

PIONEER BASKETBALL CLUB SENIOR AWARDS



PRIZEGIVING 2026

Due to a poor uptake from senior club members in past years the club has made the very difficult decision to modify the prizegiving offering for the senior club.

The Plan:

U13-U17 + Panthers teams + Pioneer CBA Referees

Are invited to attend the club prizegiving. This event will include a short awards ceremony, kai and free time on the basketball courts.

This event will be open to players and their whānau and we encourage everyone to wear their sports gear so they can get stuck in!

The 20U and older teams

We would like to offer the above mentioned prizegiving to be a full club event, however for this to happen we need to have at least 4 people from a team to be able to attend Prizegiving.

If your team would like to attend, you need to confirm to Alice at least 2 weeks before Prizegiving that you will have enough to attend.

All Senior club teams will be offered awards, regardless of if they will be there or not.

SPECIAL CLUB AWARDS

Every member of our club is invited to nominate anyone for any of the below special awards.

- Junior Grade Coach of the year (U17 and below, And Panthers)
- Senior Grade Coach of the year (U20 and above)
- Manager of the year
- Craig Robinson Memorial Trophy (Individual or whānau who are exceptional volunteers)
- Referee awards

To nominate someone for any of these awards please email Alice - clubmanager@pioneer.nz.basketball



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TEAM AWARDS

Coaches (or managers for Div 1 and MW teams) are asked to award individuals in their team for their mahi this season.

U13–U17, + Panthers coaches can select 2 of the following awards for their team

U20 and above Can select 1 of the following awards for their team.

Sometimes coaches may choose to get player input (or parental input). This is a great idea, but please make sure this is done in a private manner e.g. voting slips into a hat.

The following descriptions are intended as a start point for coaches to decide – there may be other factors that lead to your decision and your recipients may not fit the description fully.

If you do not see an award that suits your needs please email Alice with a suggestion and details for it so we can consider it.

Award nominations are DUE BY THE 1st of August

CLUB VALUES

Please remember when selecting your awards that the club Values are:

Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, Pono, Hiranga.

(Connections/relationships/shared experiences, Respect, Integrity and Excellence)

MVP (Most Valuable Player)

A team's MVP is someone who is integral to a team both on and off the court. They consistently and positively impact the game and the coach can rely on them to get a job done. They are often missed when they are not on the court or absent from a game.

MVP's know and understand their role in the team and then go out and execute the team plan. They are committed to the team and put in maximum effort at games and also at training. They are not always the highest scorers on the court – they can be players who create scoring opportunities. Lead the team defensively or are the vocal leader on and off the court, and understand the responsibility of doing so.

MVP's respect others in their team, the opposition, referees and other officials. They hold the team accountable for results, sportsmanship, hustle and the Pioneer Code of Conduct.

MIP (Most Improved Player)

A team's MIP is a player that has shown the most progress over the course of the season. This player has improved their individual skills on and off the court and this has had a positive impact on the team. They are often very hard working and willing to put in the extra effort to improve their game.

An MIP could be someone who maximises the time they get on court, they welcome every opportunity on the court as a chance to do better than the time before. It does not have to be a whole game improvement to be the MIP, it could be a small part of a player's game that they really focused on over the season. Their progress throughout the season will be visible during games and training by the coach and teammates.

Players player

The Players' Player Award is a special honour given within a team. Usually voted on by the players themselves to recognise the teammate who best embodies the spirit of the team. It's not necessarily about being the most skilled or scoring the most points, but about being the ultimate team player.

The recipient is often someone who shows respect, encourages others, and leads by example. It celebrates someone who consistently puts the team ahead of themselves. They lift team morale, inspire effort, and contribute to a strong, supportive culture.

Defensive Player of the Year

The Defensive Player of the Year Award honours the athlete who has made the most significant impact through their defensive efforts over the season. This award celebrates grit, discipline, and game-changing defensive play.

It could be the player who consistently shuts down opponents, makes crucial steals or blocks shots, someone whose defensive actions directly influence the outcome of games, turning momentum, protecting leads, or preventing scoring opportunities.

Defense is often the unsung hero of basketball. This award shines a spotlight on the quiet warriors, those who may not score the winning goal but it's a celebration of discipline, teamwork, and selflessness.

The Huddle Honour (leadership)

This award recognises a member of the team who has led with courage, compassion, and conviction. Through their actions, they have inspired others, strengthened our club's spirit, and upheld the values we stand for. Their leadership has been a beacon, guiding us forward with mana and heart.

The recipient helps shape the team's goals and culture, they support others to grow, take initiative, and believe in themselves. They lead with fairness, humility, and a strong moral compass.

They remain composed and encouraging through challenges and change and lead by example. Their leadership benefits the whole club - players, coaches, whānau, and community.