

Proposed Ricky Wise Trophy Selection Criteria - 23 Jan 2016

AIM: to clarify the selection criteria to be used when awarding the Ricky Wise Trophy once separate trophies for performance are introduced.

Selection Panel

The selection panel will consist of the following people:

- Junior Team Manager and Club Captain (jointly responsible for building up a picture of those who have contributed to junior teams and other club teams)
- Junior Squad Organiser (responsible for seeking nominations from the other junior squad coaches and building up a picture of those who have participated in and helped with junior squad activities)
- Club Chairman (responsible for seeking nominations from other club officials and building up a picture of those who have contributed to broader club activities)

The panel will prepare a citation sheet explaining why they wish to recognise the particular junior's contribution - this will be read out at the AGM when the award is presented and a copy of it passes to the junior

Selection Criteria

The aim is that the trophy should be awarded to the junior (MW20-) who the panel feel has made the biggest overall contribution to the club. This may take into account cumulative contribution over a number of years if the panel wish.

The criteria to be considered are as follows. No individual criteria are intended to be prerequisites for the award (for example, a junior who was long term injured and not able to be part of club teams should not be excluded if they made outstanding contributions in other areas) and no set of criteria are intended to take precedence over others. The panel should seek to take an overall view.

1) Participation in and contribution to junior squad activities

Examples may include:

- Participation in coaching sessions
- Helping at coaching sessions
- Helping with other junior squad activities (e.g. newsletter, website, planning meetings, etc)

[Logic behind this selection criterion: since the formation of the junior squad, there is an expectation of participation. Even if a junior was long term injured and not able to participate in coaching or being coached there would still be opportunities for them to help out with newsletter, website, etc]

2) Participation in and contribution to junior teams and other club teams

Examples may include:

- Participation in Yvette Baker Trophy
- Participation in Peter Palmer Relays
- Participation in Compass Sport Club
- Participation in relay teams at any major events at which they were present
- Being happy to run up/down a course for the good of the team
- Being happy to run legs in non-competitive teams to allow younger juniors the chance to participate (e.g. night legs for additional PPR teams)

[Logic behind this selection criterion: participation in YBT, PPR, CSC is generally available to all eligible juniors because transport is arranged by the club if required. If juniors are taken to major events by their families then it is important for them to contribute to teams as well as run individually, but this is not generally available to all. Contributions that show good 'team spirit', such as running up/down/as part of a non-competitive team to help younger juniors, should be considered just as important here as contributions to winning team performances.]

3) Contribution to broader club activities

Examples may include:

- Planning or organising events
- Mapping
- Helping 'on the day' event activities (SI, map sales, control collection...)
- Providing first aid cover
- Writing for Southdowner or for the website
- Looking after elements of the website or other IT roles
- Running or helping at outreach activities such as fun days and school events

[Logic behind this selection criterion: This is always going to be a judgement call on the part of the panel as there are many of these activities that are available to any junior to help with whilst others have restrictions imposed by age or qualifications or parental ability to help. Some are 'little and often' activities, others are 'a big single effort'. The panel is free to reward either cumulative work over many years or more immediate impact in a similar way to what is done for the SOOTY award]