

THE KEN ROSE YOUTH AWARD

When first presented for the 2006-2007 season this award was called the Panthers Premier Member Youth Award. In 2014 Panther's Management Committee determined the award be re-named the Ken Rose Youth Award while still retaining the original criteria for selection. This guide was adapted from an earlier draft guideline dated 31/03/07.

Trophy

A modest trophy of variable design according to availability and current style, representing basketball in general rather than playing figure(s)

The attached plate includes the name of the award, the season of presentation and the winner's own name. In the case of joint winners each awardee receives an identical trophy marked with their name alone.

In 2014-2015 a perpetual trophy was introduced for the award.

Criteria

Panthers' members to 21 years of age will be eligible for the Award.

To be eligible:

1. Awardees will have displayed a high level of sportsmanship and respect towards players, coaches and people generally in their manner and actions, consistent with Panthers Codes.
2. In addition awardees will have fulfilled one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) Exhibited an outstanding level of fair play, sportsmanship and leadership to an extent inspirational or motivational to others
 - (b) Served the Club through high quality performance as team coach or assistant coach,
 - (c) Served the Club through regular and effective refereeing in Association competition,
 - (d) Served the Club through regular duty as a Committee person or other Club position

Playing skills are not a criterion for consideration.

Differentiation

The objective is to reward the best candidate. However in the case of equivalent performances, as many as 3 awards may be presented in any year. This limit is recommended to highlight a level of distinction for awardees.

It is not obligatory that both, or either, gender be represented in any year. Should there be occasions when no party fits the criteria then no award should be made.

Procedure

Up to the awards of 2013-14 the selections were made by Ken Rose, given his high level of oversight during regular attendance at games nights and corroboratory appearances at other Club functions.

Alternatively the Committee shall appoint a Judge, or small panel of Judges, who provides a regular presence across playing fixtures, and similarly team training, to oversee potential nominees. As well as identifying worthy nominees the Judge(s) will choose the winning awardee(s).

All nominees who meet the criteria to a substantial extent will be announced as contenders for the award at the Club's Award Presentation, with the winner(s) selected by the Judges announced subsequently and presented with their trophy(ies).

Coaches, team managers, and other Club officials may nominate people they consider worthy of listing. Such nominations should be given to the Judge(s) by the first playing date after the Christmas break, with a succinct report of the nominees attributes.

Background

An award such as this was first suggested as early as probably 2000. Suzanne Rose suggested it as an option for encouraging good conduct amongst young members while addressing Panthers Management Committee on Grievance issues and Codes of Conduct. Relevant policies and codes were written soon afterwards but the trophy suggestion wasn't realised until 2006-07.

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Ken Rose first became involved with Panthers Basketball Club during the 1996-97 season when his son Tom started playing as a 9 year old. Ken was an ardent supporter of Panthers from the outset, inspired by the work of founding members Stewart Winfield and Joan Berendsen, and Tom's first coach Rob Coombes.

He became the inaugural Secretary upon incorporation in 1999, a post he held for the subsequent 6 years. Ken has been involved in the management committee ever since in various capacities, including another stint as Secretary in 2011/12 and representing Panthers on the HRBA committee. Ken has been largely responsible for implementing many of the Panthers codes of conduct, guidelines and Constitution during and since our Incorporation.

Ken has also been an active member and Club representative for Panthers within the HRBA for much of this time and has been responsible for implementing and coordinating a number of key initiatives such as the Level 0 and Level 1 coaching courses and police clearance checks on behalf of the HRBA.

Ken has always epitomised the Panthers values of sportsmanship, a sense of fair play and respect for all participants irrespective of their abilities. He has set a fine example for our club and been instrumental in creating our family club culture.

It is doubtful that there is a junior player past or present whom would not recognise Ken's face, such has been his dedication to the Panthers Basketball Club since its infancy. Many years after Ken first joined Panthers he is still a regular visitor on game nights patrolling the courts and keeping a keen eye on our Panthers teams.

Ken was responsible for implementing this award 2006-2007 and has been the driving force behind this award since its inception. In 2014 the management committee voted unanimously to rename this award to the “Ken Rose Youth Award” and strike a perpetual trophy as a way of recognising Ken’s contribution and dedication to the values of the Panthers Basketball Club and his commitment to our members.

(Compiled 21st July 2014 by Phil Preston)