panel with the DOU, considers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attendance, participation & commitment to training, coaching and feedback 2. Match performance & improvement
UNDER 19 AWARDS			
Best Youth Umpire	Less Than 19 YO	Any	<p>As assessed by the DOU and the combined coaching panel considering:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attendance, effort & application to training and coaching sessions 2. Teamwork 3. Overall umpiring performance & improvement

Most Disciplined Junior Umpire	Less Than 19Y.O.	Field Boundary Goal	As assessed by the DOU and the Field/Boundary/Goal Umpire Coaching panel to a young umpire who displays commendable self discipline with regards to: 1. Punctuality 2. Attendance 3. Presentation 4. Positive attitude 5. Must have N.U.A.S. Level 1 Accreditation
UNDER 17 AWARDS			
Best Junior Umpire	Less Than 17 Y.O.	Field Boundary Goal	Awarded by the Field/Boundary/Goal Umpire Coaching panel with the DOU, considers: 1. Attendance, participation & commitment to training, coaching and feedback 2. Match performance & improvement 3. Must have N.U.A.S. Level 1 Accreditation
TRAINING AWARDS			
Best at Training	Open	Field Boundary Goal	Awarded by the Training Supervisor with input from the DOU and the Coaching panel
Best at Training (Junior)	Less Than 19 Y.O.	All	Awarded by the Training Supervisor with input from the DOU and the Coaching panel
Best at Training (Female)	Open	All	Awarded by the Training Supervisor with input from the DOU and the Umpire Coaching panel