

Awards Policy

1. Player awards are presented to players in each team from Under 10 age groups and older.
2. The coach of each allocated team determines award recipients.
3. Player awards are allocated on merit alone. The same player may receive awards in multiple age groups.
4. There are 3 player awards per team. The criteria for each player award are listed below:
 - a. **Team Spirit Award:** A player that pitches in to help others for the betterment of the team, has grace under pressure, treats team mates with respect and has spirit that lifts the team around them. The Team Spirit Award reflects a player that embodies the essence of what it is to be a HHBC player.
 - b. **Most Improved Award:** A player who puts forth great effort to the improvement of their game. A player that accepts constructive feedback, stays pursuant in their goal of being a better player and to the best of their abilities contributes to their team. Improvement is judged from within the one basketball season.
 - c. **Most Valuable Player Award:** A player that demonstrates a high level of personal achievement, as well as team leadership. It is an athlete who gives 100% effort, has a positive attitude, grace under pressure and is a team player.
5. U8 coaches do not present players awards. Instead, they present certificates with a few personalized words celebrating each player's achievements through the season. U8s level coordinator organises the certificates in collaboration with the U8s coaches. The certificate template is located in the committee digital shared drive in the Level Coordinator folder.
6. Junior coaches are recognised for their service to the club by being presented a **Junior Coaches Award**. To be eligible for a **Junior Coaches Award**, the recipient must have made significant contributions to the team's development throughout the season. They must also be under the age of 18 on commencement of their coaching season. Level coordinators nominate **Junior Coaches Award** recipients.
7. The committee may nominate a recipient of the perpetual **Jo Suzuki Award**. The **Jo Suzuki Award** commemorates a much loved, long serving member of the committee. Jo Suzuki was widely respected for her tireless contributions to the club. Her service demonstrated a commitment to excellent community service. Any recipient must have demonstrated excellent and prolonged service to the Hurstbridge Hurricanes Basketball Club.

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8. A digital record of each season's award recipients should be kept in the committee digital shared drive for historic purposes.

Review and Update:

This policy will be periodically reviewed and updated as necessary to ensure that it remains current and aligned with the needs and values of the club. Feedback from club members regarding the effectiveness of this policy is welcomed and encouraged.