

Awards Policy

I. General:

Awards Committee:

The SCS Awards Committee is comprised of the following:

- The SCS Headmaster or College Deputy Head who acts as Chairperson
- One Board of Governors member nominated by the Board
- The SCS Sports Organizer
- A teacher representative for each of the following:
 - Academics
 - Sport
 - Culture
 - Environment
- One other teacher representative
- Two learner representatives made up as follows:
 - The Learner Executive Committee (LEXCO) chairperson and the Crux Leader who chairs the Learner Representative Council (LRC).
- A minute secretary. This position will usually be filled by the Head's secretary.

Meetings:

The committee will convene at the end of the relevant season or cultural event or when deemed necessary. The Chairperson will call this meeting.

Academic awards will be made after the Mid-year examinations, in January of the following year based on the previous November examinations and after the Preliminary examinations for Grade 12.

The teacher in charge of each activity must present nominations in writing with a motivation to the Chairperson of the Awards Committee.

The Awards Committee has the right to call an extraordinary meeting where situations which are not covered by this policy arise. Such a meeting will be for exceptional circumstances only. This meeting must be attended by all members of the committee.

Procedure:

The teacher in charge of an activity must present nominations in writing to the committee. Based on the criteria in this policy, as well as the discussion that takes place at Awards Committee meetings, awards will be decided and made accordingly.

Members of the Awards Committee are the only persons allowed to vote.

The Chairperson has the casting vote and the minute secretary does not have a vote.

Voting:

A proposal will be carried by simple majority.

There must be a minimum of seven members present.

If, in any given situation, the nomination is not passed yet there are no negative votes but a number of abstentions, the committee may suggest to the proposer that the nomination be resubmitted at a suitable later date.

Insignia:

Junior Achiever 'Crux' Badge:

- Awarded in Grades 8 and 9
- Worn on blazer lapel

Half-Colours:

- Awarded in Grades 10, 11 and 12
- Scroll
- Braid on side pockets

Full Colours:

- Awarded in Grades 10, 11 and 12
- Scroll
- Braid 8cm above blazer cuffs and on top pocket

Honours:

- Awarded in Grades 11 and 12
- Full braid (collar and edging)
- Honours badge
- Honours tie

Task of the Committee, nature of awards and general criteria:

The committee must ensure that criteria for awards remain consistent from year to year and that standards are acceptably high.

Guidelines will exist for different activities. These guidelines should, as far as possible, be standardized for all activities. These guidelines may be amended before the start of an activity but only with the approval of the committee.

If a new activity is to be considered for awards, a complete memorandum on the activity, its aims, selection criteria and awards criteria must be submitted to the committee in writing.

The committee must ensure that criteria are made known to learners before the commencement of any activity.

1.1 Awards will be made on the following levels:

Junior Achiever 'Crux' Badge – Grades 8 & 9

Half-Colours – Grades 10 to 12

Full-Colours – Grades 10 to 12

Honours – Grades 11 & 12

1.2 Awards are made with the proviso that the College participates in the activity on a regular inter-school, or equivalent, basis and that the activity is supervised by a member of staff.

1.3 All awards are made at the discretion of the Awards Committee who will act on the recommendations of the proposer.

1.4 An overriding consideration in all awards must be that learners have at all times displayed behaviour that is acceptable to the College. Bad sportsmanship and behaviour may disqualify potential recipients.

1.5 Should the behaviour of a recipient become unacceptable to the College, the Awards Committee will have the right to strip that learner of an award which must be regarded as a most serious and final step.

1.6 A learner who is selected to a Provincial or National team but does not actually represent that team will not necessarily qualify for the appropriate award. Each case will be dealt with on an individual basis.

1.7 Selection to a Provincial team that takes part in the SA Games will not necessarily qualify for Full-Colours but could be considered by special recommendation of the

proposer. This is because not all sporting codes award Provincial colours to teams participating in the SA Games.

- 1.8 No award is automatic and every award must be ratified by the Awards Committee.
- 1.9 Learners who are selected to a Provincial team in any age may wear a lapel badge indicating their achievement.

2. Academic Awards:

2.1 Brains Bar – ‘Crux’ Badge:

Grade 8 or 9: scores an aggregate of 697 or above (for 9 subjects) and 4 subjects 80% or more and no subjects under 60% on June or November mark order.

Grade 10, 11 or 12: scores 80% or above in three or more subjects and no less than 60% in all the rest of the subjects on June or November mark order.

2.2 Half-Colours:

Grade 10: scores an aggregate of not less than 530 (for 7 subjects) on the June or November mark order.

Grade 11 or 12: scores an aggregate of not less than 530 (for 7 subjects) on the June, November or Prelim (Grade 12) mark order.

2.3 Full-Colours:

Grades 10 to 12: scores an aggregate of not less than 560 (for 7 subjects) including three or more distinctions (80% or above) on the June, November or Prelim (Grade 12) mark order.

2.4 Honours:

Grade 11 or 12: scores an aggregate of not less than 590 including four or more distinctions on the June, November or Prelim (Grade 12) mark report.

3. Sport Awards:

3.1 1st team scroll:

- A learner who has played 3 games at 1st team level will be entitled to wear a scroll on their blazer indicating their 1st team status. This applies to 1st team players irrespective of which grade they are in.

3.2 Half-Colours:

- Considered after a player has completed 6 games at 1st team level. The player must have shown commitment and service to the sport.

- Awarded to a player who is a member of a 1st team and who is selected for a Provincial B team at U/17 level or above.

- Could be awarded as a team award to a team which has won a Provincial B or C competition or league from U16 to U19 level. Such a team award will neither complement a previous award nor count towards a subsequent higher award for an individual.

3.4 Full-Colours:

- The player must meet the required criteria of excellent service, commitment and dedication to the sport. This must include having played at least 16 games at 1st team level.

- Awarded to a player who is a member of a 1st team and who achieves two consecutive years of selection in the same sport to a Provincial B team at U/16 or above level.

- Awarded to a player who is a member of a 1st team and who achieves selection to a Provincial A team at U/16 or above level.
- Could be awarded as a team award to a team which has won a Limpopo Province A competition or league at U16 to U19 level. Such a team award will neither complement a previous award nor count towards a subsequent higher award for an individual.

3.5 Honours:

- Awarded to a player who is a member of a 1st team and who achieves two consecutive years of selection in the same sport to a Provincial A team at U/16 or above level.
- Awarded to a player who is a member of a 1st team and who achieves National selection at U/16 or above level.
- Could be considered for a player who has not achieved Provincial or National selection but who has shown exceptional leadership, service, dedication and skill in a particular sport. This player must have qualified at least for Full Colours to receive Honours in this manner.

4. Specific Sport Criteria:

Cricket, Hockey, Netball, Rugby,
Soccer:

See Sections 3.1 to 3.5 above

Athletics:

Half-Colours:

- Participation in the final selection round for the Provincial Athletics team at U/16 level or above.
- The athlete must have shown commitment and service to the sport.

Full-Colours:

- Selection to the Provincial Athletics team at U/16 level or above. This must include participation in the National Athletics Championships.

Honours:

- Selection for two consecutive years to a Provincial Athletics team at U/16 level or above. This must include participation at the National Athletics Championships.
- Outstanding achievement (top ten) at the National Athletic Championships.

Cross Country:

Half-Colours:

- Participates in a minimum of 6 league events in a season.
- The athlete must have shown commitment and service to the sport.

Full-Colours:

- Selection to the Provincial team at U/16 or above level.
- Must include participation at the National Schools' Cross Country Championships.
- Shows the required commitment, service and leadership within the sport.

Honours:

- Selection to the Provincial team at U/16 level or above for two consecutive years.
- Must include participation at the National Schools' Cross Country Championship.
- Shows the required commitment, service and leadership to the sport.

- Outstanding achievement (top ten) at the National Schools' Cross Country Championship.

Swimming:

Half-Colours:

- Participation in the final round of selection trials for the Povincial Swimming team at U/16 level or above.
- Learner must have shown commitment and service to the sport.

Full-Colours:

- Selection to the Provincial Swimming team at U/16 level or above.
- Must include participation at the National Schools' Championships.
- Learner must have shown commitment, service and leadership to the sport.

Honours:

- Selection to the Provincial Swimming team for two consecutive years at U/16 level or above.
- Must include participation at the National Schools' Swimming Championships.
- Shows the required commitment, service and leadership in the sport.
- Outstanding achievement (top ten) at the National Schools' Swimming Championship.

Equestrian:

Junior Achiever:

- Grade 8 & 9: for Provincial Representation in any disciplines.

Half-Colours:

- Grades 10 to 12: Provincial representation (once) at Novice or Intermediate level in any disciplines.

Full-Colours:

- Provincial representation (once or more) at Advanced or Open level in any disciplines.
- Provincial representation (twice or more) at Novice or Intermediate level in any disciplines.

Honours:

- National representation at any level in any disciplines.

5. Culture:

Certificate of Merit can be awarded to:

- Anyone playing a lead in the annual school production, as a reward for consistent dedication and effort.
- Anyone representing the school with distinction in single performances or events such as public music performances, public speaking competitions and debates or choir performances. At least three such performances total one credit. Six or more performances total two credits as long as they represent a variety of activities. A minimum of one credit is needed to qualify for this award.
- Anyone who has brought credit to the school through their outstanding achievements during the year in a cultural activity and who has not been acknowledged publicly at school by receiving a certificate from the organizers of the event.

Half-Colours:

- Will not be awarded to Grades 8 or 9, but achievements during those years can contribute to a later award.
- Each of the following items qualifies for one credit. A minimum of three credits is needed to qualify for this award.
- Involvement in at least three of the following (involvement in two successive years in one activity would be taken as two activities etc).
 - Anyone playing a lead in the annual school production.
 - Anyone representing the school with distinction in single performances or events such as public music performances, public speaking and debates and choir performances. At least three such performances total one credit. Six or more performances total two credits as long as they represent a variety of activities.
 - Winner of at least one A++ in an eisteddfod or an average of A+ for at least four sections.
 - Grade 6 music exam with Merit.
 - Finalist in an accredited provincial competition including Public Speaking, Drama or Choir.
 - Exceptional contribution and leadership but not qualifying fully with the above criteria.

Full-Colours:

- Involvement in at least six of the following (involvement in two successive years in one activity would be taken as two activities etc)
 - Anyone playing a lead in the annual school production.
 - Anyone representing the school with distinction in single performances or events such as public music performances, public speaking competitions and debates and choir performances. At least three such performances total one credit. Six or more performances total two credits as long as they represent a variety of activities.
 - Grade 7 music exam with merit.
 - Winner in an accredited provincial competition including public speaking, drama or choir or finalist in a national competition.
 - Exceptional contribution and leadership but not qualifying fully according to above criteria.

Honours:

- The awarding of Honours happens only after a history of exemplary dedication and achievement at the school in a specific field culminating in:
 - Winner in an accredited national competition including public speaking, music, dance, drama and choir or finalist in an international competition.
 - Exceptional contribution over the entire school career to the cultural life of the school, including service to culture or being a cultural ambassador for the school.
 - Exceptional contribution and leadership but not qualifying fully according to the above criteria.

7. Non-school sport/activity:

- 7.1 It has been accepted that achievers in non-school sport/activities need to be formally recognized by the College.

- 7.2 The onus will be on any learner who feels he/she should be formally recognized for an activity to motivate this to the Awards Committee.
- 7.3 They should be assisted in this process by their mentor. Each application will be considered on its own merits.
- 7.4 Recipients will wear a scroll and the insignia relevant to the level of recognition decided on by the Awards Committee.