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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.

Junior Teams Non - Competitive:

These procedures are for all our mini - roos teams which are non - competitive teams from our five-year-old sides up to and including our eleven-year-old age group teams the last age division before Association Competitions begin at age twelve.

Every registered member of our mini-roos teams will be given an individual trophy on presentation night (see presentation procedures in the club regulations) each season. These trophies only have each player's name, age group, year and their team's name on them. There are to be no other trophies/awards given out to mini-roos players. It is traditional but not compulsory for each team to present their coach/manager with a small gift for coaching organising their team throughout the year. This may be done before (last match) or at presentation night.

Junior Competitive Teams (ages twelve to sixteen):

Again, each individual registered player from each team is given an individual trophy each season. As in the mini - roos age division these only display their name, team, age group and year. Each competitive coach has the option to award three further trophies for their team and there can be no joint awards given. It is up to each coach to decide on what these awards are given for. More commonly named awards are coach's award, best or most valuable player most improved or most consistent to name a few. Trophies for leading goal scorer cannot be given (club policy). These trophies have the recipient's name, age group, team, year and what for. These are individual awards and kept by the players there are no perpetual awards in the junior or mini - roos competitions. (also see presentation procedures – in regulations)

These trophies are always given out last and together on presentation evening after all the general individual team awards (under twelves to sixteens). Again, it is a tradition to give each competitive coach/manager a small gift to show the team's appreciation. All gifts to coaches are paid for by the players' families not by the club. The club provides all junior trophies allocating a small proportion of each registration fees to help meet most of the cost. Club funding is necessary to meet the total cost of all club presentation awards.

It is up to each individual coach or club committee to decide on individual awards (competition teams only)

NB:

1. The club usually gives out a small gift annually for each individual coach.
2. The club does not give out awards for managers of any junior side.
3. If a team wants to present, their manager or coach with a gift this is usually done by a team representative after the general and team trophies have been presented for each team.
4. If a team in the competitive divisions win a premiership they do not receive anything special/extra from the club and are not allowed to keep their club playing strip.
5. The club reserves the right to issue special team awards as they see fit. A past example has been one age group being given a special T-shirt for winning four out of five premierships.
6. Each winner and runner up of every age competition final receive medallions from FWW. All winning junior perpetual trophies are kept by FWW.
7. The club usually presents each registered player in the under twelves with a club bag as they enter the competition ages (under twelves). These are given out at the beginning of each season.
8. There are no recognition awards for club games in the mini – roos or junior competition divisions.
9. On field suspensions resulting from red cards do not count against any player winning a junior award. These awards are clearly for playing ability/effort/team harmony/ ability to play several roles/positions and follow coaching instructions. It is up to each individual coach to decide and training attendance/attitude is obviously considered when awarding the coach's trophy. Any player charged by FWW for any serious or illegal incident may be ineligible to receive any awards handed out on presentation night. Equally players who have already committed similar offences mentioned above may also be ineligible to receive normal presentation awards. In these circumstances the TFC committee will determine award eligibility.
10. The club reserves the right to withhold junior awards if registration fees have not been paid or a player has had a significant breach of club policy. These decisions will again be determined by the TFC committee.

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 Gwen 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:

All awards presented to any senior club competitive team are exactly the same. Each senior coach will nominate three players from their registered squads. The three trophies will be the same for each team they are; Coach's Award (up to each individual coach to decide who wins and why), Players Player this award is decided by the players either by voting after every game with the coach/manager to keep the yearly progressive tallies or the team votes once at the end of the season. The MVP award (most valuable player). This is decided by the coach and is usually determined by which player the coach thinks the team cannot do without. There is no set number of games that a player must reach to be eligible for any senior awards.

NB:

1. Again, there are no joint winners for any award and coaches must make the final decision. In the rare event of two players being equal for the players' player the coach must make the final decision. This award might not be decided until after the last competition round.
2. It is possible for anyone player to win all three awards and quite common for a player to win the player's player and the MVP in the one year. This is senior football and if the coach believes they are the most valuable player and have already been voted the player's player than they will receive both awards. Coaches traditionally give their coach's award to somebody who has not won another award but this is not compulsory.
3. Like the junior teams our senior awards cannot be awarded for leading goal scorer (club Policy).
4. All three awards have an individual and perpetual trophy. The winners do not get to keep the perpetual trophy which is retained by the club.
5. Like the junior competitive team winners or runners up for any competition receive a medallion from FWW. Any senior team winning a premiership are allowed to keep their playing strip. The club reserves the right to alter this policy if any one side has had a number of successes over consecutive years.
6. Managers of senior sides are traditionally recognised with a club gift on presentation night (appreciation/manager's awards). These are purchased by the club.
7. On field suspensions resulting from red cards do not count against any player winning any senior awards mentioned above (club awards may be different). The above awards are clearly for playing ability/effort/team harmony/ ability to play several roles/positions and follow coaching instructions. It is up to each individual coach to decide and training attendance/attitude is obviously considered when awarding the coach's trophy. Any player charged by FWW for any serious or illegal offence may be ineligible to receive any awards handed out on presentation night. Equally players who have already committed similar offences mentioned above may also be ineligible to receive normal presentation awards. In these circumstances the TFC committee will determine award eligibility.

Most Valuable Player Awards:

To date the club has named three MVP trophies after players who have made an exceptional contribution to our club. These awards are named after Steven Wait (Pascoe Competition), Wayne Cuttle (Gardiner Competition) Brett Jenkinson (Nankivell Competition). The Leonard, Madden and Blake Competitions are yet to be named after any player/official and this is mainly due to their short durations in Association Competitions.

It is traditional to ask the above players who have had MVP trophies named after them to present these on presentation night. Obviously, these past players have no say on who wins the MVP every year. A short explanation as to why these people have had the MVP named after them follows:

Steven Wait Pascoe Cup MVP award

Steven joined the Tolland Football club in 1977 and started playing first grade in 1989, 27 years ago during which time he has played over 400 senior first grade games and over 500 senior games, a remarkable achievement.

Steven was a member of the team that won clubs first premiership in 1999 and was also a part of the 2007, 2009, and 2012 premiership winning teams. He continues to play today as a mentor for the younger players

He was chosen to be a player and captain of Tolland's team of the century selected in 2009 he has been a coach of TFC senior sides, is a past president of the TFC and a Life member of Tolland Football Club

Wayne (Robin) Cuttle Gardner Shield MVP award

Wayne (Robin) Cuttle has been a member of the TFC community since 1989, during which time he has been an active member of the club. He continues to play a big role in the senior teams in the senior teams, whether at training or on game day.

He has been a long-standing committee member having served on the TFC committee for 10 years, he has coached and managed several TFC and Wagga teams, many to premiership success, in both the junior and senior ranks, and he has also played in premiership winning teams in both third grade and second grade. He was nominated as one of the managers for Tolland's team of the century and he is a Life member of the Tolland Football club

Brett Jenkinson Nankivell Cup MVP award

Brett Jenkinson first joined Tolland Football club in 1988 and retired from playing in 2013. He played over 300 senior games for the club and was known around the club as a goalkeeping legend.

He won many club premierships, both in the junior and the senior ranks, being a member of TFC's 2nd and 3rd grade sides that were so successful in the first decade of the 2000's.

He was nominated as a goalkeeper for TFC's team of the century.

Club Awards:

Each year the club awards a number of perpetual trophies for people who have made a valued contribution to the club these are:

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.

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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 5th April 2015. This award is presented each year to a senior player or official who displays the same characteristics that Stephanie exhibited:

- 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, however this award is clearly the highest individual honour other than life membership and one of the criteria is “exceptional character”, therefore on field and off field behaviour needs to be taken into consideration.
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.

Tolland Football Club 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: Club special 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.

19. Removal of committee members (clause 19 TFC Constitution)

- (1) The club in general meeting may by resolution remove any member of the committee from the office of member before the expiration of the member's term of office and may by resolution appoint another person to hold office until the expiration of the term of office of the member so removed.
- (2) If a member of the committee to whom a proposed resolution referred to in sub clause (1) relates makes representations in writing to the secretary or president (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that the representations be notified to the members of the club, the secretary or the president may send a copy of the representations to each member of the club or, if the representations are not so sent, the member is

entitled to require that the representations be read out at the meeting at which the resolution is considered.

NB:

As stated in clause nineteen (19) and four c (4c may be expelled from the club) of the club constitution it is possible to remove club life membership from a club member. This would be an extremely rare occurrence and decided by the club committee as per this policy. For any member to have their life membership rescinded there would have to be exceptional circumstances to justify this decision. Some examples but not limited to could be; convicted of a serious criminal offence certainly child related, bringing the game into serious disrepute, continued vilification of the club particularly publically or by negativity expressed in any form of traditional or social media.

If the club committee was considering rescinding any life membership the person/s concerned must be notified in writing by the club and given a twenty - one day period to respond why their life membership should not be rescinded. The club committee will consider any such responses before making their final decision. There will be no avenue of appeal for any life membership that has been rescinded other than the initial response to the club's notification. The club committee may also decide to just warn the person/s concerned their life membership may be rescinded and state the reasons why. Again, the person/s concerned will have a twenty - one day right of response. The club committee reserve the right to rescind life membership depending on the person/s response back to the club.

NB: Record Sheet of Duties: (see attachments)

A record sheet of duties usually carried out by committee/volunteers has been drafted so the number of activities can be referred to when deciding club awards. Careful consideration must be taken as some duties are paid and other executive roles carry huge workloads that people do volunteer for. This must be balanced out when considering the club person of the year. Executive doing huge workloads should be nominated for this award against pure volunteer doing less work. The senior club person and or the club person of the year usually is recognised because of their volunteer activities.

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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 Presidents award (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

Some names that could be suggested to be put on the trophies include:

Mark Sayer- Life member of TFC, past president of the club and long standing committee member, over 250 senior games including numerous third grade premierships, past FWW president, continues to be involved in the Wagga competition as a referee and referee mentor.

Kevin Ellison- Life member of TFC, past president of TFC and long standing committee member, long involvement with FWW, still helps the club when needed and still attends games and meetings when needed.

Pat O'Brien- Life member of TFC, over 200 senior games, coach of senior men for many years 2006-201, including 2007 and 2009 first grade premierships, coach of junior sides that won premierships, mentor to junior coaches.

Maurie Hogan- Life member of TFC, president of TFC, long standing involvement with the club over a long period, manager of senior and junior TFC teams over a long period.

David Antill- involved with club since 2002, life member of TFC, senior men's coach 2012 (premiership) and 2016, senior men's manager since 2007, senior women's coach 2009-2012 premierships 2009/2010, junior coach over a long period

Julie Rafter- Life member of TFC, long standing member of TFC committee, involved with major fundraisers as the coordinator for a number years along with husband Wayne.

Other names may include Kerry Pascoe (FWW Pascoe cup named after), Diane Pascoe, Jamie Pascoe, and Dave Carter snr all life members of the club and who have played significant roles in the club at various stages.