



## **Awards & Trophies**

Awards are handed out on a weekly basis to a few children in each team as a reward for an exceptional game or purely as an encouragement or participation. The coach must ensure that ***every child*** in the team receives at least one award per year and to that end we suggest that the Coach and the Team Manager keep accurate records of who has and who hasn't won awards. This is an area where some diplomacy is required as some parents can get upset if they don't fully understand the nature of the system.

The Best & Fairest Awards for each age group are voted weekly by a "panel" usually appointed by the Coach or the Team Manager. That panel usually rotates and we believe it is a good idea to allow all parents the opportunity to cast votes during the year. Votes are awarded on a 5,4,3,2,1 basis and ALL children MUST receive at least one vote during the season.

At the end of each season trophies are presented to 5 players in each side and those awards must include one for the Best & Fairest and one for the Runner Up. In the event of a tie additional trophies are awarded. However, that is the only exception to the "5 trophy rule" that can be accommodated in the interests of fairness.

### **Wylie Austin award**

Wylie Austin was a legendary and long serving defender with the club and he captained the Rovers for many years. In his honour a trophy was struck to recognise the Best Junior Player in Final series. This award is decided by calling for nominations from coaches of sides who have performed successfully in the year's finals series and is selected by the Junior Committee.

### **Lightning Premierships**

Best & Fairest votes are not cast for Lightning Premiership matches. However, an award is made for "The Best Player in the Final Series" in each participating team as judged by the coach & his staff.

### **The Sam Birtles Award.**

Sam Birtles was a prolific goal kicker for the Rovers in years past and an award in his honour is made to any Rovers player who kicks one hundred goals or more in a season.