

John Slavin Award 2023 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 persons, 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 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 2023 were as follows:

East Kilbride Pirates	19.2	Overall winners and Premier Division winners
Yorkshire Rams	30.7	Division 1 winners
Inverclyde Goliaths	32.5	
Norwich Devils	39.2	
Doncaster Mustangs	40.5	Division 2 winners
Bristol Aztecs	41.0	
Northumberland Vikings	42.0 =	
Hereford Stampede	42.0 =	
Torbay Trojans	42.7	
Sheffield Giants	44.2	
Scunthorpe Alphas	44.5	
Birmingham Bulls	45.0	
Manchester Titans	46.4	
South Wales Warriors	48.4	
East Kent Mavericks	49.7	

The average for the Premier Division was 63.98, for Division One 61.17 and for Division Two 69.34. The overall average for BAFANL Senior teams was 64.32. Regrettably, all of these are a deterioration on when this was last measured.

The top-performing teams in the BAFANL Junior Season 2019 were as follows:

East Kilbride Pirates	19.7	Junior winners
Tamworth Phoenix	33.0	
Manchester Titans	55.7	
Birmingham Lions Academy	62.7	
Ipswich Cardinals	64.5	
Chorley Buccaneers	66.7	
Edinburgh Napier Knights	67.7	

The overall average amongst all BAFANL Junior teams was 77.95, which was again a deterioration on when this was last measured.

This year, an award has also been inaugurated for the 9-a-side women's league. The top three performing teams were:

Leeds Chargers	48.0	NWFL winners
Edinburgh Wolves	49.5	
Birmingham Lions	53.0	

The overall average for this league was 67.78.