

***STANFORD LAKE
COLLEGE***

AWARDS POLICY

1. General:

Awards Committee:

The Awards Committee comprises 10 people, namely:

- Deputy Head who acts as Chairperson
- One Trust member nominated by the Trust
- Sports organizer
- A teacher representative for each of the following:
 - Academics
 - Sport
 - Culture
 - Adventure
- One other teacher representative
- Two pupil representatives made up as follows:
 - One male and one female, one of which must be from Grade 11 and one from Grade 12.
 - For continuity's sake, the Grade 11 pupil will automatically become the Grade 12 representative for the following year unless the Committee decides otherwise.

Meetings:

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

Academic awards will be made after the June 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.

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 with the committee, awards will be made accordingly.

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

The Chairperson has the casting 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 'Tree' Badge

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

Half-Colours

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

Full Colours

- Awarded in Grades 10, 11 and 12
- Scroll
- Full braid (collar and edging)

Honours

- Awarded in Grades 11 and 12
- White blazer, silver braid and Honours badge

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 pupils before the commencement of any activity.

Awards will be made on the following levels:

Junior Achiever Badge – Grades 8&9

Half-Colours – Grades 10 to 12

Full-Colours – Grades 10 to 12

Honours – Grades 11 to 12

- 1.6.6 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.
- 1.6.7 All awards are made at the discretion of the Awards Committee who will act on the recommendations of the proposer.
- 1.6.8 An overriding consideration in all awards must be that pupils have at all times displayed behaviour that is acceptable to the College. Bad sportsmanship and behaviour may disqualify potential recipients.
- 1.6.9 Should the behaviour of a recipient become unacceptable to the College, the Awards Committee will have the right to strip that pupil of an award which must be regarded as a most serious and final step.
- 1.6.10 A pupil 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.
- 1.6.11 Selection to a Provincial team that takes part in the SA Games will not qualify for Full-Colours but could be considered for a lesser award. This is because not all sporting codes award Provincial colours to teams participating in the SA Games.
- 1.6.12 No award is automatic and every award must be ratified by the Awards Committee.
- 1.6.13 Pupils 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:

Grade 8 or 9: scores an average of 80% or above on June or November report mark.

Grade 10, 11 or 12: scores 80% or above in three or more subjects on June or November report mark.

2.2 Half-Colours:

Grade 10: scores an average of not less than 80% on the June or November report mark.

Grade 11 or 12: scores an average of not less than 75% on the June, November or Prelim (GR 12) report mark.

2.3 Full-Colours:

Grade 10: scores an average of not less than 85% including three or more subject distinctions on the June or November report mark.

Grade 11 or 12: scores an average of not less than 80% including three or more subject distinctions on the June, November or Prelim (Gr 12) report mark.

2.4 Honours:

Grade 11 or 12: scores an average of not less than 85% including four or more subject distinctions on the June, November or Prelim (Gr 12) report mark.

3. Sport Awards:

3.1 1st team scroll:

- A pupil 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 Limpopo Province B or C competition or league at 1st team 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. However, having played 16 or more games at 1st team level does not on its own automatically qualify a pupil for Full Colours.
- 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/17 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/17 or above level.
- Could be awarded as a team award to a team which has won a Limpopo Province A competition or league at 1st team 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/17 or above level.
- Awarded to a player who is a member of a 1st team and who achieves National selection at U/17 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.

4. Specific Sport Criteria:

Cricket, Hockey (boys' and girls'), Netball, Rugby, Soccer:

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Athletics:

- Half-Colours:
 - Participation in the final selection round for Limpopo Athletics team at U/17 level or above.
 - The athlete must have shown commitment and service to the sport.
- Full-Colours:
 - Selection to the Limpopo Provincial team at U/17 level or above. This must include participation in the National Athletics Championship.
- Honours:
 - Selection for two consecutive years to the Limpopo Provincial team at U/17 level or above. This must include participation at the National Athletics Championship.
 - Outstanding achievement (top ten) at the National Athletic Championship.

4.3 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 Limpopo Provincial team at U/17 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 Limpopo Provincial team at U/17 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 Limpopo Swimming team at U/17 level or above.
 - Pupil must have shown commitment and service to the sport.
- Full-Colours:
 - Selection to the Limpopo Swimming team at U/17 level or above.
 - Must include participation at the National Schools' Championships.
 - Pupil must have shown commitment, service and leadership to the sport.
- Honours:
 - Selection to the Limpopo Swimming team for two consecutive years at U/17 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.

Adventure Racing:

Gr 8&9: Junior Achiever Award: completing 1 Provincial event as well as 1 SA Schools 120 event.

Gr 10 to 12: Half-Colours: Complete 250km's in certified, College approved adventure races.
Represent the College at 2 College adventure race events.
Represent the College at one of Provincials, SA Schools 120 or Adventure Challenge for Schools.

Full-Colours: Complete 800km's in certified, College approved adventure races.
Represent the College at 2 SA Schools 120 adventure events.
Represent the College at 1 Adventure Challenge for Schools event.
A minimum of 2 years commitment and dedication.
Team award: winning the SA Schools 120 adventure event or the Adventure Challenge for Schools event.

Honours: (gr11&12) Complete 1200km's in certified, College approved adventure races.
Gain a top 5 place at the SA Schools 120 adventure event OR gain a top 2 place at the Adventure Challenge for Schools event.
A minimum of 3 years commitment, dedication, leadership and skill.

Should pupils participate in races other than Schools' races, the following criteria must apply to these races: 30km+ navigated or element of navigation.

Must be a team event eg pairs.

Must be marketed, named and entered as an adventure race.

Must be recognized by AR coach, HOD Adventure or the Head of the College.

4.6 Bridge:

Half-Colours:

- On completion of 8 organised tournaments for the College whether against adults or schools.
- The pupil must have shown commitment and service to the sport.

Full-Colours:

- The pupil must have shown commitment, service and leadership to the sport. This must include at least 16 tournaments for the College against adult or school teams.

Honours

- The criteria for this award has not yet been decided upon owing to the fact that no Provincial selection is available to our pupils in this province.

4.7 Golf:

4.7.1 Scroll

- Any player, irrespective of grade, will be entitled to wear a scroll on their blazer after completing 3 games at school A team level.

4.7.2 Half-Colours:

- Considered after a player has completed 1 season playing in every game at school A team level.

4.7.3 Full-Colours:

- Achieve an official handicap of 5 or less.
- Selection to a Provincial team for the main Inter-Provincial Championships.

4.7.4 Honours:

- Achieve an official scratch handicap.
- Selection to a Provincial team for Inter-Provincial Championships in two consecutive years.

4.8 Equestrian:

- 4.8.1 Grade 8&9: Junior Achiever Award for Provincial Representation in any disciplines.
- 4.8.2 Grades 10 to 12:

Half-Colours: Limpopo representation (once) at Novice or Intermediate level in any disciplines.

Full-Colours: Limpopo representation (once or more) at Advanced or Open level in any disciplines.
Limpopo representation (twice or more) at Novice or Intermediate level in any disciplines.

Honours: National representation at any level in any disciplines.

4.9 Mountain Biking:

- 4.9.1 Grade 8&9: Junior Achiever Award: complete 4 races in a season.

- 4.9.2 Grades 10 to 12:

Half-Colours: Complete 4 races for the 1st team.

Full-Colours: Complete 8 races for the 1st team.
Achieve a ranking of 10 or better at U/17 or higher age group.
A minimum of 2 years commitment and dedication.

Honours (Grade 11&12): Complete 14 races for 1st team.
Achieve a ranking of 1st at U/17 or higher age group in a season.
A minimum of 3 years commitment, dedication and skill.

MTB will be structured into teams

The 1st team will consist of 4 riders selected on commitment, dedication and time trials.

The 1st team will wear arm bands distinguishing them from other SLC riders.

Riders can move in and out of the 1st team at the discretion of the coach or in response to performance and time trial

5 Culture:

5.7 Certificate of Merit:

Can be awarded to:

- Anyone participating enthusiastically 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.

5.8 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 participating with enthusiastic dedication 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 7 ballet certificate or Intermediate qualification or equivalent.
- Grade 6 music exam with Merit.
- Anyone playing a substantial main role in the annual school production and showing consistent enthusiasm, reliability, maturity and talent in their approach to the production.
- Finalist in an accredited provincial competition including Public Speaking, Drama or Choir.
- Exceptional contribution and leadership but not qualifying fully with the above criteria.

5.9 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 participating with enthusiastic dedication 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 8 ballet certificate or Advanced Foundation qualification or equivalent.
 - Grade 7 music exam with merit.
 - Anyone who for two consecutive years has played a substantial role in the annual school production and shown consistent enthusiasm, reliability, maturity, talent and

development in their approach to the production.

- 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.

5.10 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.

6 Non-school sport/activity:

- 6.1 It has been accepted that achievers in non-school sport/activities need to be formally recognized by the College.
- 6.2 The onus will be on any pupil who feels he/she should be formally recognized for an activity to motivate this to the Awards Committee. They should be assisted in this process by their mentor.
- 6.3 Each application will be considered on its own merits.
- 6.4 Recipients will wear the Colours tie (in Grades 10, 11 & 12), as well as a lapel badge indicating their achievement.

