



AWARDS POLICY

VERSION 1

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a transparent, fair and consistent framework for the nomination, assessment and presentation of awards within the UC Stars Hockey Club (the Club)

This policy aims to:

- Provide a pathway to recognise outstanding achievement, service and contribution to the Club
- Encourage excellence, sportsmanship and club spirit
- Ensure awards are administered in a consistent and equitable manner
- Align recognition with the values and objectives of the Club.

This policy aims to ensure all awards that are administered by the Club are:

- Fair and impartial
- Transparent and consistent
- Based on clearly defined criteria
- Free from discrimination or bias

2. Eligibility

All awards are subject to eligibility criteria. Unless otherwise specified, to be eligible to receive an award, players must:

- be current registered members of UC Stars Hockey Club.
- adhere to the clubs Code of Conduct.
- Nominees must be in good standing with the Club.

The Committee may determine a player who is deemed to be unfinancial or who is subject to disciplinary action by the club, Hockey ACT or Hockey Australia as ineligible to receive an award.

Members who are currently sitting on the board, are not eligible to receive awards voted on by the Board.

3. Conflict of interest

To ensure the awards process is fair and transparent, anyone involved in deciding awards must declare any conflict of interest.

A conflict of interest may occur if a person involved in the decision:

- Is the nominee or the person who made the nomination
- Is a family member, close friend, or partner of a nominee
- Has any other relationship or interest that could reasonably affect their impartiality

If a conflict of interest exists, it must be declared as soon as it is known. The declaration should be formally documented using the appropriate process.

The Board will determine how conflicts of interest are managed. Where a conflict has been declared. At minimum the conflicted person/s must not take part in discussion or voting on that nomination, and must step away while it is being considered.

If needed, the Board may appoint another suitable person to assist with the decision to make quorum.

4. Award Categories

The Club will formally sponsor, facilitate and present awards that provide for significant achievements and acknowledgement throughout each season. These are awarded at Presentation night following the conclusion of the outdoor season.

There are three categories of awards that are sponsored by the club:

5. Team awards – recognising players within each registered team
6. Club awards – recognising effort, improvement or sportsmanship
7. Special awards – recognising sustained and significant service
8. Milestone awards – recognising longevity and commitment

Any award(s) in addition to those outlined in this policy are to be presented at the discretion of the team's coach/manager, and is not funded either initially or ongoing by the Club.

5. Longevity & Milestone awards

Milestone and Longevity Awards are designed to recognise sustained participation and commitment to the UC Stars Hockey Club by players and umpires. These awards are based on recorded participation and do not require nomination.

Player Longevity Awards

Player Longevity awards acknowledge a player's ongoing commitment and contribution to the Club across all seasons. These are presented to players who reach significant game milestones across all seasons played with the Club.

Games counted toward longevity include all official matches played for the Club, across all competitions and seasons.

Awards are granted once a player has played more than 100 games for the Club. After the initial 100 game milestone, recognition is awarded in increments of 50 games (e.g. 150, 200, 250, 300 games etc.)

Players receive a token at presentation night for each milestone.

Umpire Milestone Awards

Umpire Milestone awards are presented to umpires in recognition of their contribution to fulfilling Club umpiring commitments during a single season. These awards recognise the important role umpires play in supporting the Club and the wider competition.

Awards are granted to umpires who complete 10 or more Club umpiring commitments within one season. Additional milestones are recognised in increments of 5 commitments (e.g. 15, 20, 25 commitments).

Commitments included are recorded umpiring allocations, verified by the Umpiring Coordinator, Board or delegated official.

Players receive a token at presentation night for each milestone.

6. Reporting and review

The Board is responsible for maintaining a register of all award recipients.

Unless requested otherwise, a list of the award recipients will be uploaded to the Club's website following presentation night.

This policy will be reviewed and updated at minimum every 2 years. Any amendments to the policy identified in this review must be unanimously approved by the Board.

Appendix – Full list of awards

Team Awards	
Players player	
Summary:	This award is presented to the player who received the most votes for players player/best and fairest from their team mates throughout the season, deeming them the seasons players player.
Nominated by:	Team mates
Voted on by:	N/A
Item presented to recipient:	Medal
Specific criteria:	Most votes for players player/best and fairest throughout the season
Additional considerations:	N/A
Coaches award	
Summary:	This award is presented to one player in each team by the coach. The reason and criteria for this award is up to the discretion of the coach/manager of the team.
Nominated by:	Coach/Manager
Voted on by:	N/A
Item presented to recipient:	Medal
Specific criteria:	Up to the coach and managers discretion
Additional considerations:	N/A

Club Awards	
Shooting Star	
Summary:	This award is presented to the man and woman in the club who has scored the most goals during games throughout the outdoor season.
Nominated by:	N/A – determined by statistics.
Voted on by:	N/A
Item presented to recipient:	Medal
Specific criteria:	Most goals scored in the season
Additional considerations:	N/A
Iron Man & Iron Woman	
Summary:	This award is presented to the man and woman in the club who has played the highest number of games in the outdoor season.
Nominated by:	N/A - determined by statistics.
Voted on by:	N/A
Item presented to recipient:	Medal
Specific criteria:	Most games played in the competition that is the same as the players gender. (i.e. only games played in the womens competition count for the Iron Woman award.
Additional considerations:	N/A
Most improved of the year	
Summary:	This award is presented to a man and woman in the club who showed significant improvements throughout the season.
Nominated by:	Coaches, managers and board members
Voted on by:	Board members
Item presented to recipient:	Trophy
Specific criteria:	None
Additional considerations:	Training attendance, willingness to learn, actively seeking feedback.

Rookie of the Year	
Summary:	A player who is deemed to have fully immersed themselves in the club in their first year.
Nominated by:	Coaches, managers and board members
Voted on by:	Board members
Item presented to recipient:	Trophy
Specific criteria:	Must be the players first year with the Club.
Additional considerations:	Training attendance, social events attendance, willingness to assist the club, etc.
Goalkeeper of the year	
Summary:	This award is presented to a goalkeeper in the mens and womens competition who stood out throughout the season.
Nominated by:	Coaches, managers and board members
Voted on by:	Board members
Item presented to recipient:	Trophy
Specific criteria:	Must be a goalkeeper
Additional considerations:	Training attendance, social events attendance, willingness to assist the club, etc.
Umpire of the year	
Summary:	A member of the club who showed willingness and dedication to the club and sport through completing umpiring commitments
Nominated by:	Coaches, managers and board members
Voted on by:	Board members
Item presented to recipient:	Trophy
Specific criteria:	Must have completed club commitments to be eligible.
Additional considerations:	Stepping in last minute, filling additional spots, mentoring young/developing umpires, etc.

Coach of the year	
Summary:	This award is presented to a stand out coach of a mens and womens team.
Nominated by:	Coaches, managers and board members
Voted on by:	Board members
Item presented to recipient:	Trophy
Specific criteria:	None
Additional considerations:	Engagement in grading and team selection, running trainings, social events attendance, willingness to assist the club, etc.
Presidents Cup	
Summary:	This award is presented to a stand out player in the mens and womens teams during the finals series.
Nominated by:	President & Vice President
Voted on by:	President & Vice President
Item presented to recipient:	Trophy
Specific criteria:	Must play in the finals series
Additional considerations:	Only performance during finals series is considered.

Special Awards	
Club Person of the Year	
Summary:	Someone who has given great service and made significant contributions to the club.
Nominated by:	Club members
Voted on by:	Board members
Item presented to recipient:	Personalised trophy and perpetual trophy for the year.
Specific criteria:	Nil
Additional considerations:	Recipient must have given great service, made significant contributions, and/or embodied club spirit throughout the season. This can be on or off the field.
Club Legend	
Summary:	The Club Legend Award recognises an individual who has given consistent and significant service to the Club.
Nominated by:	Board Members
Voted on by:	Board Members
Item presented to recipient:	Club legend hat
Specific criteria:	Per the constitution
Life Member	
Summary:	Life Membership is bestowed upon an individual who has given consistent and exceptional service to the Club.
Nominated by:	Club members
Voted on by:	Board members, with input/feedback provided by the existing life members
Item presented to recipient:	[to insert]
Specific criteria:	Per the constitution

It is important to note that meeting these criteria does not automatically qualify an individual for Life Membership. Not every individual who meets these criteria will necessarily be awarded Life Membership.