

SRI LANKAN SCHOOL – MUSCAT
SCHOOL POLICY ON AWARDING COLOURS AND ORYX

1. Objectives of Awarding Colours

Colours are awarded to:

- 1.1 Motivate students to excel at various sports/ games.
- 1.2 Recognize their achievements in sports/games.
- 1.3 Develop sportsmanship

2. Definition of Colours - The distinguishing emblem awarded for surpassing standards given for each sport/game.

3. Definition of Coloursmen/women - Sportsmen/women who are awarded Colours by the school and are authorized to wear the Colours insignia.

4. Mode of Awarding Colours

- 4.1 School Colours are awarded at Over 15 years age levels only. A striped blazer in blue and grey will be worn by the Colours men/women. A school crest with the inscription 'Senior Colours (Name of Sport/game)' will be awarded to the recipients.
- 4.2 Sportsmen/women who have excelled at Under 15 age category will be awarded Junior Colours. A blue blazer will be worn by the Junior Colours men/women. School crest with the inscription 'Junior Colours (Name of Sport/ game)' will be awarded to the recipients.
- 4.3 Sportsmen/women of Under 13 age group will be awarded Colour Bands to be worn on the school uniform.
- 4.4 A student may be awarded Colours more than once for the same sport/game.
- 4.5 On a repeat award, only a certificate will be awarded with the words 'Colours Repeat Award'.
- 4.6 The Colours Crest will be awarded only once for the same game/sport, to the same sportsman/woman.

5. Sports/Games recognized by the school for awarding Colours

- 5.1 Refer Annexure 1 listing out the sports/games recognized by the school.

- 5.2 Inclusion or exclusion of a sport/game will be made only by the Colours Committee subject to ratification of the Board of Directors.

6. Criteria for Awarding Colours

- 6.1 Age group is decided as of 31st December of the previous year.
- 6.2 Colours are awarded only for sports/games given in Annexure 1
- 6.3 If the school becomes the Champions in a team game, at an Inter School Tournament consisting of at least five schools, all players of the team, who have played at least in one game are eligible for Colours.
- 6.4 Best performer at any Inter School Tournament subject to 6.3, is eligible for Colours.
- 6.5 A sportsman/woman selected for a national team is eligible for Colours.
- 6.6 A student who has breached school discipline or brought disrepute to the school within or after school hours will not be eligible for Colours.
- 6.7 Application or non-application of Clause 6.6 is at the discretion of the school management.

7. Athletics

- 7.1 Being a Champion Athlete at the Inter House Athletic Meet in the awarding year.
- 7.2 Being a record breaker in any event (including relay) at the Inter House Athletic Meet
- 7.3 Setting a new record in any event (including relay) or obtaining first place in any individual event at an Inter School Athletic Meet consisting of at least 5 schools.
- 7.4 All athletes who have secured a position among the first 8 places at Junior/Senior National Championships (eg: Sir John Tarbert Championship, Relay Carnival organized by the Ministry of Education and the Sri Lanka Schools Athletics Association)

8. Basketball

- 8.1 If the school becomes Runners Up at an Inter School Basketball Tournament, awarding Colours to the team will be considered only if the number of participating schools in the tournament is 5 or above in the gender category.
- 8.2 Basketball Players will be ranked according to their performances. Only the players who score 10 or more baskets will be eligible for ranking.
- 8.3 The players in the first five positions in the ranking order are eligible for school Colours.

- 8.4 A player who Participates in a National or International Team with the prior written approval of the Principal is eligible for colours.

9. Cricket

- 9.1 Cricket colours will be awarded on the performance of players at the inter School cricket tournament organized by OCC or any other inter school tournament where the number of participating schools is five or more
- 9.2 A player should have played in 50% or more of the matches played by the school in the season, to be eligible for Colours
- 9.2.1 Batting averages are calculated by dividing the total runs scored by the number of dismissals.
- 9.2.2 Bowling averages are calculated by dividing the total number of wickets taken by the number of matches played.
- 9.2.3 A batsman who scores an average of 55 or above in the Under 16 tournament is eligible for senior colours.
- 9.2.4 A batsman who scores an average of 40 or above in the Under 13 tournament is eligible for Colour bands.
- 9.2.5 A bowler who achieves an average of 3 or above (wickets per match) in the Under 16 tournament is eligible for Senior colours.
- 9.2.6 A bowler who achieves an average of 2 or above (wickets per match) in the Under 13 tournament is eligible for colour bands.
- 9.2.7 An all rounder who maintains a batting average of 40 or above plus, either a bowling average of 2 wickets per match OR, 2 dismissals behind the wicket per match in the Under 16 Tournament is eligible for Colours.
- 9.2.8** An all rounder who maintains a batting average of 30 or above plus, either a bowling average of 2 wickets per match OR, 2 dismissals behind the wicket per match in the Under 13 Tournament is eligible for Colour Bands.

10. Table Tennis

- 10.1 Winners of both Singles & Doubles events at the Inter House Table Tennis Tournament are eligible for Colours

11. Badminton

- 11.1 Winners of both Singles and Doubles events at the Inter House Badminton Tournament are eligible for Colours

12. Special Awards

- 12.1 Students who have taken part in sports/games not included in Annexure 1 and have brought glory to the school by their achievements will be considered for special awards at the Colours Nite.
- 12.2 Trophies will be awarded to special award winners.

13. Oryx Award

- 13.1 The Oryx is the highest sports award offered to a student in the school.
- 13.2 **The** Oryx is awarded only for performance in sports/games in Annexure 1
- 13.3 The most outstanding sportsmen/ women of the year will be awarded the 'SLSM Oryx Award'
- 13.4 The Oryx is offered to a student only once in his/her school career.
- 13.5 The Oryx can be awarded in a particular year to more than one student or none.
- 13.6 The Oryx will be awarded only to Senior sportsmen/women - (over 16).
- 13.7 Sportsmen/women who have participated with prior written approval of the Principal and excelled in a sport/game, at national or international level will be considered for the Oryx.
- 13.8 A Sportsman/woman who has achieved Junior/Senior Colours in a sport/game for a total of 3 years inclusive of the awarding year is eligible for the Oryx Award.
- 13.9 An athlete who has established three new records in an Over 16 age group at the inter house athletic meet in the awarding year, is eligible for the Oryx
- 13.10 A student who has breached school discipline or brought disrepute to the school within or after school hours is not eligible for the SLSM Oryx Award
- 13.11 Application or non-application of Clause 13.10 is at the discretion of the school management.

14. Panel of Selection

- 14.1 The Colours Committee consisting of the Deputy Principal, Head of Sports Department, Sports Coordinators in the staff and Teachers in charge of Sports, will recommend the recipients of Colour Bands, Junior Colours , Senior Colours and The SLSM Oryx Award to the Principal.
- 14.2 The Principal will submit the recommendation for ratification to the Board of Directors.

15. Announcing Colours Recipients

Once the BOD ratifies the list of Colours recipients recommended by the Principal, the parents and the students will be informed by:

- 15.1 Notice on the school notice board
- 15.2 e mail to parents stating that the Colours list is on the notice board

16. Appeals

Any appeal against the decisions of the panel should be addressed to the principal in writing within 5 working days of the announcement of the Colours recipients.

17. Withdrawal of Colours

The school authorities may decide to withdraw Colours/Oryx awarded, on disciplinary grounds.

18. Students who have left the school

- 18.1 A student who has achieved the required criteria for the award of Colours/Oryx, is entitled for same, irrespective of whether the student is in the school or not, by the time the Colours Nite is conducted.
- 18.2 A student who has passed out from the school by the time the Colours Nite is conducted, after completing the school career, is entitled to receive the Colours Award at the Colours Nite.
- 18.3 A student who has left the school without completing the school career at SLSM, will not be awarded Colours at the Colours Nite. He/She will collect the Colours crest and the certificate from the Principal in school, after the event.

Annexure 1

Specified Sports and Games

The following games played at Sri Lankan School are officially recognized for the award of Colours.

1. Athletics
2. Basketball
3. Cricket
4. Badminton
5. Table tennis

Note

The above Colour Award policy is under further review as the school has decided to obtain another round of advice from the professionals/specialists of appropriate disciplines with a view to enhancing the perfection of the policy. Once the policy is amended by incorporating any such comments, the school will also award colours to those students who were not eligible to receive colours for the academic year 2013/2014 under the above policy (including the provisional arrangements made in the said year), but has become eligible through the subsequent amendments made.