

METHODIST COLLEGE BELFAST AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN SPORT

The following may be awarded to pupils participating in sports organised and coached within school: **Junior Colours, Colours, Honours and Special Award.**

The purpose of these awards is to recognise participation, commitment and achievement at an exceptionally high level in Methodist College sport.

In addition, the **Ambassador Award** may be awarded to pupils participating in a sport not available and coached in the College.

All the awards contribute to the promotion of an ethos of achievement in which hard work, application and excellence are recognised, valued and rewarded.

The pupils who achieve these awards have shown sustained, exemplary and exceptional commitment to the ethos and values of the College that promote:

- the development of talent and ambition
- the pursuit of excellence
- respect of self and others
- equality of opportunity and inclusion
- courage, determination and inspiration

AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN COLLEGE SPORTS

N.B. Colours and Honours must not be regarded as being an automatic award for playing in a first team or equivalent, even one that wins a competition.

Award	Definition	Minimum Criteria	Insignia
Junior Colours 3 rd - 4 th Form Exceptional individual / team performance in Form 1 and 2 may be considered	The Award of Junior Colours recognises those pupils who have given sustained commitment to a College sport and achieved significant success at inter-School and/or provincial level.	The recipient of a Junior Colours Award must fulfil the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. have displayed a positive and exemplary attitude towards the sport, team members, coaches and staff at all times. 2. have demonstrated an exceptionally high level of ability, commitment and sportsmanship with due regard to comparative standards. 3. have given a sustained commitment (minimum 2 years) and been a regular member of the appropriate 1st Team/Squad. 4. meet any specific criteria set by the member of staff in charge of the sport and agreed by the Sports Award Committee. 	Blue Maltese Cross lapel badge inscribed with the words Junior Colours.
Colours 5 th - 6 th Form 1 st Team /Senior Age group only This may also include exceptional individuals from other forms playing in the 1 st team	The Award of Colours recognises those pupils who have given sustained commitment to a College sport and achieved significant success at inter-School and/or provincial level.	The recipient of a Colours Award must fulfil the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. have displayed a positive and exemplary attitude towards the sport, team members, coaches and staff at all time. 2. have demonstrated an exceptionally high level of ability, commitment and sportsmanship with due regard to comparative standards. 3. have given a sustained commitment (minimum 2 years where possible) and been a regular member of the appropriate 1st Team/Squad. 4. meet any specific criteria set by the member of staff in charge of the sport and agreed by the Sports Award Committee. 	Silver Maltese Cross lapel badge inscribed with the words Senior Colours.
Honours	The Award of Honours recognises those pupils	The recipient of an Honours Award must fulfil the criteria applicable to Colours as well as the specific criteria set by	Honours Pocket comprising of a

5 th -6 th Form 1 st Team /Senior Age group only This may also include exceptional individuals from other forms playing in the 1 st team	who have given sustained commitment beyond the normal expectations to a College sport and have achieved outstanding success in a major competition at senior school, provincial and/or national level.	the member of staff in charge of the sport and agreed by the Sports Award Committee	Maltese Cross, border, sea-horse and scroll-bar above in silver wire together with the activity name and dates below and certain traditional additions for some clubs, worn on College blazer with honours buttons.
Special Award 3 rd - 6 th Form	A Special Award is presented to athletes who show outstanding ability in a particular College sport together with a high degree of sportsmanship in all of his or her sporting activities.	As well as meeting the general criteria for Honours the recipient must have represented their country successfully in an international sports competition and promoted the College values through his or her participation. Given the exceptionally high level of achievement and representation required for a Special Award, it is likely that recipients will be in the Senior School.	Silver Wreath and Blue Maltese Cross lapel badge inscribed with the words Special Award.

Additional Qualifying guidelines which are subject to on-going review by the Sports Award Committee. Activities not listed are covered under minimum criteria.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITY	JUNIOR COLOURS 3rd - 4th Form Exceptional Individual / Team Performance in Forms 1 and 2 may be considered.	COLOURS 5th - 6th Form	HONOURS 1st Team / SENIOR AGE GROUPS ONLY
Athletics	1 st /2 nd / 3 rd place may be considered in Ulster Championships where a full field of competitors have taken part and qualifications have taken place	1 st /2 nd 3 rd place may be considered in Ulster Championships where a full field of competitors have taken part and qualifications have taken place or Inter-pro	Irish Medallist or International/Inter-pro
Cross-Country	1 st /2 nd / 3 rd in Ulster Championships	1 st /2 nd / 3 rd in Ulster Championships or Inter-pro	Irish Medallist or International/Inter-pro
Cricket	U14/U15 Ulster Cup Finalists / Winners or Representative	Schools Cup Finalists or Representative or As general criteria for 1 st team individuals	Schools Cup Winners or Ulster Schools XI or International or Interpro
Hockey	U14/ U15 Cup Finalists / Winners or Interpro U16	Schools Cup Finalists or As general criteria for 1 st team individuals or Interpro	Schools Cup Winners or Inter-Pro or International (U18)
Netball	Finalists / Winners NI Cup and/or NI League or NI Representative (U17)	Finalists / Winners NI Cup and/or NI League (Inter) or Finalists Senior Cup or NI representative (U17) or As general criteria for 1 st team individuals	Winners NI Cup and/or NI League or NI representative
Rugby	Medallion Shield Finalists / Winners	Schools Cup Finalists or Inter-Pro or As general criteria for 1 st team individuals	Schools Cup Winners or Inter-Pro (U18/U19) International
Rowing	Winners of Craig Cup or Bobby Platt Cup	Ulster Race Winners or Irish School Championship Winners	Irish National Championship Medallist or International

Swimming	1 st /2 nd / 3rd in Swim Ulster Schools Cup and Championship and regular competitor in all galas	1 st /2 nd / 3rd in Swim Ulster Schools Cup and Championship and regular competitor in all galas or Inter- pro	1st in Swim Ulster Schools Cup and Championship or Inter-pro/International
Tennis	Winners Ulster Cup + regular players only	Winners Intermediate Ulster Cup + regular Players only or Inter-pro	Inter-pro or International and regular competitor for school
Football		Finalists NI Schools Cup or As general criteria for First Team individuals	Winners NI Schools Cup or International
Basketball	Interpro / International	Interpro U16 or Irish Cup/league Division A	Interpro U18/ International U16 or above
Golf	Ulster Schools Champions (Cup)	Ulster Schools Champions (Cup or League) or Interpro	Ulster Schools Champions or International
Water Polo	U16 finalists / winners Ulster Schools Cup	U19 finalists / winners Ulster Schools Cup	Winners Irish Schools Cup or Ulster representative or Irish representative or Interpro

SPORTS AWARDS PROCESS

SPORTS AWARDS COMMITTEE

Members: The Sports Award Committee to consist of a Vice-Principal, the PE Department and members of staff in charge of a particular sport. (If the TIC is unavailable he/she can nominate a replacement to propose awards). The quorum for the committee is 5.

Chair: A Vice-Principal

Secretary: Head of PE

Meetings: Committee to meet twice yearly for the purpose of discussing and approving awards (March and June). The secretary to give at least 7 days' notice of a Sports Award meeting although it may also be necessary to call ad hoc meetings e.g. to approve Special Awards and Rowing awards (September). A minute will be kept of the decisions of the Committee.

Nominations: must be submitted by TIC before the meeting using the 'Colours and Honours Nomination Spreadsheet' on OneDrive

Presentation: Awards will be made where possible prior to the Easter and Summer holidays and recipients names posted at the Sports Hall noticeboard. N.B. Rowing awards are normally announced in the autumn term due to the nature of the sporting calendar. The Chair to arrange, where feasible, for awards to be read out/presented in the appropriate assembly.

Appeals: An appeal against the application of the award criteria should be made to the Chair and the Sports Awards Committee re-convened if required.

COLLEGE AMBASSADOR AWARD

The College Ambassador award recognises **outstanding** ability and **exceptional** achievement by a pupil in a sport or activity **not** available in the College. This award is the equivalent of a Special Award and therefore will only be awarded to those whose achievements have a significant and far-reaching impact. Given the exceptionally high level of achievement and representation required for an Ambassador Award, it is likely that recipients will be in the Senior School.

The recipient will receive a Silver Wreath and Blue Maltese Cross lapel badge inscribed with the word Ambassador.

A re-award is permitted where a pupil shows progression in their achievement in a sport where an Ambassador's Award has already been received.

COLLEGE AMBASSADOR AWARD COMMITTEE

Chair: Senior Vice-Principal

Members: 2 VPs and 2 APTs

Quorum: 3 (including the Chair).

Meetings: 3 days' notice of ad hoc meetings will be given to members by the Chair.

A minute will be kept of the decisions of the Committee.

Nominations: Nominations should be made in writing to the Senior Vice-Principal. The Committee will consult with appropriate member of staff before decision is made.

Appeals: An appeal against the application of the award criteria should be made to the Principal and the Chair of the Education and Extra-Curricular Committee of the Board of Governors.

Presentation: The Chair will arrange for awards to be presented in main assembly in front of the appropriate year groups.