John Slavin Award 2024 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 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.

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The top-performing teams in the BAFANL Senior Season 2024 were as follows:

Norwich Devils	**0.75**	**Overall winners and Division 1 winners**
Wembley Stallions	2.25	
Colchester Gladiators	4.67	Division 2 winners
Bristol Apache	13.25	
Ipswich Cardinals	13.75	
Cambridgeshire Cats	16.00	Premier Division winners
Northants Knights	19.75	
Somerset Wyverns	25.00	
Scunthorpe Alphas	27.25	
Ouse Valley Eagles	30.75	
Berkshire Renegades	32.25	
Highland Stags	33.33	
Hertfordshire Cheetahs	35.40	
Inverclyde Goliaths	35.67	
Swindon Storm	40.25	

The average for the Premier Division was 82.93, for Division One 78.48 and for Division Two 64.29. The overall average for BAFANL Senior teams was 75.76. Unfortunately, all of these scores are significantly (between 20 and 30) worse than the last time this criterion was used in 2022.

The top-performing teams in the BAFANL Junior 9-a-side Season 2024 were as follows:

Ipswich Cardinals	**9.33**	**Junior winners**
Northants Knights	25.00	
Somerset Wyverns	28.00	
Solent Seahawks	50.00	
Birmingham Lions Academy	52.50	
Sandwell Steelers	53.00	
East Kilbride Pirates	65.33	
Manchester Titans	69.33	
Rushmoor Knights	75.00	

The overall average amongst all BAFANL Junior teams was 85.27 which is which is, again, significantly worse (17 points) than in 2022.

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

Birmingham Lions	**48.50**	**NWFL winners**
Solent Thrashers	68.00	
London Warriors	68.50	

The overall average for this league was 86.38.