

# ***STANFORD LAKE COLLEGE***

## ***AWARDS POLICY***

*(Revised: April 2011)*

1. General:

1.1 Awards Committee:

The Awards Committee comprises 8 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

1.2 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.

1.3 Procedure:

The staff member 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.

#### 1.4 Voting:

A proposal will be carried by simple majority.

There must be a minimum of 6 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.

#### 1.5 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

(Where Half Colours or Full Colours is awarded to a pupil in Grade 8 or 9 because of exceptional circumstances, the insignia for the award can only be worn once the pupil reaches Grade 10.)

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

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

1.6.2 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.

- 1.6.3 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.
- 1.6.4 The committee must ensure that criteria are made known to pupils before the commencement of any activity
- 1.6.5 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.
- 1.6.6 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/or bad behaviour may disqualify potential recipients. Any pupil who has been found guilty of a Level 3 offence as stipulated in the Code of Conduct and who has a period of probation as part of a sanction shall not be eligible for awards until the period of probation is over.  
Any pupil who is on a Suspended Expulsion shall not be eligible for awards until the Suspended Expulsion is lifted except where the pupil's behavior has been beyond reproach for at least 6 months and such an award will remain at the discretion of the Awards Committee which will deal with each case on its own merits.
- 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 group may wear a lapel badge indicating their achievement.
- 1.6.14 The Certificates of Merit which are traditionally handed out at the annual Valediction Ceremony are not decided upon by the Awards Committee. These Certificates of Merit are awarded at the discretion of the coach/teacher in charge of a particular activity.

2. Academic Awards:

2.1 Brains Bar:

Grade 8 or 9: scores an average of 80% (640 marks) or above on June or November report mark.

2.2 Half-Colours:

Grade 10: scores an average of not less than 80% (560 marks) on the June or November report mark.

Grade 11 or 12: scores an average of not less than 75% (525 marks) on the June, November or Prelim (GR 12) report mark.

2.3 Full-Colours:

Grade 10: scores an average of not less than 85% (595 marks) 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% (560 marks) 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% (595 marks) including four or more subject distinctions on the June, November or Prelim (Gr 12) report mark.

### 3. Sport Awards:

#### 3.1 Rugby, Hockey (Boys and Girls), Netball.

##### 3.1.1 Half-Colours:

- Considered after a player has completed 6 games at 1<sup>st</sup> team level. The player must have shown commitment and service to the sport.
- Awarded to a player who is a member of a 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> team level. Such a team award will neither complement a previous award nor count towards a subsequent higher award for an individual.

##### 3.1.2 Full-Colours:

- The player must meet the required criteria of excellent service, commitment and dedication to the sport over a period of 3 years at 1<sup>st</sup> team level. This must include having played at least 16 games at 1<sup>st</sup> team level. However, having played 16 or more games at 1<sup>st</sup> team level does not on its own automatically qualify a pupil for Full Colours.
- Awarded to a player who is a member of a 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> team level. Such a team award will neither complement a previous award nor count towards a subsequent higher award for an individual.

##### 3.1.3 Honours:

- Awarded to a player who is a member of a 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

##### 3.1.4 Any pupil who is not a member of a College 1<sup>st</sup> team but who is selected for a provincial A or B team at U/17 or above level could be awarded the appropriate award at the discretion of the Awards Committee. Each case will be dealt with on its own merits.

## 3.2

### Athletics:

#### 3.2.1 Junior Achiever Award:

- Selected to the Mopani District team at U/15 level.

#### 3.2.2 Half-Colours:

- Selection to the Mopani District team at U/17 level or above.
- The athlete must have shown commitment and service to the sport.

#### 3.2.3 Full-Colours:

- Two years of selection to the Mopani District team at U/17 level or above.
- OR
- Achieve a medal at the Limpopo District Trials at U/17 level or above.

#### 3.2.4 Honours:

- Selection to the Limpopo Provincial team at U/17 level or above.

## 3.3 Swimming:

#### 3.3.1 Half-Colours:

- Achieve a Level 1 time (Swimming South Africa Standards) at age 16 and above on two or more occasions in a season.
- Awarded to pupils at age 16 and above who do not achieve Level 1 times but who have been committed to the sport and who have participated in the majority of galas the College attends over a period of 3 seasons.
- Pupil must have shown commitment and service to the sport.

### 3.3.2 Full-Colours:

- Selection to the Limpopo Swimming team at age 16 or above.
- Achieve a Level 2 time (Swimming South Africa Standards) on two or more occasions in a season.
- Pupil must have shown commitment, service and leadership to the sport.

### 3.3.3 Honours:

- Selection to the Limpopo Swimming team for two consecutive years at age 16 or above.
- Achieve a Level 3 time (Swimming South Africa Standards) on two or more occasions in a season.
- Shows the required commitment, service and leadership in the sport.

## 3.4 Adventure Racing:

- 3.4.1 Gr 8&9: Junior Achiever Award: completing 1 Provincial event as well as 1 SA Schools 120 event.
- 3.4.2 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.
- 3.4.3 Gr 11&12: Honours: 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 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.

Distances accumulated in Grades 8 and 9 will be zeroed at the start of Grade 10 except for races where a Grade 8 or 9 pupil represents the College's 1<sup>st</sup> team for Adventure Racing.

### 3.5 Golf:

#### 3.5.1 Half-Colours:

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

#### 3.5.2 Full-Colours:

- Achieve an official handicap of 6 or less.
- Selection to a Provincial team.

#### 3.5.3 Honours:

- Achieve an official handicap of 4 or less.
- Selection to a Provincial team for two consecutive years.

### 3.6 Equestrian:

(Awards will be made to pupils participating in Equestrian disciplines that fall under the auspices of The SA National Equestrian Federation and The SA National Schools Equestrian Federation. The disciplines include: Show Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Driving, Endurance, Equitation, Para-Equitation, SANEF Schools League, Showing, Vaulting, Reining, Polo, Polocrosse, Working Hunter, Working Riding))

3.6.1 Grade 8&9: Junior Achiever Award for Provincial Representation in any disciplines.

3.6.2 Grades 10 to 12:

Half-Colours: Provincial representation (once) at Intermediate, Novice, Open, E to B Grade level in any disciplines.

Full-Colours: Provincial representation (twice or more) at Intermediate, Novice, Open E to B Grade level in any disciplines.

Honours: Provincial or National representation at Advanced, Junior A Grade level in any disciplines.

### 3.7 Mountain Biking:

3.7.1 Grade 8&9: Junior Achiever Award: complete 6 races in a season.

3.7.2 Grades 10 to 12: (All awards are based on achievement at Junior Men level or above ie U/17 or above.)

Half-Colours: Complete 6 races for the 1<sup>st</sup> team.  
2 races must be Inter High School races.

Full-Colours: Complete 8 races for the 1<sup>st</sup> team.  
Finish 6 races in the Top 10.  
2 races must be Inter High School races and must finish in Top 10 in both.  
Selection to a Provincial team.  
A minimum of 2 years commitment and dedication since Gr 9.

Honours (Grade 11&12): Complete 10 races for 1<sup>st</sup> team.  
Finish 8 races in Top 3.  
2 races must be Inter High School races and must finish in Top 5 in both races.  
Selection to a Provincial team for two consecutive years.  
A minimum of 2 years commitment, dedication and skill since Gr 9.

MTB will be structured into teams

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

The 1<sup>st</sup> team will wear arm bands distinguishing them from other SLC riders.

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

(The Culture criteria are in the process of being revised. The existing criteria will apply until such time as the new criteria have been finalized.)

#### 4. Culture:

##### 4.1 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

##### 4.2 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.

**OR**

- 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.
- Exceptional contribution and leadership but not qualifying fully with the above criteria.

**OR**

- Finalist in an accredited provincial competition including Public Speaking, Drama or Choir.

#### 4.3 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.

**OR**

- 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.
- Exceptional contribution and leadership but not qualifying fully according to above criteria.

**OR**

- Winner in an accredited provincial competition including public speaking, drama or choir or finalist in a national competition.

#### 4.4 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.

**OR**

- 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.

**5 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.