



S K I L L E D F O R L I F E

Junior School Awards Policy

Nominations for awards at St Andrew's School for Girls will be discussed in a committee consisting of:

- The Head of School
- A Member of the Management Team
- Director of Sports or Music and/or
- Coach/Facilitator involved

Should a girl need clarification on the outcome of the committee, an appointment may be made with the Head of School who will clarify and investigate the matter further in consultation with the Awards Committee.

The following will be taken into consideration when making awards:

- Attendance at practices, matches, tournaments and events
- Level of participation within the school's activity
- Attitude and values when involved in the school activity
- Attitude and values outside of the school's activity
- Meeting of the criteria specified for the activity
- Achievements outside of the school's specified criteria

The committee reserves the right to:

- Review and/or alter the criteria on an annual basis
- Disqualify a recipient of an award for gross misconduct, within or outside of the school's activity
- Where a sport has no provincial representation; provincial times and distances may be considered.
- Consider making an award for a particular activity in exceptional cases

Should a girl be recognised more than once in any one activity, then she may only wear the highest award.

Girls may not necessarily achieve each level of the awards listed in succession

Girls who are awarded colours are expected to continue participation in that activity for at least two more years following the award.

All awards will be made at the end of Term 3 each year, with the exception of Swimming and Tennis awards which will be made at the end of Term 1 each year.

Service Awards for Sport and Cultural Activities

Service awards are awarded to a girl in Grade 5 to Grade 7 for commitment and dedication to a particular activity. Performance and ability related to that activity are not considered, however, competence in that activity is a requirement, when awarding a service award.

○ **Service Certificate**

A *service certificate* is awarded to a girl in Grade 5 to Grade 7 for commitment and dedication to an activity for at least 2 years.

○ **Pro-Merito Certificate**

A *pro-merito Certificate* is awarded to a girl in Grade 7 who has shown dedication and commitment to a particular activity over a 3 year period(may not be consecutive years) Competence is a requirement when awarding a *pro-merito certificate*.

A *pro-merito certificate* can not be awarded in conjunction with a Performance Award.

A *pro-merito certificate* could be awarded to a girl in Grade 7 who already holds a colours award but has not been awarded a re-award of colours at that time, for that activity.

Re-awards

Service Awards are not reawarded.

Service Certificates are awarded on an annual basis for an activity.

Performance Awards

Performance Awards are awarded for demonstrating commitment, dedication and particularly, excellence in an activity.

- **Certificates**

Certificates are awarded to girls who have shown promise and improvement within the season of play:

- Commitment certificate
- Progress certificate
- Achievement Certificate
- Participation Certificate

- **Merit Award**

A *merit award* is a certificate awarded to a girl in Grade 5 to Grade 7 whose performance and ability is considered as *above-average* in a particular activity.

- **Half Colours**

Half colours are awarded to a girl in Grade 5 to Grade 7 who has shown performance and ability equivalent to district team selection.

- **Full Colours**

Full colours are awarded to a girl in Grade 6 or Grade 7 who has shown performance and ability, at or equivalent to, provincial level.

Re-awards

A performance award may only be rewarded if the criteria for that award are met again in that season. If no progress is made to a higher performance award, a *Service Award* for that activity is awarded.

ALL awards are based upon 90% attendance and participation in the particular activity's practises and events.

For sport, 100% attendance at school league matches is a requirement.