

## John Slavin Award 2017 BAFANL Season

BAFRA awards the John Slavin Trophy in odd-numbered years to the team with the best game day management. This includes prompt provision of properly attired and effective chain crew and ball boys, spectator facilities such as covered seats, a scoreboard and a referee's microphone and a game day manager available to the officiating crew from when they arrive. The title is awarded to the team that has comes out best in an audit carried out by BAFRA members at each game. A perfect facility scores 0.

The award is named after John Slavin. John was a long-serving BAFRA official and sometime director of the Association who sadly died in October 2005. In his memory, BAFRA has dedicated an award made to a team that shows commitment to improving the game experience for players and fans, as well as officials.

The top-performing teams in the BAFANL Senior Season 2017 were as follows:

<b>Ipswich Cardinals</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>Overall winners and Division 2 winners</b>
Halton Spartans	14.6	
<b>Yorkshire Rams</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>Division 1 winners</b>
Manchester Titans	23.8	
<b>East Kilbride Pirates</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>Premier Division winners</b>
Kent Exiles	25.5	
Oxford Saints	26.6	
Sandwell Steelers	28.2	
Doncaster Mustangs	29.0	
Edinburgh Wolves	30.6	
Carlisle Sentinels	34.6	
Portsmouth Dreadnoughts	37.0	
South Wales Warriors	37.4	
Torbay Trojans	39.2	
Walney Terriers	40.5	
Newcastle Vikings	41.0	
Gateshead Senators	41.4	
Leicester Falcons	42.2	
Solent Thrashers	43.2	
Sussex Thunder	53.3	

The average for the Premier Division was 56.58, for Division One 49.06 and for Division Two 64.07. The overall average for BAFANL Senior teams was 58.27. All of these averages show an improvement from the last time this criteria was used in 2015 – it is good to see the continued overall improvement.

The top-performing teams in the BAFANL Junior Season 2017 were as follows:

<b>East Kilbride Pirates</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>Junior winners</b>
Kent Exiles	32.0	
Manchester Titans	36.0	
Birmingham Lions	42.3	
Nottingham Caesars	52.3	
Merseyside Nighthawks	54.2	
Chester Romans	54.5	
Leeds Academy Assassins	66.5	
Chorley Buccaneers	68.0	
Lincolnshire Bombers	73.7	

The overall average amongst all BAFANL Junior teams was 96.75. Although the scores of the top performing teams showed an improvement on 2015, the overall average is, disappointingly, some 20 points higher.