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Issue No.	Revision No	Date	Summary & Description of Modification
1	0	11.06.2015	Initial draft (Available – not certain whether there were any prior versions of this policy).
2	0	November 2020	Review the entire document and changes were made to all sections. Added more sports – Football and Mind Games (Chess & Scrabble).
3	0	20.06.2023	Review the entire document and changes were made to all sections. Incorporated Color Award for Cricket Under 19 All Annexures were removed and shall be published as a separate document.
3	1	01.06.2025	Updated the badminton and table tennis colors criteria have been revised. Cricket T20 color criteria added. Few minor changes were made to the entire document.



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1. OBJECTIVES OF AWARDING COLORS

Colors 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. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Definition of Colors

The distinguishing emblems awarded for achieving prescribed criteria for each sport/game given in this Policy. The term ‘Colors’ is used to identify any award under the definition of ‘Senior Colors/Junior Colors/Color Band’.

2.2 Definition of Colorsmen/women

Sportsmen/ women who are awarded Colors by SLSM and are authorized to wear Colors insignia.

2.3 Defined Abbreviations

- 2.3.1 “BOD” – The Board of Directors of SLSM.
- 2.3.2 “HOD” – Head of Department
- 2.3.3 “IHAM” – Inter House Athletic Meet
- 2.3.4 “ISAC” – Inter-International Schools Athletic Competition.
- 2.3.5 “MOE” – Ministry of Education
- 2.3.6 “MVP” – Most Valuable Player
- 2.3.7 “OC” – Oman Cricket
- 2.3.8 “SLSM” – Sri Lankan School Muscat
- 2.3.9 “SMT” – The Senior Management Team

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2.4 Defined Terms

- 2.4.1 “Panel of Selection” - The Panel designated for the purpose of selecting color recipients (Refer to Clause No: 16 of this Policy).
- 2.4.2 “Standard Inter School Tournament/Meet” - Inter school tournament/meet held in any country consisting of minimum 5 schools, including SLSM (Minimum number of schools may not be applicable to Tournaments Organized by Ministry of Education/Ministry of Sports or Oman Cricket).
- 2.4.3 “Team” - All the players who shall be selected from the squad for a game (Refer to the Table below for Cricket, Basketball, Football).
- 2.4.4 “Squad” - All the players who shall be selected to play in any game for the respective year (Refer to the table below for Cricket, Basketball and Football); following are the defined numbers;

Game	Team	Squad
Cricket	15 (Reserve 4 inclusive)	20
Basketball	12 (Reserve 2 inclusive)	15
Football	10 (Reserve 3 inclusive)	15

- 2.4.5 “Participation” - Being present at the sport/game as a team/squad member, with readiness to play at any required moment during a match.
- 2.4.6 “The Sports Department” - The sports department led by Head of Sports Department (HOD Sports).
- 2.4.7 “Academic Year” - ‘The academic year of the school is the period from the first day of the 1st term to the last day of the 3rd term’ or as determined by the BOD in accordance with to the Year Planner.
- 2.4.8 “The Policy” - This policy document, named “Sri Lankan School Muscat- School Policy on Awarding Colors and Oryx.”

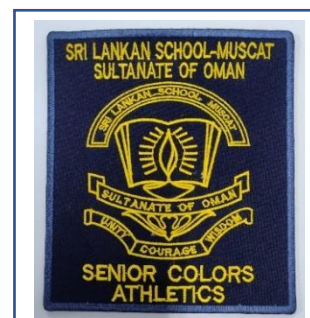
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3. MODE OF AWARDING COLORS

3.1 'Senior Colors'

'Senior Colors' shall be awarded only to Sportsmen/ women over 15 years of age category who have excelled as per the criteria given in this policy.

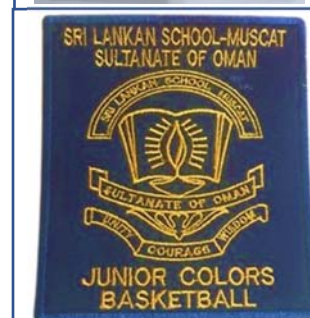
A school crest with the inscription 'Senior Colors (Name of Sport/game)' shall be awarded to the recipient, as per clause 6.1.



3.2 'Junior Colors'

Sportsmen/ women of Under 15 age category who have excelled as per the criteria given in this policy shall be awarded 'Junior Colors'.

A school crest with the inscription 'Junior Colors (Name of Sport/game)' shall be awarded to the recipient, as per clause 6.1.



3.3 'Color Band'

Sportsmen/ women of Under 13 age category who have excelled as per the criteria given in this policy shall be awarded with 'Color Bands', as per clause 6.1.



- 3.4 A student may be re-awarded Colors with Colors for the same sport and the game in the same age category.
- 3.5 On a repeated award, only a certificate shall be awarded with the words "Colors Re-award".
- 3.6 The Colors Crest for any particular game shall be awarded only once to a sportsman/woman.
- 3.7 Events with mixed age groups: If any sports event is represented by a team comprising of students of different age categories, and becomes eligible for an award of Colors, age-appropriate Colors will be awarded.

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4. WEARING OF COLORS

- 4.1 Senior Colors/Junior Colors shall be worn on the School Blazer during ceremonial events as directed by the School.
- 4.2 Color bands shall be worn on School uniform.

5. SPORTS/ GAMES APPROVED BY SLSM FOR AWARDING COLORS

- 5.1 Games/sports approved under this policy are as follows:
 - Athletics
 - Basketball
 - Cricket
 - Badminton
 - Table Tennis
 - Football
 - Mind Games (Chess/Scrabble)
- 5.2 Inclusion or exclusion of a sport/game shall be made only by revision to this policy by a committee appointed for such a purpose, under the recommendation of the Sports Department, approved by SMT, subject to ratification of the BOD.

6. CRITERIA FOR AWARDING COLORS

- 6.1 Age group is decided as of 31st December of the respective Academic year of awarding Colors. (E.g.: The age group for the Academic year 2025/26 shall be decided based on the age as of 31st Dec 2025).
- 6.2 Colors are awarded only for the achievements in approved sports/games as per Clause 5.1.
- 6.3 If SLSM becomes the Champions in a team game, at a Standard Inter School Tournament, all members of the Team are eligible for Colors. However, any member who has participated in less than 50% of matches played by SLSM will not become eligible for Colors.

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- 6.4 If SLSM becomes the Champions in a team game organized by a National Body (E.g. Ministries of Sultanate/OC), all members of the Squad are eligible for Colors. However, any member who has participated in less than 50% of matches played by SLSM will not become eligible for Colors.
- 6.5 Best performer (E.g.: Best Batsman, Most Outstanding Player/Athlete, etc.) at any Standard Inter School Tournament / Meet or IHAM is eligible for Colors.
- 6.6 A sportsman/woman selected for a National team in a sport/game listed in clause 5.1, with the prior written approval of the Principal, is eligible for Colors.
- 6.7 Onus of applying the Clause 6.6 shall be with the SMT, with the ratification of BOD.
- 6.8 In Any Inter House event, the athlete shall not be eligible for Colors unless a minimum of three (03) athletes participate in the event. The athlete shall participate in events having more than one house to be eligible for the Championship that eventually enables them to be eligible for Colors.
- 6.9 If there is one athlete in the event, the new meet record will be considered for Colors but points for the 1st place and championship will not be considered.

7. ATHLETICS

- 7.1 The selection criteria under the specified age categories for Inter House Athletic Meet Rules and Regulations are as follows.

	Under 9	Under 11	Under 13	Under 15	Under 17	Over 17
Girls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boys	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

- 7.2 A Player who has achieved following criteria is eligible for colors:
- 7.2.1 A Champion athlete at the Inter House Athletic Meet in the respective Academic year is eligible for Colors.
- 7.2.2 Setting a new record or equaling an existing record in any event (including relay events and road race) at the inter House Athletic Meet is eligible for Colors. (When more than one athlete surpasses an existing record, only the highest achiever will become eligible for Colors).
- 7.2.3 An athlete who obtains first place in any event (including relay events) at a Standard Inter School Meet for Athletics is eligible for Colors.

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7.2.4 An athlete who has participated at Inter-International Schools' Athletics Competition (IISAC), Junior/ Senior National Championships (E.g. Sir John Tarbet Championship, Relay Carnival organized by the Sri Lankan Schools Athletics Association or similar National Athletics Competitions in any country) with the prior written approval of the Principal and secured a position among the first 8 places (finalists), is eligible for Colors.

7.3 In addition to the above, a player who satisfies the criteria mentioned in Clause 06 "Criteria for awarding colors" is eligible for colors.

8. BASKETBALL

8.1 The selection criteria under the specified age categories for Inter House Basketball Tournament Rules and Regulations were as follows.

	Under 13	Under 15	Over 15
Girls	✓	✓	✓
Boys	✓	✓	✓

8.2 A Player who has achieved following criteria at an Inter House Tournament / Interschool Tournament is eligible for colors:

8.2.1 A Player who becomes the MVP at the Inter House Basketball Tournament is eligible for colors.

8.2.2 The MVP shall be selected by the external referees appointed for the purpose during the tournament.

8.3 In addition to above a player who satisfy the criteria mentioned in Clause 06 "Criteria for awarding colors" is eligible for colors

9. CRICKET

9.1 The benchmark under The Policy is based on the format of the game defined by OC in the particular year for under 13, under 16 and under 19 age groups respectively.

9.2 Cricket Colors shall be awarded on the performance of player/s at the Inter School Cricket Tournament organized by OC or at a Standard Inter School Tournament.

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9.3 SLSM becoming the champions of Inter school tournament organized by OC, SLSM Team will be eligible for Colors as mentioned in Clause 6.

9.4 In the event of SLSM not becoming champion, the following criteria shall apply for selecting players for awarding Colors:

- The number of matches which the particular player participated in should not be less than 50% of the matches played by SLSM during the season/Tournament.
- The statistics for calculation of performance shall be obtained from the OC official website.

Note a: Batting averages are calculated by dividing the ‘total runs scored’ by the ‘number of dismissals’ during the particular season/tournament.

Note b: Bowling averages are calculated by dividing the ‘total number of runs conceded’ by the ‘number of the wickets taken’ during the particular season/tournament.

9.4.1 Cricket Colors shall be awarded to a player who has received the title of “MVP of the match” twice in the same tournament and should have played minimum 70% of the matches played by SLSM in the tournament.

9.4.2 Cricket Colors shall be awarded to a player who has been ranked among top ten in Oman Cricket (OC) “All Player Ranking”.

9.4.3 BATTING

9.4.3.1 A player in U19 category who has achieved;

A minimum batting average of 40 runs in the season/tournament **AND**

An aggregate not less than 40 runs X 50% of the matches played by SLSM; is eligible for Colors.

9.4.3.2 A player in U16 category who has achieved;

A minimum batting average of 35 runs in the season/tournament **AND**

An aggregate not less than 35 runs X 50% of the matches played by SLSM; is eligible for Colors.

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9.4.3.3 A player in U13 category who has achieved;

A minimum batting average of 30 runs in the season/tournament **AND**

An aggregate not less than 30 runs X 50% of the matches played by SLSM; is eligible for Colors.

9.4.3.4 A player in Girls' category who has achieved;

A minimum batting average of 30 runs in the season/tournament **AND**

An aggregate not less than 30 runs X 50% of the matches played by SLSM is eligible for Colors.

9.4.3.5 A player in T20 category who has achieved;

A minimum batting average of 30 runs in the season/tournament **AND**

An aggregate not less than 30 runs X 50% of the matches played by SLSM; is eligible for Colors.

9.4.4 BOWLING

9.4.4.1 A player in Under 19 Category who

- has taken an average of minimum 1.8 wickets per match **AND**
- achieved the bowling average of 15 runs or below **AND**
- participated in 50% of matches, **AND**
- has taken total number of wickets not less than 1.8 wickets X50% of matches played by SLSM; is eligible for colors.

9.4.4.2 A player in Under 16 Category who

- has taken an average of minimum 1.8 wickets per match **AND**
- maintained the bowling average of 20 runs or below **AND**
- participated in 50% of matches, **AND**
- has taken total number of wickets not less than 1.8 wickets X50% of matches played by SLSM; is eligible for colors.

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9.4.4.3 A player in Under 13 Category who

- i. has taken an average of minimum 1.8 wickets per match, **AND**
- ii. maintained the bowling average of 25 runs or below, **AND**
- iii. participated in 50% of matches, **AND**
- iv. has taken total number of wickets not less than 1.8 wickets X50% of matches played by SLSM is eligible for colors.

9.4.4.4 A player in Girls' Category who

- v. has taken an average of minimum 1.8 wickets per match, **AND**
- vi. maintained the bowling average of 20 runs or below, **AND**
- vii. participated in 50% of matches, **AND**
- viii. has taken total number of wickets not less than 1.8 wickets X50% of matches played by SLSM is eligible for colors.

9.4.4.5 A player in T20 Category who

- ix. has taken an average of minimum 1.8 wickets per match, **AND**
- x. maintained the bowling average of 25 runs or below, **AND**
- xi. participated in 50% of matches, **AND**
- xii. has taken total number of wickets not less than 1.8 wickets X50% of matches played by SLSM is eligible for colors.

9.4.5 WICKET KEEPING

9.4.5.1 Wicket Keeper: A player in Under 19 category;

- i. who has involved in minimum 3 dismissals per match by stumping/catches as wicket keeper **AND**
- ii. conceding less than 10 byes per match, provided the player performed as the Wicket keeper in 70% of the matches played by SLSM, shall be eligible for colors.

9.4.5.2 Wicket Keeper: A player in Under 16 category;

- i. who has involved in minimum 3 dismissals per match by stumping/catches as the

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wicket keeper **AND**

- ii. with not more than 10 byes per match, provided the player performed as the Wicket keeper in 70% of the matches played by SLSM, shall be eligible for colors.

9.4.5.3 Wicket Keeper: A player in Under 13 category;

- i. who has involved in minimum 3 dismissals per match by stumping/catches as the wicket keeper **AND**
- ii. with not more than 15 byes per match, provided the player performed as the Wicket keeper in 70% of the matches played by SLSM, shall be eligible for colors.

9.4.5.4 Wicket Keeper: A player in Girls' category;

- i. who has involved in minimum 3 dismissals per match by stumping/catches as the wicket keeper **AND**
- ii. with not more than 10 byes per match, provided the player performed as the Wicket keeper in 70% of the matches played by SLSM, shall be eligible for colors.

9.4.5.5 Wicket Keeper: A player in T20 category;

- iii. who has involved in minimum 3 dismissals per match by stumping/catches as the wicket keeper **AND**
- iv. with not more than 10 byes per match, provided the player performed as the Wicket keeper in 70% of the matches played by SLSM, shall be eligible for colors.

9.4.6 ALL-ROUNDERS

9.4.6.1 Combined performance under 19 Boys

A player who has played a minimum of 50 % of the matches played in the Under 19 category in the season/tournament with;

- i. a batting average of not less than 25 runs **AND**
- ii. aggregate not less than 25 runs X 50% of matches played by SLSM **AND** Either of:
 - a) has taken an average of minimum of 1.4 wickets per match, at the bowling average of 25 runs, provided he has participated in 50% of matches and total number of wickets taken not less than 1.4 wickets X 50% of matches played by SLSM;

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b) taken minimum 2 dismissals per match by stumping/catches as the wicket keeper, with not more than 10 byes per match, provided the player performed as the Wicket keeper in 70% of the matches played by SLSM; Shall be eligible for Colors.

9.4.6.2 Combined performance under 16

A player who has played a minimum of 50 % of the matches played in the Under 16 category in the season with;

- i. a batting average of not less than 25 runs **AND**
- ii. aggregate not less than 25 runs X 50% of number of matches played by SLSM **AND** Either of:
- iii. a) has taken minimum of 1.4 wickets per match, at the bowling average of 25 runs, provided he has participated in 50% of matches and total number of wickets taken not less than 1.4 wickets X 50% of matches played by SLSM;

OR

b) taken minimum 2 dismissals per match by stumping/catches as wicket keeper, with not more than 10 byes per match, provided the player acted as Wicket keeper at 70% of the matches played by SLSM; Shall be eligible for Colors.

9.4.6.3 Combined performance under 13

A player who has played a minimum of 50 % of the matches played in the Under 13 category in the season with;

- i. a batting average of not less than 20 runs **AND**
- ii. aggregate not less than 20 runs X 50% of number of matches played by SLSM **AND** Either of:
- iii. a) has taken minimum of 1.4 wickets per match, at the bowling average of 30 runs, provided he has participated in 50% of matches and total number of wickets taken not less than 1.4 wickets X 50% of matches played by SLSM"

OR

b) taken minimum 2 dismissals per match by stumping/catches as wicket keeper, with not more than 15 byes per match, provided the player acted as Wicket keeper at 70% of the matches played by SLSM Shall be eligible for Colors.

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9.4.6.4 Combined performance Girls' Category

A player who has played a minimum of 50 % of the matches played in the Girls' category in the season with;

- i. a batting average of not less than 25 runs **AND**
- ii. aggregate not less than 25 runs X 50% of number of matches played by SLSM **AND** Either of:
- iii. a) has taken an average of minimum of 1.4 wickets per match, at the bowling average of 30 runs, provided he has participated in 50% of matches and total number of wickets taken not less than 1.4 wickets X 50% of matches played by SLSM"

OR

b) taken minimum 2 dismissals per match by stumping/catches as wicket keeper, with not more than 10 byes per match, provided the player acted as Wicket keeper at 70% of the matches played by SLSM Shall be eligible for Colors.

9.4.6.5 Combined performance under 19 Boys

A player who has played a minimum of 50 % of the matches played in the Under 19 category in the season/tournament with;

- iii. a batting average of not less than 25 runs **AND**
- iv. aggregate not less than 25 runs X 50% of matches played by SLSM **AND** Either of:
- a) has taken an average of minimum of 1.4 wickets per match, at the bowling average of 25 runs, provided he has participated in 50% of matches and total number of wickets taken not less than 1.4 wickets X 50% of matches played by SLSM;

OR

c) taken minimum 2 dismissals per match by stumping/catches as the wicket keeper, with not more than 10 byes per match, provided the player performed as the Wicket keeper in 70% of the matches played by SLSM; Shall be eligible for Colors.

9.4.6.6 Combined performance T20 Category

A player who has played a minimum of 50 % of the matches played in the Under 16 category in the season with;

- iv. a batting average of not less than 25 runs **AND**
- v. aggregate not less than 25 runs X 50% of number of matches played by SLSM **AND**

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Either of:

- vi. a) has taken minimum of 1.4 wickets per match, at the bowling average of 25 runs, provided he has participated in 50% of matches and total number of wickets taken not less than 1.4 wickets X 50% of matches played by SLSM;

OR

b) taken minimum 2 dismissals per match by stumping/catches as wicket keeper, with not more than 10 byes per match, provided the player acted as Wicket keeper at 70% of the matches played by SLSM; Shall be eligible for Colors.

10. BADMINTON

- 10.1 The selection criteria under the specified age categories for Inter House Tournament Rules and Regulations were as follows.

	Under 11	Under 13	Under 15	Over 15
Girls	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boys	✓	✓	✓	✓

- 10.2 A player who has achieved following criteria at the Inter House Badminton Tournament is eligible for colors:

10.2.1 Achieving minimum 2 championships within three consecutive years including the year of award. Badminton Champion for each age category will be the winner of both Singles and Doubles.

10.2.2 Achieving minimum 1 championship and two first places from either in single or/and doubles category within three consecutive years including the year of award. Badminton Champion for each age category will be the winner of Singles and Doubles.

E.g:

- One Championship and two First Places in Single Category
- One Championship and One First Place in Single Category and One First Place in Doubles Category
- One Championship and two First Places in Doubles Category

10.2.3 The player obtains first place (Gold Medal) in any Tournament at a standard Inter

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school Tournament for Badminton is eligible for colors. (Organized by the National Body e.g. M.O.E / Ministry of Sports).

- 10.3 In addition to above a player who satisfy the criteria mentioned in Clause 06 “Criteria for awarding colors” is eligible for colors.
- 10.4 When accumulated achievements in the past years are considered for selection of Colors, those achievements will not be re-considered for a repeated award.

11. TABLE TENNIS

- 11.1 The selection criteria under the specified age categories for Inter House Table Tennis Tournament is as set follows.

	Under 13	Under 15	Over 15
Girls	✓	✓	✓
Boys	✓	✓	✓

- 11.2 player who has achieved following criteria at the Inter House Table Tennis Tournament is eligible for colors:

11.2.1 Achieving minimum 2 championships within three consecutive years including the year of award. The Table Tennis Champion for each age category will be the winner of both Singles and Doubles.

11.2.2 Achieving minimum 1 championship and two first places from either in single or/and doubles category within three consecutive years including the year of award. Table Tennis Champion for each age category will be the winner of Singles and Doubles.

E.g:

- One Championship and two First Places in Single Category
- One Championship and One First Place in Single Category and One First Place in Doubles Category
- One Championship and two First Places in Doubles Category

11.2.3 The player obtains first place (Gold Medal) in any Tournament at a standard Inter school Tournament for Table Tennis is eligible for colors. (Organized by the National Body e.g. M.O.E / Ministry of sports)

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- 11.3 In addition to above a player who satisfy the criteria mentioned in Clause 06 “Criteria for awarding colors” is eligible for colors
- 11.4 When accumulated achievements in the past years are considered for selection of Colors, those achievements will not be re-considered for a repeated award.

12. FOOTBALL

- 12.1 The selection criteria under the specified age categories for Inter House Tournaments are as follows;

	Under 15	Over 15
Boys	✓	✓

- 12.2 A Player who has achieved the following criteria is eligible for colors.
- 12.2.1 A player who has become the Best Player of the tournament (MVP) at the Inter House Football Tournament is eligible for colors.
- 12.3 The MVP shall be selected by the external referees nominated for the purpose during the tournament.
- 12.4 Awarding / Non awarding of MVP is at the sole discretion of the external referees considering the standard of the player.
- 12.5 In addition to the above, a player who satisfy the criteria mentioned in Clause 06 “Criteria for awarding colors” is eligible for colors.

13. MIND GAMES (CHESS/SCRABBLE)

- 13.1 The selection criteria under the specified age categories for Inter House Tournaments are as follows;

Chess

	Under 9	Under 11	Under 13	Under 15	Over 15
Girls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boys	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Scrabble

	Under 13	Under 15	Over 15
Girls/Boys	✓	✓	✓

13.2 A Player who has achieved following criteria at an Inter House Tournament for a Mind Game is eligible for colors:

13.2.1 Achieving three championships within three consecutive years, including the year of award.

13.2.2 The player obtains first place (Gold Medal) in any Tournament at a standard Inter school Tournament for Chess/Scrabble is eligible for colors. (organized by the National Body e.g. M.O.E / Ministry of Sports).

13.3 When accumulated achievements in the past years are considered for selection of Colors, those achievements will not be re-considered for a repeated award.

13.4 Players shall be ranked as per the Inter Hose Tournament Rules and Regulations.

14. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

14.1 A student who has taken part in a sport/game not included in clause 5.1 or athletic events not conducted by SLSM, but organized by a legitimate national/ international body, with the prior written recommendation of Sports Department and approval of the Principal, and has achieved an equivalent of SLSM Gold Medal award/Sri Lanka National standard in a competitive tournament/s, similar to Standard Interschool Tournament of SLSM, may be considered for award of the same medal/plaque received at the tournament, along with a certificate by SLSM at the Colors Awarding Ceremony, in recognition of the student's achievements outside the SLSM facilities.

14.2 Parents/Coaches of such sport/game shall make written appeal to the Principal giving all the details inclusive of the copies of legitimacy of the Organization/Tournament and certificates awarded for consideration, two months prior to Colors awarding ceremony as specified in the School Calendar.

14.3 The Panel of Selection shall assess the achievements in comparison with standards under which the respective games had been played and make recommendations along with other Color nominees list to the Principal to process further.

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15. ORYX AWARD

- 15.1 The Oryx is the highest sports award offered to a student in SLSM.
- 15.2 The Oryx is awarded only for performance in sports/games in clause 5.1.
- 15.3 The most outstanding sportsmen / women of the year shall be awarded the "SLSM Oryx Award".
- 15.4 The Oryx is offered to a student only once in his/her school career.
- 15.5 The Oryx can be awarded in a particular year to more than one student or none.
- 15.6 The Oryx shall be awarded only to senior sportsmen/ women (over 16 years of age).
- 15.7 A sportsman/ woman who is fulfilling any of the below requirements shall be eligible for the Oryx Award.
 - 15.7.1 A sportsman/ woman who has participated with prior written approval of the principal with the recommendation of Sports Department in a sport/ game in clause 5.1, at national or international level, representing the official National Team of the Sultanate of Oman or his/her motherland, shall be eligible for the Oryx Award.

(Note: If any student qualified for this category when he / she is below under 16, he / she will be awarded the Oryx award in his / her final year in school. This shall be notified to the Sports department in advance.
 - 15.7.2 A sportsman/woman who has achieved three Junior/ Senior Colors in at least two different sports/games within three consecutive years including the year of award, is eligible for the Oryx Award subject to Clause 6.8. It is compulsory to achieve at least one Senior Colors within these criteria.
 - 15.7.3 An athlete who has established three new records in an over 15 age group at the Inter House Athletic Meet (Track Events / Field Events / Road Race) in the awarding year, is eligible for the Oryx Award.
 - 15.7.4 An athlete who has secured the First Place position (Winner) at Inter-International Schools' Athletics Competition (ISAC), Junior/ Senior National Championships (e.g. Sir John Tarbet Championship, Relay Carnival organized by the Sri Lankan Schools Athletics Association or similar National Athletics Competitions in any country) with the prior written approval of the Principal, is eligible for SLSM Oryx award.
- 15.8 Refer Clause 19. Withdrawal/Temporary suspension of Oryx Award.
- 15.9 Application or non-application of Clause 15.8 shall be evaluated by SMT, and recommendations shall be provided for BoD approval.

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16. PANEL OF SELECTION AND RECOMMENDATION PROCEDURE

- 16.1 The Panel of Selection consists of the Deputy Principal, Head of Academics, Head of the Sports Department, Teachers in Charge of sports, and the Head coaches of the sports/games.
- 16.2 The Panel of Selection shall recommend the recipients of Colors and the SLSM Oryx Award to the Principal, who will submit same to SMT for study and make recommendations. The Panel of Selection will also evaluate the application for Special Recognition Certificates.
- 16.3 The SMT shall scrutinize the list, call for further clarification if necessary and make recommendations to the BOD through the Principal for ratification.

17. ANNOUNCING COLOR RECIPIENTS

- 17.1 Once the BOD ratifies the list of Color recipients recommended by the principal, the parents and the students shall be informed by:
- 17.2 Notice on SLSM noticeboard (clearly identifying the students who are 'Eligible for Colors as per clause 3.7')
- 17.3 A formal communication to parents stating that the Colors list is published on the SLSM notice board.
- 17.4 Announcement of Color recipient shall be done minimum two weeks prior to the event.

18. APPEALS

- 18.1 Any appeal against the selection should be addressed to the Principal in writing, within 10 calendar days of the announcement of the Colors recipients.
- 18.2 Upon receipt of an appeal, Principal shall refer the case back to the Panel of Selection and SMT, to make a joint recommendation.
 - 18.2.1 If an amendment to the selections is deemed necessary, Principal shall seek BoD approval for the change.
 - 18.2.2 If there is no justifiable reason for any change, concerned parents shall be informed in writing by Principal about the school's decision, with the consent of the BoD.

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19. WITHDRAWAL/TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF COLORS/ ORYX/AWARDS

- 19.1 A student who has breached discipline (Level 4) in accordance with SLSM's Discipline Policy or brought disrepute to SLSM, shall not be eligible for Colors.
- 19.2 SLSM authorities reserve the right to withdraw Colors, Oryx and any other awards awarded, on disciplinary grounds. It is mandatory to have formally recorded/ documented disciplinary action against the student. Principal shall recommend such cases to BoD with a full report for approval, prior to taking any decision.
- 19.3 If any student, whose name has been included in the Colors/Oryx recipient list, reported to have been involved in disciplinary breach, and if there is no sufficient time to conclude investigations, Principal shall recommend to BoD of Temporary suspension of award of Colors/Oryx to the student, until the matter is investigated, and decisions made. If the student concerned is cleared of charges, the suspension will be lifted and relevant Colors/Oryx to be awarded at a suitable forum as decided by the school.
- 19.4 It is mandatory to have formally recorded/ documented and proven disciplinary action against the student. (Effective duration is from the previous Colors award day to the Colors award day under consideration).

20. STUDENTS WHO HAVE LEFT SLSM

- 20.1 A student who has achieved the required criteria for the award of Colors/ Oryx, is entitled for same irrespective of whether the student is in SLSM or not, by the time the Colors Award Ceremony is conducted.
- 20.2 He / She / A family member shall be invited to receive the colors during the Colors Award Ceremony.
- 20.3 The dress of the receiver will be formal attire.

21. VALIDATION OF THE POLICY

- 21.1 The Policy shall be considered as the overall guide for Awarding School Colors/Oryx.
- 21.2 Selection criteria for awarding colors are considered on the stated benchmarks based on the current levels/ standards of game /event. The Policy revisions should be considered depending on the proposals for changes in the standards/guidelines of game/event.

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- 21.3 This policy document shall be made effective from the 2025/2026 Academic year.
- 21.4 The Policy shall be reviewed as required, and necessary amendments shall be made accordingly.
- 21.4.1 If the changes were made to most of the document, it shall be published as a new issue.
- 21.4.2 If minor changes were made to part of the document, it shall be published as a new revision under the same issue.
- 21.4.3 Summary of the changes made shall be mentioned under the section “Issue/Revision History”.
- 21.5 An updated copy of the policy shall be published on the school website.

