



Northwood School Blazer Awards Policy

1. Purpose

The reason for conferring Blazer Awards at Northwood is to motivate the learners to strive for meritorious achievement in their various fields of endeavour, and to provide tangible recognition of those achievements.

The purpose of the Awards Policy is to provide a clear and consistent system of rules, guidelines and criteria in terms of which Blazer Awards are conferred, and a methodology by means of which the conferring of Awards is carried out.

2. Principles

Given that it is a system of recognition of the achievements of learners, the fundamental principle of the Northwood Awards system is fairness, which is achieved by a combination of consistency and transparency. It is recognised that the application of any such system will not always be to the satisfaction of all parties, but it is vitally important that the policy is known to all and applied without fear or favour, to ensure that partiality is impossible.

In principle, the Blazer Awards are conferred for the following:

- *Honours:* The learner has demonstrated exceptional ability in his field of endeavour, and applied that ability with diligence in the service of Northwood.
- *Full Colours:* The learner has demonstrated excellence in his field of endeavour, and applied that ability with diligence in the service of Northwood.
- *Half Colours:* The learner has demonstrated strong ability and commitment in his field of endeavour, and applied that ability with diligence in the service of Northwood.
- *South African Representatives:* This award applies in codes where selection for South Africa represents an achievement higher than is catered for under the criteria for Honours. The learner has met the criteria for Honours and has, in addition, been selected for a South African Schools top age-group team in a code which is offered by Northwood.

3. Qualifying Activities

The following activities qualify for the conferring of Blazer Awards:

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| Academics | Altruism (All Service Teams) |
| Applied Academics (Pending) | Athletics |
| Band | Basketball |
| Chess | Cricket |
| Cross-country | Cycling/ Mountain Biking |
| Debating | E-Sports (Pending) |
| Golf | Hockey |
| Indoor Hockey | Performing Arts |
| Rugby | Rugby Sevens |
| Soccer | Softball |
| Squash | Surfing |
| Swimming | Tennis |
| Volleyball | Waterpolo |

Addition of an activity to, or deletion of an activity from this list requires the consensus of the full Awards Committee, as detailed below.

4. Nature of Awards

The following Awards may be conferred:

- *Honours (SA representative):* White blazer, gold braid and pocket scroll
- *Honours:* White blazer and pocket scroll
- *Full colours:* Full braid on blazer and pocket scroll
- *Half colours:* Half braid on blazer pocket & sleeves, and scroll
- *Team Award:* Half braid on blazer pocket & sleeves, and scroll
- *First Team Scroll:* Pocket scroll
- *Academics Scroll:* Pocket scroll
- *National Colours Scroll:* Pocket scroll
- *Certificate of Recognition*
- *First Team Attire:* Cap, tracksuit, jacket, scarf or robe
- *White Tie* White tie

5. Awards Committee

5.1. Composition

The Awards Committee will comprise the following members:

- Deputy Principal in charge of Extra-Murals (Chairman)
- The Master in Charge (MIC) of an activity undertaken during the term under review, who shall attend only for the portion of the meeting that applies to their particular code.

- Deputy Principals
- Relevant Northwood staff members may be co-opted onto this Awards Committee if there is unanimous support from all Deputy Principals.

In addition, the Headmaster is welcome to attend any meetings. The Chairman, two Deputy Principals and the relevant Master in Charge will constitute a quorum for the particular portion of the meeting relating to the activity under consideration.

A secretary (other than the Chairman) shall be appointed, from within the Deputy Principal group, as scribe for the meeting. This task may be delegated to a member of the school administrative staff (who will then be present for the duration) at the discretion of the Chairman.

5.2. Frequency

Meetings will be held four times a year during the penultimate week of each term. From time to time extraordinary meetings may be called when deemed necessary. In terms where an exam session is scheduled, the Chairman may call meetings during the school day, as determined by the needs of the school. Time slots will be allocated to individual activities under consideration.

Awards will be made at the following times in the year:

Term 1

Swimming, Cricket, Water Polo, Chess and Basketball: (based on term 4 and term 1 as one season taking into consideration selections in the previous year), Academics, KZN & National Representatives.

Term 2

Hockey, Rugby, Volleyball, Squash, KZN & National Representatives.

Term 3

Soccer, Indoor Hockey, Rugby Sevens, Surfing, Athletics, Softball, Cross Country, Golf, Cycling, E-sports, Debating, Tennis, KZN & National Representatives.

Term 4 (unless in matric, awards will be made at the end of Term 3)

All Service Awards, Brass Band, Performing Arts, KZN & National Representatives.

5.3. Agenda

Each term's meeting will deal with Award nominations relating to sports and activities undertaken during that term. Academics awards will be dealt with in Term 4 in respect of Grades 8 to 11, and in Term 3 in respect of Grade 12. The Awards Committee will consider all Awards with the exception of First Team Attire, the conferring of which will be determined by the MIC of each sport or activity.

The Secretary will keep minutes, which will be confirmed at the start of each subsequent meeting.

6. Nomination Procedure

Nominations will be filled in on the prescribed form (Annexure A) by the relevant MIC or EIC and circulated to all members of the Committee at least 4 weekdays prior to the meeting. These forms are to be filled in as fully as possible; in particular, where required, a full record must be provided of the number of times a learner has represented the relevant 1st team.

At the meeting, each nomination will be proposed formally by the MIC, with motivation, thereafter members may raise and consider factors, such as a learner's behaviour, that might support, militate against, or even disqualify a nomination. Should consensus not exist, a vote will be taken and the results recorded (members may abstain from voting). In cases where a nominee has met the criteria for an award demonstrably, votes against the award must be substantiated. A simple majority of the votes cast will determine the outcome of the vote, and in the event of a split vote the Chairman will have a casting vote. It is specifically noted however that a reasonable attempt should be made to attain consensus within the committee prior to a vote taking place.

If a nomination is not accepted, this decision will be recorded in the minutes together with the reasons for the decision. The names of the successful nominees will be submitted to the Headmaster (if he is not present at the meeting) for final approval. The Headmaster will have the power of veto and his decision will be final.

A list of all of the successful nominees and the supporting forms will be submitted for the typing of Award certificates and the filing of all information. The Award certificates will be checked and used as the source of data for publication in the Northwood News, the annual School Magazine, and for use at the Sportsmen's Banquet, as appropriate.

7. Confidentiality

The content of the nomination forms and the deliberations and decisions taken at the Awards Committee meetings are strictly confidential and *under no circumstances whatsoever* should these be divulged to learners, parents or other staff members.

The requirement for confidentiality regarding nominations should not be confused with the principle of transparency, which applies to the rules, guidelines and criteria for conferring of Blazer Awards.

8. General Rules & Criteria

8.1. Applicability

All Awards are to be made in terms of these Rules and Criteria. Any nomination made to the Awards Committee that is contrary to any of the General Rules and Criteria must be accompanied by a full and detailed explanation of the reasons for departure, and for the Award to be conferred, must be supported *unanimously* by the Awards Committee. This includes the nomination of players who have been injured or for who extraordinary circumstances exist that prevented them from fulfilling criteria.

8.2. Grades 8 & 9

No learner in Grade 8 or 9 may qualify for a Blazer Award or a First Team scroll. Learners will become eligible for an Award in their Grade 10 year upon meeting the relevant criteria in that year, or in the case of a First Team Scroll at the end of their particular seasons.

A Certificate of Recognition is to be awarded to any learner in Grade 8 or 9 who represents KZN or South Africa in any of the Blazer Award fields of endeavour. The conferring of Certificates of Recognition is to be undertaken by the Awards Committee according to the same procedures as apply to Blazer Awards.

8.3. Grades 10, 11 & 12

All awards made will be based on 1st team representation or participation in the top age group provincial selections. Learners in Grades 11 and 12 may receive any Blazer Award.

8.4. Certificates of Recognition

No Blazer Awards will be awarded in respect of achievements in sports or activities other than those listed in Section 3 of this policy. However, where a learner has distinguished himself by excellent performance in a field other than those recognised in this policy, the Awards Committee may, at its discretion, confer a Certificate of Recognition on the learner. For example, such a situation would occur in the event of a learner achieving KZN colours in respect of the activity in question, but other circumstances will also qualify.

8.5. Pre-requisites and Disqualifications

No award is automatic, and remains at the discretion of the awards committee. Blazer Awards may be conferred on any learner who, *in interschool competition*, has distinguished himself by application, attitude and expertise in his sporting or cultural field, *and has been a credit to the school*. With the exception of the fields of Academics, Altruism and Performing Arts, the practice of the learner's field of activity on behalf of the school in interschool competition is a prerequisite for a Blazer Award.

A further prerequisite for any Award will be the learner's attitude and behaviour, as follows:

- His behaviour on and off the field must be exemplary.
- His loyalty to the school in word and deed must be beyond reproach.
- His appearance (turn-out) on and off the field must be good.
- He must demonstrate a high level of dedication to the sport and his team.
- He must give of his best at all times in practice and matches.

The Awards Committee is required to consider these requirements in evaluating any nominee for an Award. If a learner is shown to be *patently unsatisfactory* in terms of some or all of these requirements, the proposed Award *must* be withheld.

A learner must be disqualified from a Blazer Award in the event that his attendance record at practices and competitive events is unsatisfactory, on the grounds that this is evidence of a lack of discipline, commitment and application on his part. Specifically, in any season:

- if a learner has failed to attend more than two practices without excusing himself *in advance*, with valid explanation, to his Coach or MIC, OR
- if a learner has failed to attend more than one competitive event without excusing himself *in advance*, with valid explanation, to his Coach or MIC, he is to be disqualified from being granted a Blazer Award in respect of that season.

8.6. Re-awards and Withdrawal of Awards

Re-awards will not be made. However, learners who have maintained the standard of an award previously achieved will be acknowledged as having done so when awards are presented for the code. Lists of Awards in the various fields of endeavour in the annual School Magazine must include all learners that are holders of Awards, whether or not conferred during the year under review.

If a learner decides to cease participation in an activity for which he has been granted a Blazer Award, this Award will immediately become forfeit. This will not apply if the decision has been through injury or extraordinary circumstances, as adjudicated by the Awards Committee. This will also not apply to learners in Grade 12, from the time of commencement of their Trials examinations.

If, subsequent to the conferring of any Award, a learner becomes a discredit to the school, the Headmaster may, at his discretion, withdraw the Award.

8.7. First Team Scrolls, Attire and Team Awards

A learner may qualify for a First Team Scroll if he is a regular member of the school's First Team in the Open age division. The Open division in Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming will be deemed to be the year after a learner leaves the U16 age group, ie. U17 and Open. A First Team scroll will be conferred on a learner once he has represented the school's First Team in his sport or competitive activity for a minimum of 50% of the fixtures for the season. In the case of sports or activities such as Waterpolo and Basketball, where team members may play a large number of games in a single day in a tournament situation, the learner will be credited with one cap per day in a tournament or festival format.

First Team Attire will be earned by a player, in any activity, who has represented the First Team in the starting line-up five times, whether starting or not, and conferred by the relevant MIC.

Team Awards may be given, at the discretion of the Awards Committee, to all of the regular members (holders of First Team scrolls) of the First Team in any Award activity, where this team has had a *particularly* successful season. Definition of a particularly successful season is necessarily subjective, but should constitute *at least* victory in at least 80% of its fixtures during the season. Team Awards comprise Half Colours, as defined in Section 4 of this policy.

8.8. National and Provincial Colours Scrolls

Where a learner in grade 11 or 12 has achieved national or provincial representation as defined in section 8.10 in a sport or activity other than those recognised in Section 3 of this Policy, the Awards Committee may confer a National Colours Scroll or a Provincial Colours Scroll on that Learner, but may not confer any other Blazer Award.

8.9. Scrolls

All types of scrolls may be worn on Half Colours and Full Colours blazers. In order to facilitate the wearing of scrolls for different levels of Award by a single learner, the following colours will apply to scrolls:

- Blue scroll with white lettering: Half Colours, First Team or National Colours scrolls.
- White scroll with blue lettering: Full Colours scrolls

Where a Full Colours Award has been obtained, the Half Colours scroll for the same activity may not be worn in addition on the Full Colours blazer.

No scrolls other than Honours Awards may be worn on an Honours blazer.

8.10. Provincial and National Representation

In respect of the competitive sports and activities, the main criteria for the conferring of Blazer Awards are based on the learner being selected for regional, provincial or national teams. For any given sport or activity, the level of representation that qualifies for each level of award has been determined taking into account:

- The level of competition in the sport or activity at Provincial and National level (number and standard of competitors for each place), and the consequent level of relative excellence that must be achieved by a learner in order to achieve distinction / selection.
- The reputational impact that excellence in the respective sport or activity has on the school.

Selection for Provincial or National representation must be understood to be selection for the *official* KZN or South African team (as selected by the single controlling body for that activity) and not an informal or invitation team or one selected by an alternative or non-recognised controlling body. Where selection has been made for a country other than South Africa, a National Representative Scroll shall be awarded and this achievement will not be taken into consideration for any other Blazer Awards. In certain sports there is no single KZN representative team, with the province split into sub-provinces such as KZN Coastal. If there are more than three sub-provinces, these must be regarded as Regional and not Provincial representation. If there are two or three sub-provinces, selection for these teams must be regarded as equivalent to selection for a KZN “B” team. The Awards Committee must use its discretion to determine whether a nominated learner has *additionally* achieved the standard equivalent to full KZN “A” team representation, based on the learner’s achievements in representing the KZN sub-provincial team.

Should a learner, in addition to fulfilling the Honours criteria in his particular code, be selected to represent South Africa, he may wear gold braiding with his Honours Blazer.

For the purposes of this policy, team age-group classifications are:

- *Top age-group*: The highest schools team (ie. Open), or equivalent (eg. U18 or U19 or, if there is *no* U18 or U19 age-group, U20 or U21).
- *Next-to-top age-group*: In any activity, the age-group immediately below the highest schools team provided.

8.11 *Exceptions and unique circumstances.*

- A learner in Grade 10, who is u16 and competes and achieves in top age group, may only be considered for half colours irrespective of the nature of the achievement.
- A learner in Grade 10 who is selected for a South African team/squad may only be considered for half colours.
- A learner in Grade 11 who is u16 and competes in the top age group, may be eligible for any blazer award.

9. Particular Rules and Criteria

The Particular Rules and Criteria for Blazer Awards in each of the recognised fields of endeavour are contained in Annexures B attached.

10. Policy Revisions

This Blazer Awards Policy is subject to revision from time to time, as the need arises. Since one of the fundamental principles of the Policy is consistency, frequent revision should be avoided. An annual review of the Policy should be undertaken by the Awards Committee to determine whether there is a pressing need for changes to be made, and if necessary, a new revision drafted. Changes to be incorporated in a revision to the Policy must receive the unanimous support of the Awards Committee and Headmaster. Revision control is achieved by the inclusion of the date and a revision number at the head of the document and in the page headers.

The need for revision to the main body of the Policy should be unlikely, with the exception of additions or deletions to the list of qualifying activities. However, the Annexures listing the particular rules and criteria for the various activities should certainly be subject to review, based on experience over preceding years with the application of the criteria. For example, if more than two boys have received Honours in respect of a particular activity each year for several years, it is likely that the criteria for that activity are too generous and should be revised. Conversely, the absence of any Honours Awards for several years in one of the school's *major* sports or activities suggests that the criteria are too demanding, and require revision. The guiding principle is that Blazer Awards should represent recognition to which all learners should aspire and which some should achieve, but should be awarded for excellence, and should not be allowed to "devalue" and become commonplace.

**Annexure A
Northwood School
Nomination for Blazer Award**

- 1. Name of Nominee:**
- 2. Grade:**
- 3. Award Nominated:**
- 4. Relevant Awards Policy Criteria (Annexure B__):**
- 5. Blazer Awards currently held:**

- 6. Qualifying Achievement/s for Nominated Award:**

- 7. Northwood representation record (in Award activity):-**
 - a. Competitions / Matches:**

 - b. Practices:**

- 8. Behavioural Prerequisites (comments required):-**
 - a. General behaviour:**

 - b. Loyalty to school:**

 - c. Appearance / dress:**

 - d. Dedication:**

 - e. Application (giving of best):**

- 9. Other supporting information / comments:**

- 10. Disqualifying behaviours / actions / disciplinary record:**

Name of Nominating MIC / EIC:

Date:

Annexure B1 Academics

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who achieves an aggregate mark for the year of 85% in Grade 11 or Grade 12.
- A learner who achieves the position of first in the grade in either of Grade 11 or 12.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who achieves an aggregate mark for the year of 85% in Grade 10 or 80% in Grade 11 or Grade 12.
- A learner who achieves the position of first in the grade in Grade 10 or second in the grade in Grades 11 or 12.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who achieves an aggregate mark for the year of 80% in Grade 10 or 75% in Grade 11 or Grade 12.
- A learner who achieves the position of second in the grade in Grade 10 or third, fourth or fifth in the grade in Grades 11 or 12.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Academics Scroll:

- A learner who achieves an aggregate mark for the year of 75% in Grade 10 or 70% in Grade 11 or Grade 12.

Annexure B2

Altruism

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- The Head Prefect.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- The Deputy Head Prefects.
- A learner who has been selected to referee or umpire matches at national level in one of the Blazer Award sports, on condition that he has officiated in a substantial number of Northwood matches in the season in question.
- A learner who has served the school in a particularly outstanding fashion, in areas such as sports scoring or administration, school facilities operation and technical support, maintenance or administration, or similar avenues of service. *A learner must have completed a minimum of four years of service to be eligible for consideration for full-colour service award of this nature.*

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- All Prefects.
- A learner who has achieved noteworthy performance and levels of service in the role of refereeing or umpiring Northwood matches in one of the Blazer Award sports.
- A learner who has served the school particularly meritoriously, and over an extended period, in areas such as sports scoring or administration, school facilities operation and technical support, maintenance or administration, or similar avenues of service. *A learner must have completed a minimum of three years of service to be eligible for consideration for half-colour service award of this nature.*

The following learners will qualify for Awards in terms of their Altruistic service to the school:

- *A learner must have completed a minimum of three years of service to be eligible for consideration for a service award.*
- **First Aid, Tech Team, Games Room and other Service Teams.**

Learners who have functioned in the above capacities may be considered for awards should they have:

- Served at events or school functions for a minimum of 15 days per year, either mornings only or full day events.

- Served to the satisfaction of the team manager and have been suitably attired, diligent in the execution of their duties, and have upheld the school code of conduct.

The following learners will qualify for the award of Half Colours:

- Learners from Grade 11 and 12, who have met the above criteria, and who have, in the opinion of the team manager, provided excellent service. Learners who have committed to First Aid for 3 or more years will qualify for the above award. Additional certificates of competency shall also be considered.

The following learners will qualify for the award of Full Colours:

- Learners in Grade 11 or 12 who have met the above criteria and who have served for a minimum of four years and completed at least 120 hours of service in the year of the award. Additional certificates of competency shall also be considered.

The following learners will qualify for the award of White Tie:

- Learners who have served for 5 years in at least 1 service team and 4 years in a 2nd service team and 3 years in a 3rd service team, and whose conduct and service to the team has been exemplary. In addition to certificates of competency that may be presented, a minimum level 3 training certificate from a registered training organisation is required.

Awards for School Service should be made at the end of the fourth term, save for Grade 12 awards which are to be made at the end of term 3.

Annexure B3 Athletics

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who achieves the requirements for Honours in the table below on at least two occasions.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who, at KZN meetings (entered by the school), the Northwood Interhouse or Interschool Athletics meetings, breaks a Northwood Open age group record.
- A learner who achieves the requirements for Full Colours in the table below on at least two occasions.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent any other prestigious (as defined by the Awards Committee) regional (sub-provincial) representation.
- A learner who, at KZN meetings (entered by the school), the Northwood Interhouse or Interschool Athletics meetings, breaks a Northwood U17 age group record.
- A learner who achieves the requirements for Half Colours in the table below on at least two occasions.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Table of Qualifying Times, Distances & Heights:

| Event | Half Colours | Full Colours | Honours |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 100m | 11.5 s | 11.3 s | 11.1 s |
| 200m | 23.5 s | 23.1 s | 22.5 s |
| 400m | 53.0 s | 51.5 s | 50.8 s |
| 800m | 2 m 05 s | 2 m 02 s | 1 m 59 s |
| 1500m | 4 m 23 s | 4 m 16 s | 4 m 09 s |
| 3000m | 9 m 30 s | 9 m 18 s | 9 m 07 s |
| High Jump | 1.80 m | 1.85 m | 1.90 m |
| Long Jump | 6.10 m | 6.35 m | 6.60 m |
| Triple Jump | 12.70 m | 13.00 m | 13.20 m |
| Discus (1.5 kg) | 40 m | 42 m | 44 m |
| Discus (1.75 kg) | 35 m | 38 m | 41 m |
| Javelin (700 g) | 45 m | 52 m | 58 m |
| Javelin (800 g) | 44 m | 50 m | 55 m |
| Shotput (5.4 kg) | 13.0 m | 13.75 m | 14.5 m |

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| Shotput (6.2 kg) | 12.0 m | 13.0 m | 13.9 m |
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The times, distances or heights must be achieved at KZN meetings (entered by the school), the school Interhouse Athletics Meeting or at an Interschool Athletics Meeting in which the learner is representing the school. If the achievement is made at the Interhouse meeting, the learner must, in addition, represent the school at an Interschool meeting in order to qualify for the Award, but the achievement need not be repeated at the Interschool meeting.

Annexure B4 Band

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- Candidate must have been a committed member of the Northwood Brass Band playing either drums or a brass instrument for a minimum of 4 years.
- Must have performed with the ensemble both within and outside of Northwood at the majority of performances.
- Must have attained at least a section leader position
- Must have attained an outstanding level of musicianship on their instrument, as decided by the MIC.
- Representing Northwood as part of an external ensemble (see Appendix A) will weigh considerably in the learners favour.
- Must embody all the qualities of an upstanding Northwood learner so as not to tarnish the prestige of the award.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- Candidate must have been a committed member of the Northwood Brass Band playing either drums or a brass instrument for a minimum of 4 years.
- Must have performed with the ensemble both within and outside of Northwood at the majority of performances.
- Must have attained at least a sub-section leader position
- Must have attained an outstanding level of musicianship on their instrument, as decided by the MIC.
- Must embody all the qualities of an upstanding Northwood learner so as not to tarnish the prestige of the award.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- Candidate must have been a committed member of the Northwood Brass Band playing either drums or a brass instrument for a minimum of 3 years.
- Must have performed with the ensemble both within and outside of Northwood at the majority of performances.
- Must have attained at least a sub-section leader position
- Must have attained an outstanding level of musicianship on their instrument, as decided by the MIC.
- If learner is in grade 10, but qualifies for half colours the award will be automatically be down-graded to a scroll.
- Must embody all the qualities of an upstanding Northwood learner so as not to tarnish the prestige of the award.

- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B5 Basketball

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) or provincial representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition

Annexure B6 Chess

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group A Team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B7 Cricket

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who participates in the trial matches for the KZN schools top A or B teams.
- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B8 Cross-country

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group A.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B9 Cycling/ Mountain Biking

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) or provincial representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B10 Debating

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent South African schools top age-group in international competition.
- A learner who, in interprovincial competition, has been selected as Best Speaker on two or more occasions.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group in interprovincial competition.
- A learner who, in interschool league competition at the top age-group, has been selected as Best Speaker on two or more occasions.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B11 Performing Arts

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who has taken a leading role in at least ~~two~~ annual School Productions *and* performed at an outstanding level in those roles.
- Must take a leading role in one of the following disciplines – vocals, dance, acting – in a minimum of 3 Northwood Musicals.
A leading role will be considered as: a lead actor, a main vocalist (fronting songs), a dance captain
- Must show outstanding levels of performance, commitment and be an inspiration to younger cast members, as decided by the MIC.
- Preferably take part in the Ballroom Dance extra-mural (if a dancer), or the Northwood Choir (if a singer).
- Representing Northwood as part of an external ensemble (see Appendix B) will weigh considerably in the learners favour.
- Must embody all the qualities of an upstanding Northwood learner so as not to tarnish the prestige of the award.
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The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who has taken a leading role in at least one annual School Production *and* performed excellently in the role(s).
- Must take a leading role in one of the following disciplines – vocals, dance, acting – in a minimum of 2 Northwood Musicals.
A leading role will be considered as: a lead actor, a main vocalist (fronting songs), a dance captain
- Must show outstanding levels of performance, commitment and be an inspiration to younger cast members, as decided by the MIC.
- Preferably take part in the Ballroom Dance extra-mural (if a dancer), or the Northwood Choir (if a singer).
- Representing Northwood as part of an external ensemble (see Appendix B) will weigh considerably in the learners favour.
- Must embody all the qualities of an upstanding Northwood learner so as not to tarnish the prestige of the award.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who has taken a leading role in at least one annual School Production *and* performed creditably in that role.
- A learner who has taken a supporting role in at least two annual School Productions, *and* performed excellently in those roles.

- Must take a sub - leading role in one of the following disciplines – vocals, dance, acting – in a minimum of 2 Northwood Musicals.
A sub leading role will be considered as: co-lead actor, a supporting vocalist, a dance co-captain.
- Must show outstanding levels of performance, commitment and be an inspiration to younger cast members, as decided by the MIC.
- Preferably take part in the Ballroom Dance extra-mural (if a dancer), or the Northwood Choir (if a singer).
- Representing Northwood as part of an external ensemble (see Appendix A) will weigh considerably in the learners favour.
- If learner is in grade 10, but qualifies for half colours the award will be automatically down-graded to a scroll.
- Must embody all the qualities of an upstanding Northwood learner so as not to tarnish the prestige of the award.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B12 Golf

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) or provincial representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition

Annexure B13 Hockey

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group C team
- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B14 Indoor Hockey

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group A.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools B team.
- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B15 Rugby

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A or B teams.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to participate in the final trials for the KZN schools top age-group A or B teams.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected for other prestigious (as defined by the Awards Committee) regional (sub-provincial) representation.
- A learner will qualify for Half Colours if he has made a particularly strong contribution to the school First Team.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B16 Rugby Sevens

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) or provincial representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B17 Soccer

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who represents the KZN schools top age-group A teams.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner represents the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) representation (other than that which qualifies a learner to participate in final top age-group trials).
- A learner will qualify for Half Colours if he has made a particularly strong contribution to the school First Team.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B18 Softball

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) or provincial representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B19 Squash

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) or provincial representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B20 Surfing

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) or provincial representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B21 Swimming

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, at the Interhouse or Interschool Swimming galas, breaks a Northwood Open age group record.
- A learner who achieves the requirements for Honours in the table below on at least two occasions.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who, at the Interhouse or Interschool Swimming galas, breaks a Northwood U17 age group record.
- A learner who achieves the requirements for Full Colours in the table below on at least two occasions.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) representation.
- A learner who achieves the requirements for Half Colours in the table below on at least two occasions.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Table of Qualifying Times:

The times must be achieved **twice** during the year. These achievements must take place at suitable provincial, national or international events, at the school Interhouse Gala or at Interschool Galas in which the learner is representing the school.

| Event | Half Colours | Full Colours | Honours |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Freestyle 50 m | 27.50 s | 26.50 s | 24.99 s |
| Freestyle 100 m | 58.50 s | 56.22 s | 55.20 s |
| Breaststroke 50 m | 35.11 s | 33.25 s | 31.89 s |
| Backstroke 50 m | 32.18 s | 30.35 s | 28.85 s |
| Butterfly 50 m | 30.05 s | 29.31 s | 27.32 s |
| Individ. Medley 200 m | 2 m 29.95 s | 2 m 21.45 s | 2 m 16.32 s |

Annexure B22 Tennis

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group A.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B23 Volleyball

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the South African schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) or provincial representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.

Annexure B24 Waterpolo

Taking account first of the General Rules and Criteria (Section 8 of this Policy), and in particular Section 8.5: Pre-requisites and Disqualifications, the following Particular Rules and Criteria apply:

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Honours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group A team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Full Colours:

- A learner who is selected to represent the KZN schools top age-group B team.
- A learner who, in the *unanimous* opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard that is deemed equal to that of those who have gained representation as described above.

The following learners will qualify for the Award of Half Colours:

- A learner who is selected for other prestigious regional (sub-provincial) representation.
- A learner who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has achieved a standard of both performance and commitment that makes him noteworthy among his peers, and is worthy of particular recognition.