



Melton Hockey Club Inc.

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POLICY DOCUMENT

TROPHIES & CLUB AWARDS

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL

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Trophies & Club Awards – Team & Individual

Team and Individual Trophies

The following trophies may be won by any financial member, including a member, while not financial at the time, has been granted Board approval due to extenuating circumstances to be considered as eligible to receive any Club trophy.

Should a financial member, including a member granted Board approval due to extenuating circumstances to be considered as eligible to receive any Club trophy be suspended by the Melton Hockey Club Inc (“MHC”) or Hockey Victoria Inc (“HV”) in a given season, they shall be ineligible to receive any Club trophy.

1. Individual Trophies

(a) Life Membership

This award recognises the valuable contribution of an individual to the current and future existence of the Club.

It is therefore only to be awarded in exceptional circumstances, and as such the award does not have to be awarded each year.

More than one recipient may receive the award in any one year.

In considering the award of Life Membership an individual should have demonstrated significant, sustained and quality service enhancing the reputation and future of the overall Club.

This may include, but is not limited to, specific achievement on and off the field, the general attitude and overall demeanour that the nominee shows, commitment to the principals of good sportsmanship and valued leadership and good role modelling that reflects credit upon the Club and the wider general community.

A person shall be eligible for nomination for life membership of the MHC when:

1. They have made an outstanding contribution to the club over a significant period of time which the Board feels should be recognised; or
2. They have been involved in 500 games or more with the club; or
3. They have been involved with 300 games or more with the club, or have been a member of the club for ten years or more, **and**,
 - Have been a board member for at least four years, or
 - Have been a coach for at least five years, or
 - Have made a combined contribution which the Board feels equates to meeting the above requirements.

The Board will make, and consider, nominations prior to the Presentation in any given year, and make the presentation at the Senior Presentation.

The Chairperson of the Board should speak, and should present the members' history and the reasons for bestowing life membership.

The recipient will be expected to respond.

The Board shall have the power to suspend or revoke Life Membership in accordance with the membership provisions of the Club's Constitution.

In recognition of Life Membership, a Life Member will be acknowledged and be entitled to the following:

- Attendance recognised at Senior and or Junior Presentation events of the Club;
- A credit, equivalent to the amount of the Club's Non-Playing Membership amount to apply to Club Playing Fees;
- Invitation to Junior and Senior Presentation events, and
- Listed and acknowledged on Club website.

(b) Best Club Person Award

Nominations for this award can be made by any member of the Club or by the Board.

The MHC Board will consider nominations and then decide on the recipient(s), if any, of this trophy.

It shall be awarded to the person or persons who have displayed exceptional commitment and service to the MHC over the previous twelve months.

MHC Board members shall be eligible for the award if, in the opinion of the Board, they have displayed commitment and service above and beyond the normal duties of their position.

The recipient will be presented with the perpetual trophy, and a separate award for their retention.

(c) Senior Leadership Awards

Coaches and Club Officials may nominate a Senior Ladies and Men's player who best demonstrates the attributes of being a leader in all aspects of our sport. This is an encouragement award for all senior players to get involved in the promotion, development and encouragement of hockey to all members and build Melton Hockey Club into a Premier League Club.

The criteria is:

(a) *Commitment*

- Regular attendance at training and matches.

(b) *Mentoring*

- Involvement with Junior training sessions.

- Attendance at junior matches; and
 - Role model to junior players.
- (c) *Sportsmanship*
- Encourage club wide sportsmanship at all times.
- (d) *Club involvement*
- Attendance at fundraising and social events.
 - Promote club fundraising and social events.
 - Encourage team and club participation in club activities.

The MHC Board, along with Coaches and Club Officials input, will consider the nominations and decide upon a suitable female and male recipient, if any, prior to the Senior Presentation night.

Each recipient will be presented with a trophy.

(d) State and Zone Representative's Support

MHC players who represent Victoria in interstate competition at any level will be presented with \$100 at the Senior or Junior presentation on behalf of the Club in recognition of their efforts.

MHC players who represent North West Metro Tigers in zone competition at any level will be presented with \$50 at the Senior or Junior presentation on behalf of the Club in recognition of their efforts.

(e) Junior Game Milestones

Engraved medallions shall be awarded at the Winter Junior Presentation ceremony to mark the occasion of 50 junior games played, and further 50 junior game milestones (i.e. 100,150 etc).

Medallions shall be engraved with the milestone achieved, and the date on which the milestone occurred.

(f) Total Games Milestones

Engraved medallions shall be awarded at the Winter Senior Presentation ceremony to mark the occasion of 300 total games played, and further 100 game milestones (i.e. 400, 500 etc).

Medallions shall be engraved with the milestone achieved, and the date on which the milestone occurred.

(g) The Shane Bailey Memorial Perpetual Trophy for the Most Determined Player.

1982 saw the Melton Hockey Club enter a male team for the first time, that being the 1982 Ballarat A Men team.

At the age of seventeen, Shane Bailey was a member of that team, and commenced a playing record with the Club of 259 games as a player as well as roles in coaching including the Senior Men's team in 1994 and 1995 and Team Manager.

Additionally, Shane supported the club at club functions and working bees and projects.

A dominant characteristic of Shane's game was his determination.

The Bailey family provided much support to the Club in its early years including Shane's father, Doug, as Social Coordinator in 1977/1978.

The family also had a presence on the field with Shane's mother Bobby playing 12 games, his sister Vicki 56 games, brother Dale 36 games and his wife Pauline 79 games.

In 1996 Shane was tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident.

As hockey had been a large part of Shane's life and coupled with the many close friends he had within the Club, it was decided by the Bailey family to commission a trophy in his name.

Coaches of the Club may nominate any player who best demonstrate the determination of Shane Bailey.

The board will consider the nomination and decide upon a suitable recipient.

The trophy is perpetual, and is to be returned to the Club prior to the following year's Presentation night.

A separate trophy is awarded to the winner.

2. Team Trophies

(a) Junior Competition

It is usual at younger age levels (Under 10) to not single out individual players for recognition but to award "Participation" trophies to all players.

From Under 12 upwards individual trophies shall be awarded.

Participation trophies will also be awarded to all half field players.

Coaches will decide the winners of the Best and Fairest and Runners-Up awards from numerical votes. The method used, 3-2-1 votes must be awarded from each game and there can be no deviation from this.

The Coach is free to determine these votes by any means, including asking parents/players, etc.

Votes are to be lodged with the Club Secretary/ Statistician weekly when team sheets are handed in.

For any given team, there shall be only one recipient for each of the Best and Fairest, Runners-Up and Coaches/Player award. Any "joint" or other awards made shall be unofficial and shall not be recorded in the Club records.

Best & Fairest

The winner of this award will be the player who polls the greatest total number of votes over the course of the home-and-away season (excluding finals).

Should a tied vote result, the winner shall be the player who scored the highest number of "3" votes.

Should players still be tied after this count-back, the winner shall be the player with the highest number of "2" votes.

If a tie still results, the Coach will be asked to make a judgement call to decide the winner.

Best and Fairest Runners-Up

This award shall be made to the player who came second in the count, with a count-back / judgement call from the Coach in the event of a tie.

Coach's / Players Award

This award shall be made by the Coach for any reason. The Coach may choose to name the award ("Most Improved", Most Determined", etc) if desired.

Should a Junior Coach have decided that players votes shall be counted towards this trophy, the trophy shall be called the "Players" Award" and be determined in a similar manner to the Best and Fairest winner.

If there is still a tie after any count-back, the Coach shall adjudicate on the winner.

The winner of this award cannot also have won the Best and Fairest or Runners-Up award.

(b) Seniors and Masters Competition

Best and Fairest

The winner of this award will be the player who polls the greatest total number of votes over the course of the home-and-away season (excluding finals).

At the conclusion of a game the Team Manager will request 3-2-1 votes from a match umpire.

Should a tied vote result, the winner shall be the player who scored the highest number of "3" votes.

Should players still be tied after this count-back, the winner shall be the player with the highest number of "2" votes.

If a tie still results, the Coach will be asked to make a judgement call to decide the winner.

The winner of this award will be presented with a trophy.

Best and Fairest Runners- Up

This award shall be made to the player who came second in the count, with a count-back / judgement call from the Coach in the event of a tie.

The winner of this award will be presented with a trophy.

Third place / Coach's Award

For Senior Teams – excluding Masters - this award shall be made to the player who came third in the count, with a count-back / judgement call from the Coach in the event of a tie. The winner of this award will be presented with a trophy.

For Master's Teams a Coach's Award may be made in lieu of a third place third award.

This decision shall be made by consultation between the teams Captain, Team Manager and Coach.

In the event of a third place trophy being awarded, it shall be made to the player who came third in the count, with a count-back / judgement call from the Coach in the event of a tie.

The winner of the award as determined will be presented with a trophy.

3. Governance and Administration

(a) Checking of Votes prior to awarding trophies and awards

Prior to the awarding of any Trophies or Awards all votes are to be checked and audited against the recorded statistics maintained throughout the season.

The checking of the votes and accuracy of recording is to be completed by the Club Statistician and a minimum of three Board Members.

(b) Trophies awarded in error

In the event that errors are discovered in the recorded or tallied votes after trophies have been awarded, new trophies will be presented to the correct recipients as soon as practicable and Club records amended accordingly. Those persons who may have received trophies in error not be compelled to return them.

(c) Nominations and process

The Club Secretary will call for nominations for:

- (a) The Best Club Person Award,
- (b) Senior Leadership Awards, and
- (c) The Shane Bailey Memorial Perpetual Trophy for the Most Determined Player

as detailed for consideration and determination.

All nominations are to be directed to the Club Secretary (or as otherwise directed by the Board) and are to include the person nominated, the award for which nominated, the nominee and the reason for the nomination.

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