

ELTHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

PLAYER MILESTONE POLICY



Eltham Junior Football Club (EJFC) recognises and acknowledges the achievement of individual players in reaching milestones for aggregate games played over a person's junior football career, as follows:

- 50 games
- 100 games
- 150 games (extremely rare)

EJFC will provide a commemorative plaque to a player for each of these games, recognising the milestone attained. Typically, the plaque will be presented by the player's coach, in the changerooms immediately after the milestone game. Additionally, the player (or the player's family) may choose to arrange (at their own expense and coordination) a banner for the player and teammates to run through onto the ground before the game.

The milestone is celebrated and recognised on the day it actually occurs (not before). The player (or player's family) and relevant coach will be notified in advance by the EJFC Records Officer (via the Team Manager) of the upcoming milestone game.

The milestone will be deemed to be reached when the official records managed by the EJFC Records Officer indicate the player has reached the milestone (not when the NFL records indicate).

Over a player's junior career, game statistics can vary between EJFC's records and those reported on the Northern Football League website, due to the reliance upon manual entry by both parties. For the purpose of recognising player milestones, EJFC's records will always be regarded by EJFC as the authoritative record.

If a player has transferred to EJFC from another club, the EJFC Records Officer will rely upon the committee representative from the club the player has come from (the former club), to advise the aggregate number of games played by the player to that point in time. If a player (or player's family) dispute the number of games advised by the former club, then it is up to the player (or the player's family) to resolve that dispute with the former club. EJFC will only accept the games tally officially notified by the former club.

A player may choose to *defer* the celebration and recognition of their milestone until the next home game, if permitted by the player's coach. The player may not however bring forward the celebration and recognition of the milestone to *before* it is actually due, unless the milestone is due to occur in finals and the coach has determined they would prefer the celebration and recognition to occur in the last home-and-away game. This may only be approved at the coach's discretion, and the EJFC Records Officer cannot guarantee having the commemorative plaque ready in time to present to the player after the game, if it is being celebrated before the milestone is actually due. (In these circumstances, the plaque will be provided subsequently.)

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