

NORTH BALLARAT FOOTBALL CLUB INC
POLICY DOCUMENT
GAMES RECOGNITION

1. Recognition

The Club has a strong sense of history. This is in part, reflected in the memorabilia in the possession of the Club, much of it on display. The Club has, for many years, been diligent in the compilation of club records including coach and player milestones. Much of this has been recorded in the Club's written history.

Importantly, the Club should honour coaches and players who have achieved milestones in terms of games coached and played. With the evolving structure of our Club, participating in competitions including Under Age Junior Competition in the Ballarat Football League; Talented Player Under Age Competition TAC Cup; Major Country League Open Age Competition – Ballarat Football League, and Open Age State Competition (VFL). The Club has developed a policy so as to ensure that there is a clear policy in respect of recording and celebration of milestone games.

2. Open Age Games Recognition

2.1 All senior games and reserves games are counted and aggregated in computing the total number of games played by a senior footballer (and in the case of senior coaches, games coached).

2.2 In recognising total games played, North Ballarat Football Club Inc shall recognise and compute games played

- In the Victorian Football League
- In the Ballarat Football League pre-1996 as North Ballarat Football Club
- In the Bendigo League 2006/2007 as North Ballarat Junior Football Club trading as North City
- In the Ballarat Football League as North Ballarat Junior Football Club trading as North City, from 2008 onwards

2.3 100 Games Players and/or coaches shall receive Club (North Football Club Inc) recognition upon playing 100 games. Games counted shall be games played (or coached) in one or more of the following competitions and/or for the North Ballarat Football Club or North Ballarat Junior Football Club (North City)

- Ballarat Football League pre-1996
- Victorian Football League 1996 onwards
- Bendigo Football League 2006/2007
- Ballarat Football League 2008 onwards

Recognition shall be in the following manner:

- Presentation of a 100 game Club medallion. The reverse of the medallion shall record the competition (or competitions) in which the games have been achieved.
- Presentation of the Club medallion shall be made by the Chairman (or his nominee) of the North Ballarat Football Club, recognising that it is a Club award as distinct from an individual competition award.
- A permanent acknowledgment of the achievement shall be recorded on the player or coaches numbered locker in the Club's home rooms. Upon achieving 100 games, the locker shall be suitably inscribed and, where relevant, signify that the player is still playing. Upon completion of his career the total number of games played shall be permanently inscribed.
- The locker inscription will summarise against the player's record the number of games played, where relevant in the various competitions listed above. A suitable insignia shall depict the competition(s) in which the player has achieved his games.

2.4 Players eligible for recognition shall include players registered with the North Ballarat Football Club, North Ballarat Junior Football Club, or AFL listed or AFL rookie players of an AFL Club aligned with North Ballarat Football Club in the Victorian Football League.

2.5 50 Games. Consistent with the policies set out above, recognition shall be presentation of a club certificate.

2.6 For other significant milestones e.g. 150. 200 etc. The Club may determine an appropriate manner of recognition and celebration.

2.7 The above policies shall apply to both players and coaches of open age teams.

3. Club games record holder

3.1 Consistent with the above policy, the player (or players) that have accumulated the most games for the Club participating in any one or more of the senior competitions listed in paragraph 2.2 above shall be recognised as the Club Games Record Holder and shall have their locker inscribed as such.

4. Whole of Club games

4.1 The Club shall record games played with the North Ballarat Junior Football Club (Under age), North Ballarat Rebels, North City, and North Ballarat Roosters and then aggregate the total games played ("aggregated whole of club games").

4.2 Aggregated whole of Club games shall be recognised at milestone levels commencing with 100 games and thereafter multiples of 50. Recognition shall vary considering the milestone reached and might, where appropriate, include publicity in Club newsletter, annual report, and, if able to be secured, the media.

4.3 Aggregated whole of Club game records will not be recorded in permanent display such as an honour board. The reason for this is that accurate record keeping for under age games is a relatively recent development. In earlier years when accurate records were not kept, many players would have played significant numbers of junior games and thus aggregated whole of Club games. It would not therefore be appropriate to record on an honour board some players whilst ignoring players of an earlier era.

5. Under age game policy

5.1 North Junior Football Club shall count junior games played and will, in accordance with their policy, recognise milestone junior games played by the presentation of certificates or medals at 50,100, 150 and 200 games.

5.2 In computing junior games played, North Ballarat Junior Football Club will count North Ballarat Rebels games played by North Ballarat Junior players.

5.3 North Ballarat Rebels players will be recognised by the presentation of a certificate for players who reach milestone games playing for the North Ballarat Rebels of 50 games or greater.

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