BUNDABERG TOUCH ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (BTA)

AWARDS POLICY

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DEFINITIONS

BTA – *Bundaberg Touch Association*

CQTA *– Central Queensland Touch Association*

QTF *– Queensland Touch Football*

TFA *– Touch Football Australia*

Bundaberg Touch Associaiton (BTA) values the contribution members of the touch community make to the sport of touch in Bundaberg. It is important to recognise this contribution and also the achievements of athletes, coaches, referees, committee members and other volunteer participants.

1. ASSOCIATION AWARDS

- **Life Membership**
  - To be eligible for Life Membership, the person must comply with the requirements of Rule 5 of the Bundaberg Touch Constitution:
    - *Life membership may be conferred upon any person who has rendered distinguished and meritorious service, in a voluntary capacity, to the Association over a period of not less than ten (10) consecutive years.*
    - *The election of a Life Member shall be by secret ballot and a seventy-five percent (75%) majority of those person at the Annual General Meeting, entitled to vote and voting, shall be required for the election to be successful.*

- **BTA Club Person of the Year** *(Leggett Family)*
  - The Club Person of The Year Award recognises a club member who has strived above and beyond the normal call of duty for the club in a voluntary capacity during the year for the overall benefit of the club and its members.
  - Presented at the end of the year - Grand Final Awards

- **BTA Junior Representative Player of the Year**
  - Awarded to a Junior player who has represented Bundaberg Touch, Central Queensland Touch (or as a pick up player to another Region), Queensland Touch Football or higher e.g. TFA.
  - Annual award
  - Voted on by the Bundaberg Touch Management
  - Presented at the end of the year - Grand Final Awards

- **BTA Male and Female Representative Player of the Year**
  - Awarded to both a Male and Female Senior player who has represented Bundaberg Touch, Central Queensland Touch (or as a pick up player to another Region), Queensland Touch Football or higher e.g. TFA.
  - Annual award
  - Voted on by the Bundaberg Touch Management
  - Presented at the end of the year - Grand Final Awards

2. SENIOR AWARDS

- **Jakey Award (Annual award)**
  Shirley Jacobsen donated a trophy in memory of Steve who passed away from cancer in 2009. The type of person to be eligible for this award will have similar personality to Jake.

  This award is selected by 3 people from the touch association who knew Steve (Jakey) not only as a player but also a mate.

  The criteria to win this award is:
    - That they play the game honestly
    - Is held in high esteem by his team players and opponents
    - Contributes to helping touch
    - Enjoys and participates in the social activities of touch

- **Referee of the Season (Annual Award)**
    - Awarded to a referee who has contributed to the association over the calendar year.
    - Contribution may include regular appointments to local games, regional/state/national events, referee coaching/mentoring, professional improvement (referee course/workshops etc)
    - Presented at the end of the year - Grand Final Awards

- **Season Best and Fairest (Season Award)**
    - Awarded to the player who accumulated the highest best and fairest points during the round games in the season.
    - Awarded in every division. Mixed division – awarded to both a Male and Female player
    - May be awarded to two players if points are equal.

- **Player of the Final (Grand Final)**
    - Selected by the Referees who officiated the game or an independent observer (delegated by BTA)

- **Acknowledgment/Contribution Awards**
    - Bundaberg Touch Management may consider acknowledgment/contribution awards to coaches / officials / committee / volunteers who have provided significant contribution to Bundaberg Touch.

3. JUNIOR AWARDS

- **Luke Turnbull Award (Annual Award)**
  - Criteria:
    - A registered member in their last year of Junior Touch
    - BTA Representative player
    - Involvement in association– coach, referee, volunteer
    - Been a part of the association throughout their junior years
  - Voted on by current Committee and Coordinators (ie Registrar, Rep Coordinator etc)

- **Tremaine Tairawhiti (Annual Award)**
  - Criteria: A player-
    - who always enjoys playing touch, no matter the outcome and enjoys being part of any team.
    - who demonstrates respect to all other game participants.
    - who shows commitment by consistently turning up for the team under all circumstances.
    - who is a hard worker, willing to put in the extra effort to help the team be successful.
  - Voted on by current Committee and Coordinators (ie Registrar, Rep Coordinator etc)

- **Junior Coach of the Year**
  - Awarded to a Coach of a Junior team who has demonstrated equality and fairness to all players, has displayed good sportsmanship to opposition teams and officials, has encouraged a positive team spirit and improved the skills of the players
  - Presented at the Junior Grand Final Awards

- **Junior Male Referee**
  - Awarded to Junior Male Referee who has supported the junior competition through regular appointments to local games, asisted at regional/state events and demonstrated improvement in refereeing.
  - Presented at the Junior Grand Final Awards

- **Junior Female Referee**
  - Awarded to Junior Female Referee who has supported the junior competition through regular appointments to local games, asisted at regional/state events and demonstrated improvement in refereeing.
  - Presented at the Junior Grand Final Awards

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- **BTA Junior Representative Player -** U10/U12/U14/U16/U18 Divisions
  - Awarded to a player in each gender division who has been seleceted in a Bundaberg Touch Junior Representative Team and competed at the QTF Junior State Cup.
  - Voted on the Coaching Team (Manager/Coach/Assistant Coach)
  - Awarded after the last competed game of the QTF Junior State Cup.

4. REVOCATION OF AWARDS

- The Bundaberg Touch Executive has the power to revoke any BTA Award.
- A written statement must be provided to the Bundaberg Touch Executive setting out why the Award should be revoked, along with the facts and evidence why the recipient no longer satisfies the Award criteria.
- Where the Bundaberg Touch Executive is giving consideration to the revoking of an BTA Award, they will:
    - Write to the member or former member and advise them that consideration is being given to the revoking of an BTA Award, the reasons for such consideration, and give the member or former member 14 days to show cause why such action should not be taken.
    - After considering the show cause response, if one is provided, the Bundaberg Touch Executive will make a decision whether or not to revoke the BTA Award.
    - If the BTA Award is revoked, the member or former member will be advised in writing of the action, and reference to the provision to the member or former member of the BTA Award will be removed from all records.
- Any decision to revoke an BTA Award is non-appealable.