

# Tolland Football Club Incorporated

## TOLLAND FOOTBALL CLUB AWARDS POLICY Compiled 2017

### **Rationale:**

The following is current policy for the allocation of all club awards given out at junior and senior presentation evenings. The procedures in this policy are to be followed unless changed at a club meeting and recorded in an appropriate committee meeting's minutes. These procedures have been in place for many years. Please realise there are some other regulations concerning these awards mainly referring to non-eligibility or possible rescinding of an award winner. This information is in our awards policy in the policies section of this website!

### **Special Junior Awards:**

#### **Donna O' Grady Award: Junior Club person of the Year**

This is presented to one junior player every year for extra services to our club. Examples of extra services maybe but not limited to: coaching, refereeing, managing, assisting with fund raising, assisting with ground set ups/taking down, tidying up/helping out, playing in more than one team regularly, assistance with training, being positive about the club, attending club games as a spectator, carrying/packing up club equipment. This award is usually allocated to one of our older junior competitive players in the fifteen/sixteen age group but is not limited to this age group. There is usually only one winner and hence gender neutral. There can be multiple winners in any one year depending on circumstances.

Each year the JVP nominates worthy recipients and the eventual winner/s is decided by the club committee. This award is presented on junior presentation night and does has an individual and perpetual trophy. This is clearly the highest individual junior award in the club. The annual winner is nominated by the club for the FWW Glen Gardiner award. This award is not for playing ability or representative duties but services to our club. Teams can also nominate players in writing and pass onto the JVP.

#### **Glen Gardiner Award FWW award:**

This award is given out every year by Football Wagga Wagga on junior grand final day and is very like the above award. It is for services to football not individual talent or representative honours. Traditional winners have been heavily involved in club coaching and general assistance for club/football activities. Our club has had many winners over the years. This award is determined by FWW and not within our jurisdiction. All our club does is prepares an explanation as to why our nominee should win this prestigious award.

### **Junior Coach of The Year:**

This is an annual award decided by the JVP who may call on the committee to help with their decision. This award is not based purely on results but who best demonstrates the coach's code of conduct. Any coach who has been suspended or charged by FWW for any offence cannot win this award in the same calendar year. Nominations may be written or presented orally at the appropriate meeting. Team members/parents may submit written nominations.

### **NB:**

The committee reserves the right to not nominate a junior player for the Donna O'Grady Trophy and Glen Gardiner Award. The committee also reserves the right to rescind the announced winner of the Donna O'Grady trophy under exceptional circumstances. If this ever occurred the club committee will decide whether to name another winner for the award or simply state not given for the appropriate year.

### **Senior Playing Awards:**

#### **Senior Club Person of The Year:**

This award can be won by a player/coach/official/supporter. This award does not have to be a committee member despite most previous winners coming from club committee. The winner would be someone who makes a regular and valued contribution to the club for that particular year. The winner could be contributing to the senior side of the club but may be involved in junior club in fund raising activities or other activities.

The committee asks for and also suggests possible winners and eventually votes on the outcome. Nominations can be in writing or tabled verbally at an appropriate meeting. The winner is given both a perpetual and individual trophy with the club retaining the perpetual trophy. It is possible to have joint winners of this award. The award cannot be presented to a junior as the Donna O'Grady Award is the junior equivalent.

#### **Club Person of The Year:**

The award is given to somebody within the committee who makes a regular and valued contribution to the club for that particular year. The winner could be contributing to the junior or senior or both divisions within the club, in fund raising activities, administration, organising, helping out or other activities involving the overall club, taking on dual or more committee positions or have high work load duties.

The committee asks for and also suggests possible winners and eventually votes on the outcome. Nominations can be in writing or tabled verbally at an appropriate meeting. The winner is given both a perpetual and individual trophy with the club retaining the perpetual trophy. It is possible to have joint winners of this award. The award cannot be presented to a junior player as the Donna O'Grady Award is the junior equivalent.

## **Stephanie Scott Memorial Award: Inaugural Presentation 2015**

A lot of you were not around in the years that Stephanie was a member of the Tolland Football Club, however the contribution that Stephanie made to the club was immense. In her honour, the TFC committee decided to institute the Stephanie Scott memorial award, an annual award given to a player who exemplifies the criteria listed below.

### **Stephanie Scott Memorial Award**

Stephanie joined TFC in 2009 and was instrumental along with the support of other CSU students and a number of Tolland junior girls in forming the “second coming” of the TFC women’s team as TFC had not had a women’s team in any competition for a number of years.

Stephanie took responsibility for getting the team organised, having numerous meetings with TFC officials, normally at McDonalds and gathering enough players until a team was finalised and ready to play, the first training session of 2009 was held at CSU, in the corner of Peter Hastie oval, numbers were low but enthusiasm was high.

Under Stephanie’s guidance the team gelled together so well that they won the reserve grade women’s competition, the Madden Shield in 2009. In 2010 after deciding to challenge themselves and move up to the first-grade women’s competition, the Leonard Cup they were again successful in the grand final, scoring a goal in the last minute to secure victory. It would be very rare that a team enters a second-tier competition, wins that and wins the premier competition a year later, however Stephanie and those girls did that, those celebrations in 2010 will live long in the memories of people that were there, with Stephanie of course in the middle.

The team again made the Grand Final in 2011, however couldn’t repeat their success of 2010.

In a show of Stephanie’s commitment, on numerous occasions during those years Stephanie, along with the other CSU students would make an 8-10 hour round trip, in particular during uni holidays back to Wagga to play for their team so not to let the teammates down, an indication of an exceptional person

Stephanie was tragically taken from us at the young age of 26 on Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015. This award is presented each year to a senior player or official who displays the same characteristics that Stephanie exhibited:

### **Award criteria:**

- Is of exceptional character
- Shows respect for both teammates and opposition
- Encourages team spirit and unity
- Shows commitment to their team and teammates
- Displays excellent sportsmanship

NB:

1. Any nominations for this award must be submitted in writing or verbally at the appropriate club meeting, a reason for the nomination must be given.
2. This award cannot be presented to a junior registered player.
3. This award is gender neutral not just for our female members as it is a club award.
4. The award is open to all senior players and officials and is decided by the committee each year.
5. The club reserves the right not to award this trophy if there are no candidates who meet the Stephanie Scott Memorial Trophy criteria (stated above). Winners do not have to meet every criterion but must be worthy of the award.
6. There is a perpetual trophy retained by the club and an individual award for the winner to keep.
7. Suspensions resulting from on field red cards do not count against any player being nominated for this award. This award is clearly the highest individual honour other than life membership and one of the criteria is "exceptional character".
8. Any player charged by the police for any type of offence or committing an illegal offence or who has committed a significant criminal offence outside of football may not be eligible to receive the award or may lose this award.
9. Any nominee for this award who has been charged and convicted by FWW for bringing the game into serious disrepute or has committed any other inappropriate behaviour the committee deems not to be of excellent character may be ineligible or lose this award.
10. If the award is rescinded for any recipient their name will be taken off the perpetual trophy and for that particular year, the trophy will not be awarded.

### **Senior Games Milestone Achievements:**

The club constitution states that players must be recognised for every hundred games they play for the senior club this does not apply to junior games as per the constitution. It is up to the respective senior vice presidents (male/female) to maintain and update senior games every calendar year. These prestigious awards are given out at senior presentation nights and also acknowledged on game days/nights whenever possible. The awards are as follows:

**One Hundred Senior Games:** Club cap with appropriate embroidery

**Two Hundred Senior games:** Club polo shirt with appropriate embroidery

**Three Hundred Senior games:** Personalised playing strip with appropriate embroidery

**Four Hundred Senior Games:** Special club jacket with appropriate embroidery

If you have reached one of these mile-stone please contact a committee member. The SVP checks all club team sheets but it is possible to miss a player hence the self-check.

**Life Membership: This is regarded as the highest possible honour/award given out by the Tolland Football Club please see constitutional requirements below:**

#### ***48. Life Membership (Tolland Football Club Constitution clause 48)***

To be eligible for Life Membership, the person must comply with the requirements of Section 2.2 of the club constitution.

Life Membership of the club may be conferred on any member who:

- a) Has been a member of the club for a minimum period of five (5) years
- b) And in the opinion of the club members has rendered exceptional service to the club in this time.
- c) Nominations for life membership will only be accepted up to twenty- one (21) days before the Annual General Meeting.
- d) Nominations shall be forwarded to the club for acceptance, and if accepted, it shall be referred as a notice to the next Annual General Meeting for approval of Life Membership.
- e) Nominations must be submitted using correct nomination form (APPENDIX 2) this constitution, being nominated and seconded by club members, attached to nomination must be a written recommendation of the nominees' service to the club.

Not more than two (2) life members shall be elected at any Annual General Meeting. In the event of more than two (2) nominations being received, the committee will select no more than two (2) to be proposed for election by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

- The proposed nomination/s for life membership will be put to a separate vote at the Annual General Meeting and must attain a majority vote to be elected.
- Voting may be by show of hands or ballot, to be determined by the members present.
- Life Members shall have all rights and privileges of an ordinary member, but shall be relieved of the obligation to pay annual subscriptions.
- All persons, who at the date of the resolution adopting this constitution were Life Members of the club, shall be thereafter Life Members of the club.
- Life Membership may not be recognised to any member who has been removed from club under section 19 of this constitution.

**NB: A generalised nomination form for any of the above awards is at the end of this document. Please nominate anybody you believe deserves to win one of these club honours.**

## Unnamed Club Perpetual trophies

**NB:** A significant amount of time, thought and discussion has gone into selecting the names for the club's perpetual trophies. Obviously, there will be people who have made a tremendous contribution to our club who we unfortunately could not acknowledge by naming a perpetual trophy after their efforts. These names have not been forgotten and may be included in the future pending opportunities. Similarly, there may be others in the future who will be honoured by having a club trophy named after them. Future committees reserve the right to rename any of our club trophies. For this to occur any future committee would have to consult any person or a member of their family (if deceased) who has had a trophy named in their honour before making such a change. It is up to current committees to make these decisions past members do not have to be consulted in these procedures.

As at the beginning of 2017 there are a number of perpetual trophies that are not named after any person. Don't forget when naming these trophies these will be long standing

trophies that should be named after worthy people and not named just for getting a name on the trophy. If a trophy is not worth naming then we leave it until it is worth naming.

### **Perpetuals unnamed as at the beginning of 2017**

TFC Community person of the year (possible new award in 2017)

Senior Club person of the Year

Club person of the Year

Junior Coach of the Year

Leonard Cup MVP

Madden Shield MVP

Blake Cup MVP

### **NAMING OF AWARDS FOR TOLLAND FOOTBALL CLUB CRITERIA**

To be considered to have a perpetual club award named after you must have achieved at least one of the following:

1. Played at least 300 senior games for our club (does not include games from other clubs). The criteria are mainly used for awards associated with playing for example Most Valuable Player (MVP)
2. Has been awarded life membership of the Tolland Football Club (mainly used for club awards).
3. Coached/managed our junior or senior teams for at least ten years. The criteria are for calendar years and years cannot be accumulated for coaching more than one club team in a single year. Coaching and managing in the same calendar year does not count as two years.
4. Accumulated fifteen calendar years' service to the club in a combination of the above criteria.
5. Accumulated fifteen calendar years' service to the club in a recognised voluntary capacity.

NB:

- A paid position by the club may not count for that calendar year unless the person was also involved in a non - paid capacity mentioned in the above criteria.
- If a deceased person has made a significant contribution to our club a new award may be created (in their memory) or a present unnamed award could be named

after them. The club executive would make this decision and compile any new procedures associated with the new memorial award.

- Any new awards suggested for the club to adopt will be decided by the club executive. If a suggestion for new award comes with an associated name (generous donation to club or special significant event within the club) it must again be approved by the current executive.
- In making any decision regarding a newly named award the current executive must compare past contributors (above criteria) compared to the merit of the new award proposal.
- Any person can nominate a person to have an award named after them at any time by filling out a nomination form and giving it to the club. People cannot nominate themselves to be associated with any perpetual trophy.
- The club executive will automatically look at all unnamed perpetual trophies every August. The above criteria will be used to determine if any new name is associated with any unnamed perpetual trophy.

Any nominations should be submitted using the club award general nomination form (next page)



