



**SOUTH AFRICAN COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL**

## **CULTURE**

Constitution & Awards Criteria

Updated: January 2025

**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 10 – 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 9 if the above criteria are met but may only be worn once in Grade 10.

- 3.4 The Committee has the right to withhold or withdraw colours in the case of discreditable behaviour. In exceptional circumstances (for example for boys who join the school too late to fulfil years of service or boys who excel in a manner not envisaged by the writers of previous criteria) the committee may choose to waive particular criteria in awarding colours.
- 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 9 if the criteria are met but may only be worn once in Grade 10.
- 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 Colours Awards Criteria

### 2024 onwards

Revised by Music Department:

April 2024

Ratified by Culture Committee and Headmaster:

April 2024

## MUSIC

*For learners involved in instrumental ensembles*

### Scroll

- At least **two** years of involvement in one of the Music Department's ensembles.
- A good attitude, strong commitment, full cooperation and a 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 as part of the ensemble in at least 90% of the performances organised by the Music Department.

### Half Blue

- At least **three** years of involvement in one of the Music Department's ensembles.
- A good attitude, strong commitment, full cooperation and a very good 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.
- Leadership must be evident i.e. mentoring junior musicians, helpful towards staff who run the ensemble, showing initiative and responsibility.
- Candidates must have performed as part of the ensemble in at least 90% of the performances organised by the Music Department.
- Participation in one officially recognised competition, eisteddfod or external examination as a soloist or group (ensemble)

### Full Blue

- Must display an excellent attitude, firm commitment, full cooperation and an excellent record of involvement.
- 90% attendance at rehearsals.
- The candidate must be a valued member of an ensemble and perform at an above-average level i.e. not merely hours of involvement, but at an excellent level too.
- Strong leadership must be evident i.e. mentoring junior musicians, helpful towards staff who run the ensemble, showing initiative and responsibility.
- Candidates must have performed individually in at least one music competition and one eisteddfod.

- Candidates must have performed part of an ensemble in at least 90% of the performances organised by the Music Department.
- Achieve a Grade 7 or higher level external accreditation (practical)

Or

- Selection for a National student ensemble, earning a musical diploma, or performing a concerto with the local professional orchestra will result in full colours awarded voiding the years of commitment and board accreditation criteria.

## SERVICE TO MUSIC

*For learners involved in vocal (choir & vocal ensemble), percussion and African music (marimba) ensembles, and for students who have committed a notable number of service hours to the Music Department.*

### Scroll

- At least **two** years of involvement in one of the stipulated Music Department's ensembles.
- A good attitude, strong commitment, full cooperation and a pleasing record of involvement.
- Must have shown dedicated service hours to the Music Department in the attendance of 90% of the rehearsals and performances organised by the Music Department.
- The candidate must do service at an above-average level i.e. not merely hours of involvement, but at a good level too.

### Half Blue

- At least **three** years of involvement in one of the stipulated Music Department's ensembles.
- A good attitude, strong commitment, full cooperation and a very good record of involvement.
- Must have shown dedicated service hours to the Music Department in the attendance of 90% of the rehearsals and performances organised by the Music Department.
- The candidate must do service at an above-average level i.e. not merely hours of involvement, but at a good level too.
- Leadership must be evident i.e. mentoring junior musicians, helpful towards staff who run the ensembles, showing initiative and responsibility.
- Colours may be awarded if the candidate has done a notable service or achieved remarkably and is nominated by all Music Department Staff members. This award voids the requirement of years of commitment.

### Full Blue

- **Four** years of involvement in one or more of the stipulated Music Department's ensembles.
- Must display an excellent attitude, firm commitment, full cooperation and an excellent record of involvement.
- Must have shown dedicated service hours to the Music Department in the attendance of 90% of the rehearsals and performances organised by the Music Department.
- The candidate must be a valued member of an ensemble and do service at an above-average level i.e. not merely hours of involvement, but at an excellent level too.

- Strong leadership must be evident i.e. mentoring junior musicians, helpful towards staff who run the ensembles, showing initiative and responsibility.
- Colours may be awarded if the candidate has done a notable service or achieved remarkably and is nominated by all Music Department Staff members. This award voids the requirement of years of commitment.

## **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** years' 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.



## **Drama**

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

### **Scroll**

- Participation in **one** major SACS theatrical or musical production.

Other supporting factors:

- Conscientiousness and reliability are a must as well as a very good level of competency.

### **Half Blue**

- Full and enthusiastic participation in at least **two** SACS or external theatrical or musical productions

**OR**

- Played a lead role in **one** SACS theatrical or musical production. This includes learners taking a leadership role in any backstage or front-of-house service.

**OR**

- Played a supporting role in **two** SACS theatrical or musical productions. This includes learners taking a leadership role in any backstage or front-of-house service.

Other supporting factors:

- Conscientiousness and reliability are 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**

- Full and enthusiastic participation in at least **three** SACS or external theatrical or musical productions.

**OR**

- Played a lead role in **two** SACS theatrical or musical productions. This includes learners taking a leadership role in any backstage or front-of-house service.

**OR**

- Played a supporting role in **three** SACS theatrical or musical productions. This includes learners taking a leadership role in any backstage or front-of-house service.

Other supporting factors:

- Conscientiousness and reliability are a must as well as an exceptional level of competency.

- Must show an excellent degree of innovation and independence.
- Strong leadership must be evident.

\*Definition of a 'supporting role':

played a significant role in supporting the lead character or performing a dancing, singing, or acting scene that is a highlighted feature within the ensemble.

## **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.

## Interact

### **Scroll**

- Active member of the society for **two** years.
- 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 Society

### Scroll<sup>1</sup>

- An active member of the society for at least 1½ years, up to and including all round library duties<sup>2</sup>, as well as one cycle of bookroom duties<sup>3</sup>.
- A good attitude, strong commitment and dedication to the Library, full co-operation and a pleasing record of involvement.
- Candidates must show a sense of reliability<sup>4</sup> and independence.

### Half Blue<sup>5</sup>

- An active member of the society for at least **three** years, up to and including all round library duties<sup>2</sup>, as well as two cycles of bookroom duties<sup>3</sup>.
- A good attitude, strong commitment to, full co-operation and pleasing record of involvement.
- Candidates **MUST** show initiative in pursuant of library and bookroom duties, reliability<sup>4</sup> and independence.
- Candidates leadership must be evident, in library duties up to and incl. being able to train Juniors.
- Candidates must show a satisfactory record of completing tasks/duties properly and within due time.

### Full Blue<sup>6</sup>

- An active member of the society for at least **four** years, up to and including all round library duties<sup>2</sup>, as well as three cycles of bookroom duties<sup>3</sup>.
- A good attitude, strong commitment to, full co-operation and pleasing record of involvement.
- Candidates **MUST** show initiative in pursuant of library and bookroom duties, as well as reliability<sup>4</sup> and independence.
- Excellent leadership must be evident, in library duties up to and incl. being able to train Juniors; without the assistance of Ms Mahomed.
- Candidates must show an excellent record of completing tasks/duties properly and within due time.

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<sup>1</sup> Scrolls, according to criteria, will only be awarded in September of Gr 9 year onwards, if requirements are met.

<sup>2</sup> Crowd control, Bean bags, capable skills on Progen, Dewey Decimal system, a well-rounded understanding of how the library is sectioned.

<sup>3</sup> Bookroom Duties: Stamping, Barcoding, Repairing, Reinforcing new textbooks, upkeep of bookroom/storeroom, and January/December, Panorama Week of current and following year.

<sup>4</sup> Consistent attendance is required. Missing three or more shifts, without valid reason will result in ineligibility for said candidate.

<sup>5</sup> Half Blues, according to criteria, will only be awarded from September of gr 10 year onwards, if requirements are met.

<sup>6</sup> Full Blues, according to criteria, will only be awarded from September of gr 11 year onwards, if requirements are met.

## **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 & Videography Society AWARDS CRITERIA– (Final Draft Proposal)**

### **Scroll**

- At least two years of active involvement.
- A minimum of 15 hours<sup>1</sup> of logged evidence of photography/videography 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<sup>2</sup>, 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<sup>1</sup> of logged evidence of photography/videography 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<sup>2</sup>, 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<sup>1</sup> of logged evidence of photography/videography 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<sup>2</sup> 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 fixtures; 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.*

<sup>1</sup>. **Hours** – number of hours spent at an event (ADD, number of hours spent editing – editing time should be logged at ½ the time spent at said event.)

<sup>2</sup> **Portfolio** – mobile phone images should not be used to photograph events. Mobile phone images can only be included in the portfolio IF they form part of a competition/workshop requiring the use of mobile phones.

## Chess

Chess Awards are considered if the player is involved in **any** of the formal Chess leagues.

## Scroll

- Active member of the SACS Chess Club for **two** years.
- Be an enthusiastic and essential player of the team.
- Play 66.6% of the league matches for the **1<sup>st</sup>** for 1 year.
- Win 70% of the league/tournament games participated in.
- Attend 70% of practice sessions.

## Half Blue

- Be part of the chess team for 2 years or more.
- Be an enthusiastic and essential player of the team.
- Play 75% of the league matches for the **1<sup>st</sup>** team for 1 year.
- Win 75% of the league/tournament games participated in.
- Attend 75% of practice sessions.
- Leadership qualities.

## **Full Blue**

Full Blue Chess awards are only considered if SACS participates in the A-League, exceptions will be considered if the recipient is chosen to represent his province despite participating in a lower league.

- Be part of the chess team for **3 years** or more.
- Play 80% of the matches for the **1<sup>st</sup> team** in one year.
- Win 80% of the league/school tournament games participated in for the **1<sup>st</sup> team**.
- Attend 80% of practice sessions.
- Be an enthusiastic and essential player of the team.
- Be of a Provincial standard.
- Strong leadership qualities.

## **Maths Club** **Scroll**

- At least **two** years of active involvement in the maths club.
- A good attitude, commitment in attending meetings, participation in collaborative learning and willingness to participate in Maths enrichment events when offered.
- Candidates must have participated in at least three maths competitions/Olympiads (SAMO round 2, UCT Maths Competition +one other) per year for two years.
- Candidates must consistently be part of the core team in their grade and perform at an above-average level in competitions/Olympiads. (e.g. top 5 in their grade, SAMO round 2 “good” rating and UCT Maths Competition top 100 individual merit)

## **Half Blue**

- At least **three** years of active involvement in the maths club.
- A good attitude, commitment in attending meetings, participation in collaborative learning and willingness to participate in Maths enrichment events when offered.
- Candidates must have participated individually in at least three maths competitions/Olympiads (SAMO round 2, UCT Maths Competition +one other) per year for three years.
- Candidate must consistently perform at a high level in competitions/Olympiads. (e.g. SAMO round 2 top 100 Western Cape, UCT Maths Competition top 30 individuals and WITS Maths Competition final)



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- Leadership must be evident i.e. mentoring and training juniors.  
Full Blue
- At least three years of active involvement in the maths club.
- A good attitude, commitment in attending meetings, participation in collaborative learning and willingness to participate in Maths enrichment events when offered.
- Candidates must have participated individually in at least four maths competitions/Olympiads (SAMO round 2, UCT Maths Competition +two others) per year for three years.
- Candidates must consistently produce outstanding performances, reaching the final round and placing on the merit lists or in the prize giving in most South African competitions/Olympiads entered (e.g. SAMO round 3 top 50, UCT Maths Competition individual top 10, UCT Maths Olympiad medal, WITS Maths Competition top 10, "A" team in SA Maths Team Competition, IMC team, SAMF training camp).
- Strong leadership must be evident i.e. mentoring and training juniors.

### Special Awards

**Certificate:** May be awarded to any boy who is selected to represent the South Africa "A" team at the International Mathematics Competition or the Pan African Mathematics Olympiad.

**Tie:** May be awarded to a boy who is selected to represent South Africa at the International Mathematics Olympiad.

Wording on the school blazer

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