



TEAM OF THE YEAR (TOTY) POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of presenting an award for the Team of the Year (TOTY) is to recognise the players within the Premier League competition who performed the best, demonstrated good sportsmanship and who made the most impact during the season. The players who were deemed consistently best on court during the current season are recognised.

Process

The Darwin Netball Association (DNA) Administration Officer is the coordinator for this process.

The opening and closing dates for nominations will be coordinated by the DNA Administration Officer. The closing date will be determined by the Senior Presentation event and the organising of the trophy production.

The TOTY is made up of nominations from the umpires and coaches associated with the Premier League competition. Each coach and the Umpires Committee provide their nomination for who they consider to be the best person for each position on the court.

All lists are provided to the DNA Administration Officer and are tallied. The person who gets the most votes for each position is named in that position. If a person gets the same amount of votes for more than one position, it is then taken to the Management Team for discussion and finalisation. The final makeup of the TOTY is confirmed by the Management Team

Eligibility

Players are eligible for nomination if:

- Registered with DNA.
- Played a minimum of 10 competition games in the current Premier League season.
- Not been subject to a disciplinary finding resulting in a suspension from play or other sanction.

Nominations

- Submitted team lists of players are nominated by Premier League Coaches.
- One team nomination is submitted from the Premier League umpires via the Umpire Subcommittee.
- Nominations will be starting line-up of seven players in positions: GS, GA, WA, C, WD, GD, GK.
- Nominations for a bench of three players in the court areas of circle defence (GK/GD), centre court areas (WD, C, WA), shooting areas (GA/GS).
- Nominations need to clearly define the bench areas as circle defence, centre court, shooting circle
- Bench nominations can only have one made from each area



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Tally of Votes

Votes are collated in positions as per the nominations submitted.

- Players with the most votes in that position on court are named in that position.
- Players can only be named in one position on court.
- In the event there is a tie for a position the player with the most votes in the position on court combined with additional votes in the same court area will be named in that position. If the votes are still tied then the bench court area positions can be used as a tie break
- The Best and Fairest ranking can only be used to determine the position on court if all avenues outlined in dot point above are exhausted.
- A player who polls well in two positions on court can only have votes count toward a position provided it is within the same court area and a tie break is needed.
 - GS/GA votes cannot count towards a GK/GD position
 - GK/GD votes cannot count towards a GS/GA position
 - WD/C/WA votes cannot count towards GS/GA or GD/GK positions

Examples for clarification:

- *A player who polls 3 GS votes and 2 GA votes and another player polls 3 GS votes. The player that polls the 3 GS votes and 2 GA votes is named in the GS position.*
- *A player who polls 2 GS vote, 2 GK votes and 1 defending bench vote and another player polls 2 GK votes and 2 defending bench votes. The player with 2 GK votes and 2 defending bench votes is named in the GK position.*

Allocation of the Award

The Team of the Year is announced and presented at the DNA Senior Presentation evening. The winners are announced and an appropriate token is presented to the successful recipients.

Confidentiality

If a member of the DNA Management Team is nominated then that nominee is not to be included in any viewing, emailing, tallies or discussions concerning the nominations.

The Administration Officer is to liaise with the President to advise of any nominations for Management Team members.

All nominees are to be kept confidential at all times before, during and after the process has been finalised.