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# *ActewAGL* JUNIOR CLUB OF THE YEAR

CLUB OF THE YEAR CRITERIA 2026



## Introduction

This document is produced as a guide for the annual selection of the ActewAGL Cup Junior Club of the year for AFL Canberra Junior clubs. This award is targeted at off and on field performance.

The ActewAGL Junior Club of the Year (Formally the Prime Ministers Cup) was introduced in 1983 and is historically one of the most sought after awards within AFL Canberra club community. After a review of the old criteria, it was deemed outdated so the Competition Management Team within AFL Canberra have updated and revived the criteria for 2026 and beyond.

Clubs can use this guide to steer their operations towards achievement of club of the year. AFL Canberra use the guide as a “marking” template for the selection of the club of the year.

Clubs may elect to be a part of the club of the year award consideration. AFL Canberra may also elect to put a club up for nomination based upon observation.

The intent of the guide is to provide the junior clubs with a positive and achievable measurement to improve their on and off field experience for their stakeholders and to then be crowned the best junior club of the year in the AFL Canberra Junior League.

## Criteria

The below table provides the criteria, with all weighting items worth points towards the eventual winner of the award. At the time of submitting your nomination and criteria, clubs will self score against each criteria.

These are then tallied for a club total score. These are then ranked and the club with the highest score is awarded the Club of The Year award. If there is a tie, the AFL may revisit and draw on subjective assessment to arrive at the winner and or announce joint winners.

The weighting items within the criteria will be reviewed yearly by AFL Canberra Management as to ensure current measurables are still applicable and achievable every year as well as add an item/s as the clubs evolve.

<b>Club:</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Example</b>	<b>NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED Under 8s to Under 17s Boys and Girls Teams</b>	<b>10 POINTS PER TEAM</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>FOOTBALL</b>				
1	# OF TEAMS ENTERED Under 8s to Under 17s Boys and Girls Teams	<b>10pts Per Team</b>		
2	# OF LEAGUE MEETINGS & EVENTS ATTENDED i.e. League Roadshow and meetings (online or in person)	<b>5pts Per Event or Meeting</b>		
<b>PARTICIPATION</b>				
3	% INCREASE OF AUSKICK/SUPERKICK PARTICIPANTS PER YEAR	<b>10pts Per % (Max 100pts)</b>		
4	SUPPORT OF AFL PROGRAMS Youth Nines Gala Day / Community Camps / Giants Club March / Paul Kelly Cup / Auskick Coordinator Education.	<b>10pts Per Activity</b>		
<b>UMPIRES</b>				
6	NUMBER OF REGISTERED UMPIRES CONNECTED TO YOUR CLUB	<b>5pts Per Umpire</b>		
7	CLUB SUPPORT OF COME & TRY DAYS	<b>10pts Per Event</b>		
<b>CLUB GOVERNANCE</b>				
8	WWVP or WWCC REGISTER	<b>30pts</b>		
9	# OF VOLUNTEERS REGISTERED ON THE CLUB PLAYHQ	<b>5pt Per Volunteer</b>		
10	ALL FEES PAID BY 30 <sup>th</sup> SEPT. Affiliation, Umpires etc. *Club still eligible if arrangements have been made with the league.	<b>10pts</b>		



## Process

Clubs will receive the nomination and voting email Week 1 of the Junior Finals with submissions to be in to the League within 5 business days for confirmation.

League Management, Club Development, Participation & Programs and the Umpires will then meet to grade the nominations.

After confirming the club weighting and any issues with the tally resolved with affected clubs, the highest scored club will be announced the winner.

For the Presentation, the Top 3 clubs will be invited to the Junior Presentation with the Winner announced on the night.

## Winner

The Club that wins the Junior Club of the Year will receive the Perpetual Trophy to hold for 12 months as well as \$1,000.00 worth of equipment, footballs or apparel.



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