

STANFORD LAKE COLLEGE

AWARDS POLICY

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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 Chairperson 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 and present these at the appropriate Awards Committee meeting.

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 receives an award in a particular activity may not then withdraw from that activity without a reason that is acceptable to the Awards Committee. Should the reason for not continuing with the activity not be acceptable to the Awards Committee, then the Committee reserves the right to withdraw the award. Continual commitment to an activity is paramount in the consideration of awards.
- 1.6.11 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.
- 1.6.12 Selection to a Provincial team that takes part in the SA Games or selection at Country Districts level 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 or for selection at Country Districts level.
- 1.6.13 No award is automatic and every award must be ratified by the Awards Committee.
- 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: scores a minimum total of 640 marks (8 subj); 720 marks (9 subj); 800 marks (10 subj) on June or November report mark.

Grade 9: scores a minimum total of 640 marks (8 subj); 720 marks (9 subj); 800 marks (10 subj) on June or November report mark.

2.2 Half-Colours:

Grade 10: scores a minimum total of 560 marks on the June or November report mark.

Grade 11 or 12: scores a minimum total 525 marks on the June, November or Prelim (GR 12) report mark.

2.3 Full-Colours:

Grade 10: scores a minimum total of 595 marks including three or more subject distinctions on the June or November report mark.

Grade 11 or 12: scores a minimum total of 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 a minimum total of 595 marks including four or more subject distinctions on the June, November or Prelim (Gr 12) report mark.

3. Sport Awards:

3.1 Cricket, Rugby, Hockey (Boys and Girls), Netball, Soccer (Boys and Girls).

3.1.1 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.

3.1.2 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 14 games at 1st team level. However, having played 14 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.

3.1.3 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.

3.1.4 Any pupil who is not a member of a College 1st 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.
- Could be considered for athletes who have represented the school over a number of years without progressing to further levels and who 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.
- Could be considered for an athlete who has not achieved Provincial but who has shown exceptional leadership, service, dedication and skill.

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 1st 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:

	Jnr Achiever	Half Colours	Full Colours	Honours
	Gr 8&9	Gr 10, 11, 12	Gr 10, 11, 12	Gr 10, 11, 12
	Half or Full Marathon (35-40km and 75-80km)			
	Finish 4 races in a year	Finish 4 races in a year	Finish 5 races in a year	Finish 7 races in a year
	xx	xx	Finish 4 races in the top 10 in their age group in one year	Finish 6 races in the top 3 in their age group in one year
	Cross Country (XC)			
	Finish 3 XC races in a season	Finish 3 XC races in a season	Finish 4 XC races in a season	Finish 4 XC races in a season
Limpopo XC for Schools (3 races):	Achieve at least 1 top 3 finish	Achieve at least 1 top 3 finish	Achieve at least 2 top 3 finishes	Win all 3 races in age category
Nationals:	xx	xx	Represent Limpopo at XC Nationals for Schools	Achieve a top 10 finish in age category at Nationals for Schools
	Exceptions/Stand alones			
	xx	xx	xx	National Team Selection
	Provincial Colours	Provincial Colours	2 years Provincial Colours	3 years of Provincial Colours

	Jnr U17 and above	Jnr U17 and above	Jnr U17 and above	Jnr U17 and above
	With 1 year commitment to SLC MTB	With 1 year from Gr 9 of commitment to SLC MTB	With 2 years from Gr 9 commitment to SLC MTB	With 3 years from Gr 9 commitment to SLC MTB

Total races required per year:	7	7	9	11
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- Marathon and Half Marathon races must be of a classic nature. Well reputed.
- Distances that do not fit Half Marathon or Marathon will not be eligible.
- Riders must ride all races in SLC riding kit.
- Gr 8 & 9's will not be eligible for awards higher than a Junior Achiever. No exceptions.
- Riders must complete a personal race log and hand it in to the relevant staff member at the end of the season.

3.8 Fly Fishing:

3.8.1 Junior Achiever Award:

- Gr 8 & 9: 2 years selection to Limpopo team.
(Selection will contribute to awards in Gr 10-12)

3.8.2 Half Colours:

- Gr 10-12: 2 years selection to Limpopo team.

3.8.3 Full Colours:

- Gr 10-12: 2 years Top Fifteen at Inter Provincial.
OR
Selection to the Protea team.

3.8.4 Honours:

- 2 years selection to the Proteas team.

CULTURAL AWARDS:

GENERAL CRITERIA

1. The criteria covers the following activities:

- 1.1** Debating
- 1.2** Drama
- 1.3** Music
- 1.4** Public Speaking

(Dance: the College does not offer Dance as a school activity but pupils will receive recognition for achievements/qualifications gained through recognised institutions/authorities. These awards will be at the discretion of the Awards Committee.)

2. Pupils may receive Cultural Awards provided that the following criteria are met:

- 2.1** The activity is organised by the College or by a person appointed by the College.
- 2.2** There must be regular inter-school competition on a reasonable scale to compete against.

- 2.3 Awards are made on a basis of talent competing at the highest level available at College level.
- 2.4 Conduct must at all times be a credit to the College.
- 2.5 Commitment to the College and the team: 80% attendance record at practices or rehearsals and 100% attendance record at performances, subject to a valid excuse.

3. Categories of awards and minimum requirements.

- 3.1 **Junior Achievers:** Junior Achievers may be given to pupils who have achieved the Half or Full Colour requirements, but are in Grades 8 and 9.
- 3.2 **Half Colours:** Half Colours may be awarded to pupils who have achieved the requirements in their individual disciplines.
- 3.3 **Full Colours:** Full Colours may be awarded to pupils who have achieved the requirements in their individual disciplines.
- 3.4 **Honours:** Honours may be awarded to pupils who have achieved extraordinarily.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

EISTEDDFODS

Junior Achievers: 1 Diamond or two Double Gold certificates.

Half colours: 1 Diamond or two Double Gold certificates in the first year.

Full colours: 1 Diamond or two Double Gold certificates in the second year.

Honours: 1 Diamond or two Double Gold certificates in the third year.

DEBATING

Junior Awards: Awarded to pupils in grade 8 or 9 who compete in the senior team and meet the general requirements.

Half Colours: Awarded to pupils in Grades 10 to 12 who compete in the senior team and meet the general requirements.

Full Colours: Awarded to pupils in Grades 10 to 12 who compete in the senior team and meet the general requirements.

Junior Debating – see Point Scale on Addendum A.

Senior Debating

Half Colours: Any pupil taking part in 6 competitive debates.

Full Colours: Any pupil taking part in 14 competitive debates.
Speakers who win the Mayor's Cup Final.
Selection for the Limpopo team.

Honours: Selection for the Limpopo Team for two consecutive years.

DRAMA

Pupils must keep a portfolio of events and productions that they have performed in. Points are awarded for participation, either on stage or behind the scenes at both a production and service level.

Junior Achievers: As per general requirements.

Half Colours: Pupils have attained 10 points.

Full Colours: Pupils have attained 16 points.

Honours: As per general requirements, upon motivation from an Executive Member of staff, or the HOD Drama.

Points are awarded as follows, where only the highest points per event are counted (e.g. if a pupil is director and stage manager, they will only get points for being director):

Major Production

1 point: Backstage crew/wardrobe/ make-up; sound and lighting team; chorus member

2 points: Stage manager/costume designer; tech team leader; minor character role

3 points: Principal character role

4 points: Lead character; director

Smaller productions

½ point: Backstage crew/wardrobe / make-up; sound and lighting team; chorus member

1 point: Stage manager/costume designer; tech team leader; minor character role

2 points: Principal character role

3 points: Director

Drama Examinations

Junior Awards: Junior Awards may be given to pupils who have achieved the Half Colours or Full Colours requirements, but are in Grades 8 or 9.

Half Colours: An individual who completes the Grade 3 Drama and Speaking, Communication Skills or Musical Theatre and Performance Arts External Examination (ABRSM; Trinity; UNISA; etc.)

Full Colours: An individual who completes the Grade 6 Drama and Speaking, Communication Skills or Musical Theatre and Performance Arts External Examination (ABRSM; Trinity; UNISA; etc.)

Honours: An individual who completes the Grade 8 Drama and Speaking, Communication Skills or Musical Theatre and Performance Arts External Examination (ABRSM; Trinity; UNISA; etc.)

Eisteddfod:

Junior Achievers: 1 Diamond or two Double Gold certificates.

Half colours: 1 Diamond or two Double Gold certificates in the first year.

Full colours: 1 Diamond or two Double Gold certificates in the second year.

Honours: 1 Diamond or two Double Gold certificates in the third year.

MUSIC

Junior Awards: Junior Awards may be given to pupils who have achieved the Half Colours or Full Colours requirements, but are in Grades 8 or 9.

Half Colours: Half Colours may be awarded to pupils who have achieved one or more of the following:

Vocal or Instrumental (Solo, Ensemble, Choir, Orchestra or Band):

(The award is based on individual talent.)

- The candidate must have been a member of the activity for at least two years.
- The candidate must have an 80% attendance in the rehearsals of the activity.
- The candidate must have a 100% attendance in all the performances (Competitions; Festivals; Eisteddfods; etc.) of the activity.
- An individual who achieves the required minimum for the Eisteddfod award.
- An individual who completes the Grade 3 Vocal, Instrumental or Theory External Examination (ABRSM; Trinity; UNISA; etc.)

Full Colours: Full Colours may be awarded to pupils who have achieved one or more of the following:

Vocal or Instrumental (Solo, Ensemble, Choir, Orchestra or Band):

(The award is based on individual talent.)

- The candidate must have been a member of the activity for at least three years.
- The candidate must have an 80% attendance in the rehearsals of the activity.
- The candidate must have a 100% attendance in all the performances. (Competitions; Festivals; Eisteddfods; etc.) of the activity.
- An individual who achieves the required minimum for the Eisteddfod award.

Junior Achievers: 1 Diamond or two Double Gold certificates.

Half colours: 1 Diamond or two Double Gold certificates in the first year.

Full colours: 1 Diamond or two Double Gold certificates in the second year.

1 Diamond or two Double Gold certificates in the third year.

- An individual who completes the Grade 6 Vocal, Instrumental or Theory External Examination (ABRSM; Trinity; UNISA; etc.)
- An individual who may not have an opportunity to fulfil all of the above requirements, but who has served the College in music with excellence and distinction, and has displayed exceptional passion, integrity, and courage in their pursuit of music at the College. An individual who is not facing disciplinary action at the College. (At the discretion of the Awards Committee.)

Honours: Honours may be awarded to pupils who have achieved extraordinarily.

- Excelling at a National level, providing the student was committed to music at the College.

- Vocal or Instrumental (Solo Ensemble, Choir, Orchestra or Band):
(The award is based on individual talent.)
 - The candidate must have been a member of the activity for at least four years.
 - The candidate must have an 80% attendance in the rehearsals of the activity.
 - The candidate must have a 100% attendance in all the performances (Competitions; Festivals; Eisteddfod; etc.) of the activity.
 - An individual who achieves the required minimum for the Eisteddfod award.
 - An individual who completes the Grade 8 Vocal, Instrumental or Theory External Examination (ABRSM; Trinity; UNISA; etc.)
 - An individual who achieves the required minimum for the Eisteddfod award.

An individual who may not have an opportunity to fulfil all of the above requirements, but who has served the College in music with excellence and distinction, and has displayed exceptional passion, integrity, and courage in their pursuit of music at the College. An individual who is not facing disciplinary action at the College. (At the discretion of the Awards Committee.)

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public Speaking is currently conducted on an Inter House basis within the College except for the ROJAC Competition.

Half Colours: Participate in the ROJAC Competition.

Full Colours: Winner of the ROJAC Competition.

Criteria	Level 1 1 point	Level 2 2 points	Level 3 3 points	Level 4 4 points	Level 5 5 points	Level 6 6 points
Attendance Practices				50 – 59%	60 – 75%	75 – 100%
Attendance Fixtures				50 – 59%	60 – 75%	75 – 100%
Research	Absolute beginner	Regular researcher 50 – 59%	Regular researcher 60 – 75%	Regular researcher 75 – 89%	Regular researcher 90 – 100%	
Debate	Absolute beginner	Average debater	Beginner with promise	Average debater with room to improve	An effective debater	Excellent speaker with great potential
Floor	Absolute beginner	Average	Beginner with promise	Average floor member with room to improve	An effective floor member	Excellent floor member with great potential
Chairperson or Timekeeper	Absolute beginner	Average	Beginner with promise	Average chair with room to improve	An effective chair	
Inter House Debate.	Participated	Won a debate [team]	Best speaker			Excellent participation
League	Participated	Won a debate [team]	Best speaker	Outstanding research		Excellent participation
Mayor's Cup	Participated	Won a debate [team]	Best speaker	Outstanding research		Excellent participation
Total						

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Grade 8 would need xxx points for Certificate of Merit

Grade 9 would need xxx points for Certificate of Merit

Grade 10 would need xxx points for Half Colours