

John Slavin Award 2022 BAFANL Season

BAFRA gives the John Slavin Award in even-numbered years to the team with the best marked field. This includes correct field dimensions, correct line and other markings, correct size goal posts, correct positioning of pylons and the condition of the field surface. The title is awarded to the team that has come 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 2022 were as follows:

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| Wembley Stallions | 0.60 | Overall winners and Division 1 winners |
| Ipswich Cardinals | 2.00 | Division 2 winners |
| Northants Knights | 3.50 | |
| Cambridgeshire Cats | 5.80 | |
| Colchester Gladiators | 11.75 | |
| Essex Spartans | 12.20 | |
| Worcestershire Black Knights | 16.67 | |
| Lincolnshire Bombers | 17.25 | |
| South Lincs. Lightning | 18.33 | |
| Berkshire Renegades | 19.60 | |
| Hertfordshire Cheetahs | 19.80 | |
| Swindon Storm | 23.25 | |
| Clyde Valley Blackhawks | 24.33 | |
| Bristol Aztecs | 25.20 | Premier Division winners |
| DC Presidents | 25.50 | |
| Ouse Valley Eagles | 26.67 | |
| Birmingham Bulls | 27.00 | |
| Somerset Wyverns | 28.75 | |
| Bristol Apache | 31.00 = | |
| Darlington Steam | 31.00 = | |
| Scunthorpe Alphas | 31.00 = | |

The average for the Premier Division was 63.28, for Division One 58.81 and for Division Two 38.88. The overall average for BAFANL Senior teams was 56.27. Unfortunately, the Premier and Division One averages were both significantly worse than when the last time this criterion was used in 2018 (there was no award in 2020 because of Covid-19). However, a significant improvement in the Division Two average saw the overall average was only 2.67 points higher.

The top-performing teams in the BAFANL Junior Season 2022 were as follows:

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| Wembley Stallions | 0.67 | Junior winners |
| Hertfordshire Cheetahs | 22.00 | |
| Solent Seahawks | 39.00 | |
| London Blitz | 56.00 | |
| Edinburgh Napier Knights | 59.00 | |
| Tamworth Phoenix | 59.33 | |
| Manchester Titans | 65.00 | |
| Birmingham Lions Academy | 69.50 | |
| Nottingham Caesars | 74.50 | |
| Gateshead Senators | 80.00 | |

The overall average amongst all BAFANL Junior teams was 68.31 which is which is virtually unchanged on 2018.