

HOW DO YOU GET COLOURS IN SPORT?

TAS Sports Council

Colours are awarded by The Headmaster based on recommendations from the TAS Sports Council. The Sports Council comprises:

The Headmaster or his nominee

The Sportsmaster

Four Masters-in-Charge of official School sports (chosen by The Sportsmaster)

Four Captains of official School sports (chosen by The Sportsmaster)

The Senior Prefect

The Deputy Senior Prefect

The Council meets towards the end of the sporting seasons to vote 'on' Colours based on recommendations provided to the Council by the MIC and/or the coach of the 1st team in that sport.

General

Colours are awarded for School representation at the first team level in sports recognized as colours sports.

The first criterion for eligibility is **attitude** (to the sport and School). Any candidate for colours must have brought credit to the School and shown himself worthy of representation.

The second criterion for eligibility is **ability** which is recognized at various levels.

Four categories of colours are recognized

- i. First Team Uniform
- ii. Silver Colours
- iii. Gold Colours
- iv. Honours Award

1. First Team Uniform Identification

Any student selected in a School First Team is eligible to wear the 1st team uniform.

2. Silver Colours

Any member of a School's first team (ie. in a sport recognized as a colours sport) is eligible for silver colours providing he has played in sufficient official games for the season (as a guide, a minimum of 65%) and is in Year 11 or 12.

In the case of swimming or athletics or any similar sport where the "First Team" is large and involves open and under age group levels the qualification for eligibility is gaining a place (ie. normally first, second or third) in the GPS Open or U17 championship, or its equivalent or in some circumstances U16 age group division, or aggregating a total number of points through

several events deemed to be worthy of such a place (see “Colours Notes for Guidance, Athletics” attached)

Silver colours are awarded for membership of a first team. In normal years those boys who have played in sufficient games in the first team (as a guide, a minimum of 65%) are eligible to receive at least silver colours provided, in The Sports Council’s opinion:

- (a) The team has played enough games
- (b) The team has participated at a high enough level, and
- (c) The team has been successful at this level.

If this is not the case, individuals from the team may still receive colours for outstanding performance.

3. Gold Colours

Gold colours are awarded for exceptional performance in a first team in addition to the criteria for silver colours. This contribution would have to be clearly recognized beyond the School and be easily demonstrated as such (eg. GPS athletics 1st place, distinguished G.P.S./district representation etc.). In normal years only two or three gold colours would be awarded in any team.

4. Honours Award

An honours award may be awarded in singular circumstances for a nationally recognized and exceptional achievement. It is assumed that all other criteria for other levels of colours would have been more than met. Honours may only be awarded once in any one sport.

Recognition of Silver Colours, Gold Colours, Honours and Captains of Sport

These awards will be recognized on the Honours blazer, i.e. any student who has qualified at these levels will be awarded a ‘pocket’ to be sewn on the left-hand side of the blazer. A TAS crest will be embroidered on the pocket and beneath the crest the appropriate lettering and year will also be embroidered on the pocket.

Different colours of embroidery denote the different colours awards

Silver colours – silver lettering

Gold colours – gold lettering

Honours Award – blue lettering, including the word ‘Honours’, eg “*Honours in Swimming 2007*”

Example of Silver and Gold Colours ‘lettering’: “*Swimming 2007*”. Note that where a student received the same Colours in a sport, in Years 11 and 12, the lettering would (as an example) be: “*Swimming 2007 & 2008*”

Captains and Vice-Captains of a Sport will be presented with a badge which can be worn on the Honours Blazer

Who can Wear the Honours Blazer?

The Honours blazer is worn by all boys in Years 11 and 12 as part of their School uniform. Additionally, the Honours blazer may be worn by all members of a School ‘1st team’ (when representing the School in that team) and senior teams on overseas tours, even if they are in Year 10 or below.