

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

What is the BTB Rookie of the Year?

The Be The Ball Tour has been running since BTB1 way back in 2009. Over the years we have competed during the season in various internal and external competitions, with players and teams accumulating points depending on their participation and finishing positions within those contests.

These contests include: NRL Tipping, Horse Racing Tipping, Supercoach Fantasy competitions, major golf tournament tipping and various individual and team related punting contests. To cap it all off of course is our 2-day golf tournament each June Long Weekend – the Mum's Bum Cup.

The goal behind providing these contests over our 48-week season was to not simply have a golf tour at the end of the season, but to stay in touch regularly throughout the year. Men being men, we also like a little bit of competition and banter that comes with such pursuits. Most of our contests verging on the cerebral and lucky as opposed to out and out physical!

From that very first tour in BTB1 to Nelson Bay we have had first starters every season. Those lads that have joined the tour, only to find in their first season that the tour encompasses much more than simple drink and golf trip every June Long weekend.

Winning anything in your initial season of BTB is difficult. Some contests are halfway through already (NRL & AFL Tipping, NRL Supercoach and NRL Prophet Legend). You can join some of these once accepted into the tour, but the head starts are simply too large to seriously be in contention.

Some of the other comps have hard nosed veterans who love to compete. Everything is pleasant and in the end fun of course, but who doesn't like seeing their name up in lights?

No, the rookies are up against it initially and should be judged against other rookies every season. Some years there are one or two other rookies, other years a dozen. In the end though, all any team captain wants to see is who is made of the right stuff to help deliver them a premiership soon?

Potential, ability, tenacity. Only the very best rookies go on to become tour legends!



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2009 BTB1	#8 Bonecrusher Brad (N/A)
2010 BTB2	#24 Gearyous Stuff (N/A)
2011 BTB3	#34 The Shitty Dragon (N/A)
2012 BTB4	#42 Lonhro Leba (N/A)
2013 BTB5	#37 Fat Boy Paul (N/A)
2014 BTB6	#59 Big Bird Brian (269)
2015 BTB7	#63 Atomic Chookem (250)
2016 BTB8	#64 Hendomonium (225)
2017 BTB9	#68 Schubey Doo (169)
2018 BTB10	#71 Tango Tom (202)
2019 BTB11	#80 Taylor Made Dunk (216)
2020 BTB12	#82 General Buckleys (12)
2021 BTB13	#85 Ballroom Ben (281)
2022 BTB14	#89 Highwire Will (436)
2023 BTB15	#92 Frogman Grant (410)
2024 BTB16	#96 Bigwyn Neil (500)

**Rookie of the Year – from BTB6 onwards is in line with highest scoring MVP result for rookies that season. Early seasons on Pillar events.*