



# SWEET VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## AWARDS AND BADGE POLICY

### SPORTS AND CLUBS ACHIEVEMENT BADGES

Although the standard of Sweet Valley teams may vary from year to year, every effort is made to ensure that a fair level of consistency is applied across the sports, and also from year to year.

As provincial selection standards vary from sport to sport, this will not be the final arbiter wrt the awarding of Achievement Badges.

An award of a maroon badge (team award), silver badge or gold badge may be made.

#### To receive any award, the player must

- be in the school 1<sup>st</sup> team in the case of the team sports (cricket, hockey, netball, rugby, tennis, squash, chess)
- represent the school at u13 or open level (athletics, cross-country, swimming)
- A player must meet all the criteria for a maroon badge in order to qualify for a silver badge, and must meet the criteria for a silver badge in order to qualify for a gold badge.

1. Cricket, Hockey, Netball, Rugby
2. Swimming
3. Athletics
4. Cross-Country
5. Tennis

#### 1. CRICKET, HOCKEY, NETBALL, RUGBY

##### 1<sup>st</sup> team award (Maroon badge)

This may be awarded after the player has represented the school in 3 matches

##### Half Colours (Silver badge)

- Must be an above-average player in the first team.
- Must have played in 80% of the school fixtures, unless kept out through injury or illness.

##### Full Colours (Gold badge)

- Must be an outstanding player in the 1<sup>st</sup> team, having had a substantial impact on the team's performance/results.
- Selection for Provincial teams will be a good indication, but is not the determining factor.

The league in which the team is playing, and the performance of the team in the season, as well as compared to Sweet Valley teams of the last four or five years, should also be taken into account.

Colours may be awarded at the end of any term for the previous term. Except in exceptional circumstances, Full Colours will not be awarded halfway through the season.

## 2. SWIMMING

To receive any award, the player must

- attend school swimming practices on a regular basis
- represent the school in all swimming galas, unless prevented from doing so by illness, etc.
- represent the school at u13 level

### 1<sup>st</sup> team award (Maroon badge)

- 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> swimmer for SV in any of the 4 strokes; top 3 placing in the Individual Medley

### Half Colours (Silver badge)

- 1<sup>st</sup> place in any of the u13 events at the SV gala

### Full Colours (Gold badge)

- 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Regional Interschools gala
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in an interschools gala involving at least 4 schools

## 3. ATHLETICS

To get any award, the player must

- attend school athletics practices on a regular basis
- represent the school in all athletics meetings, unless prevented from doing so by illness, etc.
- represent the school at u13 level

### 1<sup>st</sup> team award (Maroon badge)

- 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in any of the events at Sports Day

### Half Colours (Silver badge)

- 1<sup>st</sup> place in one event and 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in another event or
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in the zonal athletics meeting  
or
- Top 4 place in WP Championships

### Full Colours (Gold badge)

- 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the WP Championships

#### 4. CROSS COUNTRY

##### 1<sup>st</sup> team award (Maroon badge)

- must have taken part in at least 3 races in the year under review
- must attend school practices regularly
- must have achieved two top 5 (amongst the SV runners) places.

##### Silver Badge

- must have achieved two top 10 places in league races or
- must be in top 3 of SV Cross-Country championship

##### Gold Badge

- must have achieved two top 5 places in league races
- top 20 position in the WP Championships

#### 5. TENNIS

##### 1<sup>ST</sup> Team award (Maroon badge)

This may be awarded after the player has represented the school in 3 matches

##### Silver Badge

- 1<sup>st</sup> team must be playing in the top league
- Players must have represented the 1<sup>st</sup> team in at least 6 matches for the period under review.
- The SV no. 1 player may be awarded a silver badge provided he/she has won at least 50% of his matches at no. 1.
- In the event that the no. 1 player has qualified for a silver badge, the no. 2 qualifies if he/she has won 60% of his matches. Similarly, the percentages for numbers 3 and 4 are 70% and 80% respectively.

##### Gold Badge

- The SV no. 1 player may be awarded a gold badge provided he/she has won at least 70% of his matches at no. 1
  - In the event that the no. 1 player has qualified for a silver badge, the no. 2 qualifies if he/she has won 60% of his matches. Similarly, the percentages for numbers 3 and 4 are 70% and 80% respectively.
- or
- reached the last sixteen of the WP closed championship
- or
- selected for WP u13 or u14 team

## EXTRAMURAL ARTS AND CULTURE BADGES

### 1. DRAMA

#### General

- Badges may be awarded only to Gr 7 pupils, or Grade 6 pupils if they are performing at the same level as the best Grade 7 pupils
- Pupils must qualify for the Maroon badge before they can be awarded Silver or Gold badges

#### Maroon badge

- Participation in Drama as an extramural for the previous three terms and
  - at least one school performance or
- participation in the CT Speech and Drama Eisteddfod

#### Silver badge

- Participation in an Eisteddfod achieving a distinction.
  - or
- a leading role in a sizeable school production

#### Gold badge

- 90%+ for an external examination – UNISA, Trinity College or Royal School.
  - or
- Participation in any two Eisteddfods, achieving at least one gold diploma in each
  - or
- a leading role in a major school production

### 2. MUSIC

#### General

- Badges may only be awarded to Gr 7 pupils, or Grade 6 pupils if they are performing at the same level as the best Grade 7 pupils
- Pupils must qualify for the Maroon badge before they can be awarded Silver or Gold badges

#### Maroon badge

- Commitment and dedication to extra mural ensemble groups, for a minimum of one year, eg. Recorder Ensemble, Senior Choir, Orchestra and providing the group has done at least two public performances (of which only one may be at a school assembly-type function) within the previous six months.
- A minimum of two items must be played at each function.
- An Eisteddfod does not count as a public performance.

#### In order to qualify for either a silver or a gold badge

Proficiency must be shown in the same discipline for which the maroon badge was earned. For example, if the maroon badge was for choir, there must be further

proficiency in singing/voice; if the maroon badge was for participation in the Windband, there must be further proficiency in the instrument played in the Windband, etc.

#### Silver badge

- 80%+ for an external examination – UNISA, Trinity College or Royal School.  
or
- Participation in an Eisteddfod achieving two distinctions. This may be from different Eisteddfods.  
or
- Winner of the Internal Music Prize Competition

#### Gold badge

- 90%+ for an external examination – UNISA, Trinity College or Royal School.  
or
- Participation in any two Eisteddfods, achieving at least one gold diploma in each  
or
- Participation in a National event  
or
- a leading role in a major school production or a role in certain external theatre or music productions (eg. Baxter or Artscape)

## EXTRA-MURAL AWARDS – CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

### 1. MEDIA

#### Maroon Badge

- Member of the Gr 7 Media Crew
- Whole-hearted participation, and a diligent and supportive attitude.

#### Silver Badge

- has given at least 2 terms service
- is reliable, responsible and co-operative
- fulfills duties competently
- shows commitment to the school and media duties
- strives to improve knowledge and expertise in the field of media technology
- has actively assisted with several school functions, sports fixtures outside of normal school hours
- brings credit to the field of media through dealings with staff, parents and guest speakers visiting the school.
- is able to take responsibility for the efficient functioning of sound and lighting without the supervision of an adult

#### Gold Badge

- meets all the silver badge criteria
- shows interest and commitment far beyond the expected media responsibilities of a primary school learner
- is able to take responsibility for the efficient functioning of sound and lighting for a major school production