SAHETI SCHOOL

Primary School Policy

CRITERIA FOR SPORTS AWARDS - GRADE 4-7

Sport Awards in the Primary School will be awarded in consultation between and at the discretion of: Coach, staff member in charge of the relevant sport, Sports Coordinators, Vice-Principal and Principal.

General Criteria

A pupil who wishes to become eligible for consideration for any sports award must:

- Attend **at least 85%** of the season's practices. Practices may only be missed in circumstances beyond the pupil's control, and a written excuse must always be provided timeously by the pupil's parents. Absence from school and doctors' certificates will be taken into account, as will absence from practice due to representing the school at that time in a different activity. Injured pupils are encouraged to attend practices even if not participating.
- Represent the school in fixtures for that sport if selected, unless excused for reasons beyond the pupil's control.
- Show a positive attitude to the activity and act as a member of a team.
- Exemplify the ethos of the activity at the school and at all games and practices
- Display good sportsmanship on and off the field at all times.

In an exceptional case, the Head of a particular sport may propose an award to an individual who does not meet the specified criteria. For a badge of excellence, this proposal should be supported by a provincial or national player or coach in that particular sport. The proposal needs to be approved by the Vice Principal (sport) and the Principal.

Certificate of Acknowledgment

- Awarded to Grade 4 -7 team members who meet the general criteria, and represent their team in the matches for which they are selected.

Team Badge (bar, gold print of activity name on blue background)

- A Grade 6-7 pupil who meets the general criteria is eligible for this award should they meet the general criteria, and the following:
    - Represented the A team in **80%** or more of the fixtures in their particular sport for two consecutive years .
    - Received a Certificate of Acknowledgment in the prior year.
    - The Team Badge may be re-awarded in a subsequent year.

Individual Excellence Badge (shield, gold print of activity name on blue background)

- A Grade 6-7 pupil who meets the general criteria is eligible for this award should they have excelled in the particular sport as follows:
    - They have qualified to receive a team badge .
    - Individual sports (swimming, athletics, cross country): top placing in a high profile inter-school event, usually involving 5 or more schools (e.g. Prestige gala). Exact position required dependent on which league we are participating in – specified for each sport.
    - Team sports (soccer, netball, softball, cricket, basketball, water polo, hockey): selection for area, district, provincial or national side (or equivalent) in the Grade 6 and/or 7 year. These criteria will also apply to tennis.
- Should a Grade 4-7 pupil meet the level of achievement required for an individual excellence badge (except for the team badge criterion), but not be eligible for this badge because they are in Grade 4 or 5, and or because they have not participated in the particular sport in the previous season, they may be awarded an Individual Excellence Certificate.

CRITERIA FOR SPORTS AWARDS IN THE SPECIFIC SPORTING CODES

SPORT	CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	TEAM BADGE: Gr - 7 only	INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE BADGE: Gr 6-7 only, must also qualify for team badge
Athletics	Team athlete who attends the majority of the meetings during the season.	An athlete who has represented the athletics team in two or more events at 80% or more of the athletics fixtures for two consecutive years.	An athlete who is placed first in at least one event in 80% or more of the athletics fixtures in that season.
Basketball	Basketball player who attends the majority of the available matches in the competitive season	A basketball player who represented the A basketball team (U11A in previous year, U12A or Open A) in 80% or more of the basketball fixtures in two consecutive years.	A basketball player who is selected to represent a schools provincial basketball side. *
Cricket	Cricketer who attends the majority of the available matches in the competitive season	A cricketer who represented the A cricket team (Ter Horst A if U11 in previous year, or Commonwealth A if U12 or open) in 80% or more of the cricket fixtures in two consecutive years.	A cricketer who is selected to represent the schools area cricket side.

** When there is no active area / district / provincial side, the staff member in charge of the relevant sport may make a proposal*

SPORT	CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	TEAM BADGE: Gr - 7 only	INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE BADGE: Gr 6-7 only, must also qualify for team badge
Cross country	Runner who attends the majority of the meetings in the season	A runner who has represented the cross country team in 80% or more of the cross country fixtures for two consecutive years.	A runner who is placed first or second in two or more cross country fixtures in the season.
Hockey	Hockey player who attends the majority of the available matches in the competitive season	A hockey player who represented the A hockey team (Junior if U11 in previous year, or Senior if U12 or open) in 80% or more of the hockey fixtures in two consecutive years.	A hockey player who is selected to represent the schools area hockey side. *
Netball	Netballer who attends the majority of the available matches in the competitive season	A netballer who represented the A netball team (U11A, U12A or Open A) in 80% or more of the netball fixtures in two consecutive years.	A netballer who is selected from District 13 to progress at least to the next round of trials.
Soccer	Soccer player who attends the majority of the available matches in the competitive season	A soccer player who represented the A soccer team (U11A in previous year, U12A or Open A) in 80% or more of the soccer fixtures in two consecutive years.	A soccer player who is selected to represent the schools area soccer side.
Softball	Softball player who attends the majority of the available matches in the competitive season	A softball player who represented the A softball team (Junior if U11 in previous year, or Senior if U12 or open) in 80% or more of the softball fixtures in two consecutive years.	A softball player who is selected to represent the schools area softball side.*
Swimming	Team swimmer who attends the majority of the available galas in the season	A swimmer who has represented the A swimming team in two or more events at 80% or more of the A team galas for two consecutive years.	A swimmer who is placed first in at least one event in 80% or more of the A Team swimming galas in that season.

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SPORT	CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	TEAM BADGE: Gr - 7 only	INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE BADGE: Gr 6-7 only, must also qualify for team badge
Tennis	Tennis player who attends the majority of the available matches in the competitive season	A tennis player who represented the A tennis team (Junior if U11 in previous year, or Senior if U12 or open) in 80% or more of the tennis fixtures in two consecutive years.	A tennis player who is selected to represent the schools area tennis side.*
Water polo	Water polo player who attends the majority of the available matches in the competitive season	A water polo player who represented the A water polo team in 80% or more of the water polo fixtures in two consecutive years.	A water polo player who is selected to represent a schools provincial water polo side.

NOTES:

- No sports awards will be given for non-team sport participation.
- One season in each year will be designated the competitive season for each sport, and this will be communicated by the sports department.
- Sports not offered as part of the SAHETI Primary School Sports programme will not be awarded with SAHETI Sports awards, but may be acknowledged in school newsletters or in grade or whole school assemblies.
- Badges may be worn on the school jersey or the school shirt.
- If a pupil has been awarded a badge for a particular sport, and then stops playing that sport, they may no longer wear that badge at school.
- If a pupil has earned a team badge and an excellence badge for a particular sport, they should wear only the excellence badge.

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