1. Objectives of Awarding Colours

Colours are awarded to:

1.1 Motivate students to excel at various sports/games.
1.2 Recognize their achievements in sports/games.
1.3 Develop sportsmanship.

2. Definition of Colours - The distinguishing emblem awarded for surpassing standards given for each sport/game.

3. Definition of Coloursmen/women - Sportsmen/women who are awarded Colours by the school and are authorized to wear the Colours insignia.

4. Mode of Awarding Colours

4.1 School Colours will be awarded only to sportsmen/women at Over 15 years age levels, who have excelled as per the criteria given below. A striped blazer in blue and grey will be worn by the Colours men/women. A school crest with the inscription ‘Senior Colours (Name of Sport/game)’ will be awarded to the recipients.

4.2 Sportsmen/women at Under 15 age category who have excelled as per the criteria given below will be awarded Junior Colours. A blue blazer will be worn by the Junior Colours men/women. School crest with the inscription ‘Junior Colours (Name of Sport/game)’ will be awarded to the recipients.

4.3 Sportsmen/women of Under 13 age group will be awarded Colour Bands to be worn on the school uniform.

4.4 A student may be awarded Colours more than once for the same sport/game.

4.5 On a repeat award, only a certificate will be awarded with the words 'Colours Repeat Award'.

4.6 The Colours Crest will be awarded only once for the same game/sport, to the same sportsman/woman.
5. Sports/Games recognized by the school for awarding Colours

5.1 Refer Annexure 1 listing out the sports/games recognized by the school.
5.2 Inclusion or exclusion of a sport/game will be made only by the Colours Committee subject to ratification of the Board of Directors.

6. Criteria for Awarding Colours

6.1 Age group is decided as of 31st December of the previous year.
6.2 Colours are awarded only for achievements in sports/games given in Annexure 1, during the student's tenure in the school.
6.3 If the school becomes the Champions in a team game, at an Inter School Tournament consisting of at least five schools, all players of the team, who have played at least in one game are eligible for Colours.
6.4 Best performer (Ex. Best Batsman, Most Valuable Player) at any Inter School Tournament subject to 6.3, is eligible for Colours.
6.5 A sportsman/woman selected for a national team in a sport/game in Annexure 1, with the prior written approval of the Principal, is eligible for Colours.
6.6 A student who has breached school discipline or brought disrepute to the school within or after school hours will not be eligible for Colours.
6.7 Application or non-application of Clause 6.6 is at the discretion of the school management.

7. Athletics

7.1 A Champion Athlete at the Inter House Athletic Meet in the awarding year is eligible for Colours.
7.2 A record breaker in any event (including relay) at the Inter House Athletic Meet is eligible for Colours.
7.3 An athlete who sets a new record in any event (including relay) or obtains first place in any individual event at an Inter School Athletic Meet consisting of at least 5 schools is eligible for Colours.
7.4 An athlete who has participated at Junior/Senior National Championships (eg: Sir John Tarbet Championship, Relay Carnival organized by the Ministry of Education and the Sri Lanka Schools Athletics Association) with the prior written approval of the Principal and secured a position among the first 8 places (finalists), is eligible for Colours.
8. Basketball

8.1 If the school becomes Runners Up at an Inter School Basketball Tournament, awarding Colours to an individual player, will be considered as follows:

8.1.1 The number of participating schools in the tournament should be 5 or more, in the gender category.

8.1.2 The players will be ranked according to their performances.

8.1.3 Only the players who score 10 or more baskets will be eligible for ranking.

8.1.4 The players in the first five positions in the ranking order are eligible for school Colours.

9. Cricket

9.1 Cricket Colours will be awarded on the performance of a player at the inter School cricket tournament organized by OCC or any other inter school tournament, where the number of participating schools is five or more, provided that the player concerned has played in 50% or more of the matches played by the school.

9.2 The criteria for awarding Colours are as follows:

9.2.1 Batting averages are calculated by dividing the total runs scored by the number of dismissals.

9.2.2 Bowling averages are calculated by dividing the total number of wickets taken, by the number of matches played.

9.2.3 A batsman who scores an average of 55 or above in the Under 16 tournament is eligible for senior Colours.

9.2.4 A batsman who scores an average of 40 or above in the Under 13 tournament is eligible for Colour bands.

9.2.5 A bowler who achieves an average of 3 or above (wickets per match) in the Under 16 tournament is eligible for Senior Colours.

9.2.6 A bowler who achieves an average of 2 or above (wickets per match) in the Under 13 tournament is eligible for Colour Bands.

9.2.7 An all-rounder who maintains a batting average of 40 or above plus, either a bowling average of 2 wickets per match OR, 2 dismissals behind the wicket per match in the Under 16 Tournament is eligible for Colours.
9.2.8 An all-rounder who maintains a batting average of 30 or above plus, either a bowling average of 1 wicket per match OR, 2 dismissals behind the wicket per match in the Under 13 Tournament is eligible for Colour Bands.

10. Table Tennis

10.1 A winner of both Singles & Doubles events at the Inter House Table Tennis Tournament is eligible for Colours.

11. Badminton

11.1 A winners of both Singles and Doubles events at the Inter House Badminton Tournament is eligible for Colours.

12. Special Awards

12.1 A students who has taken part in a sport/game not included in Annexure 1 and has brought glory to the school by his/her achievements will be considered for a special award at the Colours Nite.

12.2 A trophy will be awarded to a special award winner.

13. Oryx Award

13.1 The Oryx is the highest sports award offered to a student in the school.

13.2 The Oryx is awarded only for performance in sports/games in Annexure 1.

13.3 The most outstanding sportsmen/ women of the year will be awarded the 'SLSM Oryx Award'.

13.4 The Oryx is offered to a student only once in his/her school career.

13.5 The Oryx can be awarded in a particular year to more than one student or none.

13.6 The Oryx will be awarded only to Senior sportsmen/women - (over 15 years of age).

13.7 A sportsman/woman who has participated with prior written approval of the Principal in a sport/game in Annexure 1, at national or international level representing the official National Team of the Sultanate of Oman or his/her motherland, will be eligible for the Oryx subject to 13.7.1
13.7.1 A sportsman/woman as detailed in 13.7 should have played at least in one match/game played by the National Team at international level.

13.8 A Sportsman/woman who has achieved three Junior/Senior Colours, at least one of which should be in the awarding year, is eligible for the Oryx Award subject to 13.6.

13.9 An athlete who has established three new records in an Over 15 age group at the inter house athletic meet in the awarding year, is eligible for the Oryx.

13.10 A student who has breached school discipline or brought disrepute to the school within or after school hours is not eligible for the SLSM Oryx Award.

13.11 Application or non-application of Clause 13.10 is at the discretion of the school management.

14. Panel of Selection

14.1 The Colours Committee consisting of the Deputy Principal, Head of Sports Department, Sports Coordinators in the staff and Teachers in charge of Sports, will recommend the recipients of Colour Bands, Junior Colours, Senior Colours and The SLSM Oryx Award to the Principal.

14.2 The Principal will submit the recommendation for ratification to the Board of Directors.

15. Announcing Colours Recipients

15.1 Once the BOD ratifies the list of Colours recipients recommended by the Principal, the parents and the students will be informed by:

15.1.1 Notice on the school notice board.

15.1.2 An email to parents stating that the Colours list is on the notice board.

16. Appeals

16.1 Any appeal against the decisions of the panel should be addressed to the Principal in writing, within 5 working days of the announcement of the Colours recipients.

17. Withdrawal of Colours/Oryx

17.1 The school authorities may decide to withdraw Colours/Oryx awarded, on disciplinary grounds.
18. Students who have left the school

18.1 A student who has achieved the required criteria for the award of Colours/Oryx, is entitled for same, irrespective of whether the student is in the school or not, by the time the Colours Nite is conducted.

18.2 A student who has passed out from the school by the time the Colours Nite is conducted, after completing the school career, is entitled to receive the Colours/Oryx award at the Colours Nite.

18.3 A student who has left the school without completing the school career at SLSM, will not be awarded Colours/Oryx at the Colours Nite. He/She will collect the Colours crest/Oryx award and the certificate from the Principal in school, after the event.

Annexure 1

Specified Sports and Games

The following games played at Sri Lankan School are officially recognized for the award of Colours.

1. Athletics
2. Basketball
3. Cricket
4. Badminton
5. Table tennis