



SOUTH AFRICAN COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

CULTURE

Constitution & Awards Criteria

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South African College High School
Constitution of the Colours Committee

1. Constitution

The Committee to consist of a standing Committee of:

- 1.1 A Chairman who is the Head of Culture.
- 1.2 The Head of Music
- 1.3 The teacher in-charge of Drama and/or the teacher in-charge of the annual production
- 1.4 The Committee has the power to co-opt up to a maximum of 2 further members.
- 1.5 The Headmaster.
- 1.6 One prefect, preferably carrying the Cultural Portfolio.
- 1.6 Each member is entitled to **one** vote.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Cultural Colours Committee is to:

- 2.1 Award the following colours:
 - (a) Scrolls
 - (b) Half Blues
 - (c) Full Blues
- 2.2.1 Colours and requirements in various cultural and service activities.
- 2.2.2 Blazer badges

3. Award Criteria

- 3.1 **Full Blues, Half Blues and Scrolls** may be awarded to boys in Grade 8 – 12, subject to the specific criteria attached in the addendum for that cultural activity.
- 3.2 **Special Awards:**
 - Certificate:** May be awarded to any boy who is selected for a provincial and/or a South African team in any SACS or non-SACS cultural activity. Selection must be for the “A-team”.
 - Tie:** May be awarded to a boy who is selected for South Africa at u18, u19 or open level. Selection must be to the “A-team”.
- 3.3 Awards may be made to boys in Grade 8 if the above criteria are met but may only be worn once in Grade 9.

- 3.4 The Committee has the right to withhold or withdraw colours in the case of discreditable behaviour.
- 3.5 All awards will be made on a simple majority vote of the members present at the Committee.
- 3.6 The Chairman may, at his discretion, invite any person not already on the Committee and whose comments and advice may be helpful, to participate in discussion of particular nominations. Such a person shall not have a vote.

4. Meetings

- 4.1 Meetings shall take place at least once a term.
- 4.2 Meetings can be called at the Chairman's discretion for the consideration of special matters.
- 4.3 Awards are made twice a year, depending on the cultural activity, in March and September.
- 4.4 Nominations for awards shall be made by the Head of the cultural activity concerned.

5. Display/Wearing of Awards

- 5.1 When awards are announced, inscribed certificates shall be given to recipients of all awards.
- 5.2 Holders of a Full Blues award shall be entitled to purchase a special colours badge and or a special colours blazer.
- 5.3 Holders of a Half Blues award shall be entitled to purchase a special half colours badge.
- 5.4 Holders of a Scroll shall be entitled to wear the appropriate scroll.
- 5.5 Awards may be made to boys in Grade 8 if the criteria are met but may only be worn once in Grade 9.
- 5.6 Only the official "authority to purchase" slip obtained from the school shall be recognized by the school stockists in supplying colours badges or blazers.
- 5.7 Awardees may wear no more than 2 awards on a blazer.

6. Availability of Constitution

- 6.1 The Constitution shall be made available to all members who sit on the Committee so that informed decisions can be taken at each meeting.
- 6.2 Any changes to the constitution shall be made to the Chairman, circularized to members, at least 7 days before they are to be debated.
- 6.3 A vote of two-thirds of the fully constituted Committee is required for any changes to be made to the constitution, subject to ratification by the Headmaster.

7. Triple Blues Qualifying Criteria

Implementation: 1 January 2015

- 7.1 To qualify for a Triple Blues Award at SACS, a candidate must fulfil all three of the criteria listed below:
 - Full Blue for Academics
 - Full Blue for a Sport
 - Full Blue for a Cultural Activity (Music, Debating, Drama)
- 7.2 Full Blue for Service, whether to a sport or society, is NOT taken into consideration.

CULTURAL AWARDS

Music

Scroll

- At least **two** years of involvement in one or more of the Music department's activities.
- A good attitude, strong commitment to, full co-operation and pleasing record of involvement.
- 90% attendance at rehearsals.
- The candidate must perform at an above-average level i.e. not merely hours of involvement but at a good level too.
- Candidates must have performed individually or as part of a group in at least **THREE** public performances organised by the music department per year for two consecutive years.

Half Blue

- At least **three** years of involvement in one or more of the Music department's activities.
- A good attitude, strong commitment to, full co-operation and very good record of involvement.
- 90% attendance at rehearsals.
- Leadership must be evident i.e. mentoring junior musicians, helpful towards staff who run activities, showing initiative and responsibility.
- Candidates must have performed individually or as part of a group in at least **FIVE** public performances organised by the music department per year for three consecutive years.
- Participation in one or more officially recognised Eisteddfods or external examinations with an award of at least 75% or above.

Full Blue

- At least **three** years of involvement in two or more of the Music department's activities.
- An excellent attitude, very strong commitment to, full co-operation and excellent record of involvement.
- 90% attendance at rehearsals.
- Strong leadership must be evident i.e. mentoring junior musicians, helpful towards staff who run activities, showing initiative and responsibility.
- Candidates must have performed individually or as part of a group in at least **FIVE** public performances organised by the music department per year for three consecutive years.
- Participation in two or more officially recognised Eisteddfods or external examinations with an award of at least 80% or above.
- Achieve a Grade 7 or 8 (practical) or equivalent for their first instrument.
- Selection for a National Schools band or orchestra will be to the candidates advantage.

Music department activities, referred to in the criteria, include membership of ensemble, jazz band, concert band, marimba band, orchestra for school drama performances and choir.

Drama

Drama awards acknowledge various aspects of stage production including acting, singing, set construction, directing, film-making and production.

Scroll

- **Two** years' full and enthusiastic participation in a **major part** of at least **two** SACS theatrical or musical or house play in each year.

Half Blue

- **Two** years' full and enthusiastic participation in a **major part** of at least **two** SACS theatrical or musical or house play in each year.
- Conscientiousness and reliability is a must as well as a very good level of competency.
- Must show a good degree of innovation and independence.
- Leadership must be evident.

Full Blue

- **Three** years' full and enthusiastic participation in a **major part** of at least **two** SACS theatrical or musical or house play in each year.
- Conscientiousness and reliability is a must as well as an exceptional level of competency.
- Must show an excellent degree of innovation and independence.
- Strong leadership must be evident.

Debating

Scroll

- **Two** years' of active and enthusiastic participation in 80% of **senior** league debates.
- Reliable member of the debating team, attending meetings regularly.

Half Blue

- **Three** years' of active and enthusiastic participation in 80% of **senior** league debates.
- Reliable member of the debating team, attending meetings regularly.
- Leadership must be evident i.e. mentoring and training juniors.
- A member of at least **four** winning teams per season with at least one award for Best Speaker.

Full Blue

- **Three** years' of active and enthusiastic participation in 80% of **senior** league debates.
- Reliable member of the debating team, attending meetings regularly.
- Strong leadership must be evident i.e. mentoring and training juniors.
- A member of at least **four** winning teams per season with at least one award for Best Speaker.
- Chairman of internal debates.
- Must perform at a level that is equivalent to that of the provincial "A" debating team.

Chess

Chess awards are only considered if SACS participates in the A-League.

Scroll

- Play 80% of the matches for the 1st team in one year.

Half Blue

- Play 80% of the matches for the 1st team in one year.
- Win 70% of the games participated in.

Full Blue

- Play 80% of the matches for the 1st team in one year.
- Win 80% of the games participated in.
- Full Blue awards are only considered if SACS participates in the A-League.
- Be of a provincial standard

SERVICE AWARDS

Multimedia Group

Scroll

- At least **two** years of active involvement, including two school productions and four other events.
- Conscientiousness and reliability is a must as well as a good level of competency in using various audio-visual equipment.

Half Blue

- At least **three** years of active involvement, including three school productions and twelve other events in three consecutive years.
- Conscientiousness and reliability is a must as well as a very good level of competency in using various audio-visual equipment.
- Must show a good degree of innovation and independence.
- Leadership must be evident i.e. mentoring juniors.

Full Blue

- At least **three** years of active involvement, including three school productions and sixteen other events in three consecutive years.
- Conscientiousness and reliability is a must as well as an exceptional level of competency in using various audio-visual equipment.
- Must show an excellent degree of innovation and independence.
- Strong leadership must be evident i.e. mentoring juniors.

Events include Sports Day, Swimming gala, Triangular Athletics, Water Polo festival, Commemoration Day, Idols, Interhouse Plays etc.

History Society

Scroll

- An active member of the society for at least **one** years.
- At least **one** year's service on the committee and / or in the Archives.
- Positive contribution to meetings and efficient handling of his portfolio.
- Extensive support on the Archive portfolio.

Half Blue

- An active member of the society for at least **two** years.
- At least **two** year's service on the committee and / or in the Archives.
- Shows a good degree of initiative to expand his portfolio.
- Exhibits good leadership and mentoring of junior members.
- A meaningful contribution in time and labour on the committee and in the Archives.

Full Blue

- An active member of the society for at least **two** years.
- Exceptional service and contribution for at least **two** years of serving on the committee and / or in the Archives.
- Shows an excellent degree of initiative.
- Exhibits outstanding leadership and mentoring of all members.
- Outstanding in the execution of his duties on the committee and in the Archives.

Interact

Scroll

- Active member of the society for **one** year.
- 30 hours or attendance at 50% or more of the outreach programs each year.

Half Blue

- **Two** years of loyal service.
- At least 100 hours of service at a variety of events.
- Shows initiative and leadership in the mentorship of juniors and is a conscientious contributor at events.

Full Blue

- **Three** years of loyal service and **one** year on the committee, including acceptance to run a portfolio on the committee.
- Attendance at 75% of outreach programs each year and being the driving force behind a significant initiative.
- Shows excellent initiative and leadership on the committee and in the mentorship of juniors.
- Must always lead by example at all outreach programs.

Library

Scroll

- **Two** year's reliable and conscientious service to the Library.

Half Blue

- **Two** year's reliable and conscientious service to the Library.
- Service must at a very good level of competency.
- Must show a good degree of innovation and independence.
- Leadership must be evident, including the mentorship of juniors.

Full Blue

- **Two** year's reliable and conscientious service to the Library.
- Service must at an outstanding level of competency.
- Must show an excellent degree of innovation and independence.
- Strong leadership must be evident, including the mentorship of juniors.

First Aid

Scroll

- **Two** years of consistent, enthusiastic and loyal service.
- Minimum of 25 hours of service per year.
- Must have obtained at least a recognised level 1 qualification.
- Shows a good level of competency.

Half Blue

- Three years of consistent, enthusiastic and loyal service.
- One year on the committee.
- Minimum of 50 hours of service per year.
- Must have obtained at least a recognised level 3 qualification.
- Shows a very good level of competency.
- Leadership must be evident, including the mentorship of juniors.

Full Blue

- Three years of consistent, enthusiastic and loyal service.
- One year on the committee.
- Minimum of 100 hours of service per year.
- Must have obtained at least a recognised level 3 qualification.
- Shows an excellent level of competency.
- High level of leadership must be evident, including the mentorship of juniors.

Book Room

Scroll

- **Two** years of consistent and reliable service.
- Must be available in the December / January school holidays, Panorama Week, weekends and any other times as required.

Half Blue

- **Three** years of excellent service.
- Must be available in the December / January school holidays, Panorama Week, weekends and any other times as required.
- Should show leadership, including mentoring the junior boys.

Full Blue

- **Four** years of excellent service showing initiative.
- Must be available in the December / January school holidays, Panorama Week, weekends and any other times as required.
- Must show excellent leadership, including mentoring the junior boys.

Photography Society

Mobile Phone photography will not be fully recognised. It may form part of the learner portfolio (depending on quality of photo, and skill and art of photographer). Proper cameras must be used*

Scroll

- At least two years of active involvement.
- A minimum of 15 hours of logged evidence of photography per term.
- Regular and logged photographs must come from 1 major sport and 1 compulsory event* per term.
- Photography must be of a good level of competency. Evidence of this should be shown in the variety of pictures taken. These should be submitted as a portfolio, 5 to 10 photographs (either hard copy or as a digital copy).

Half Blue

- At least three years of active involvement.
- A minimum of 25 hours of logged evidence of photography per term.
- Regular and logged photographs must come from 1 major sport, 1 minor sport, 1 compulsory event* and 1 interact event per term.
- Photography must be of a very good level of competency. Evidence of this should be shown in the variety of pictures taken. These should be submitted as a portfolio, 15 to 20 photographs (either hard copy or as a digital copy).
- Leadership and mentorship of juniors must be evident.

Full Blue

- At least three years of active involvement.
- A minimum of 35 hours of logged evidence of photography per term.
- Regular and logged photographs must come from 2 major sports, 2 minor sports, 2 compulsory event* and 2 interact events per term.
- Photography must be of an excellent level of competency. Evidence of this should be shown in the variety of pictures. These should be submitted as a portfolio 25 to 30 photographs (either hard copy or as a digital copy).
- Strong leadership and mentorship of juniors must be evident.
- Initiative, innovation/creativity and independence must be shown.
- Service to the school/society, above and beyond the call of duty.

**Compulsory events: Sports Day; Interhouse Gala; Triangular Athletics and/or festivals; Dress rehearsal photography of school plays/productions; Commemoration Day; End of Term activities (where relevant); Music department events (e.g. Christopher Brown); Valedictory; Sports Assembly etc.*

Wording on the school blazer

Activity	Scroll	Half Blue	Full Blue
Music	Music	Music	Music
First Aid	First Aid	First Aid	First Aid
Multimedia	Multimedia	Multimedia	Multimedia
History Society	History	History	History
Drama	Drama	Drama	Drama
Debating	Debating	Debating	Debating
Interact	Interact	Interact	Interact
Book Room	Service	Pro Merito	Pro Merito
Library	Service	Pro Merito	Pro Merito
Chess	Chess	Chess	Chess
Photography Society	Service	Pro Merito	Pro Merito