

## Nga Tawa Diocesan School

### Sports Colours Criteria Procedure

**Responsibility for Procedure:** Head of Sport

**Approving Authority:** Principal

**Review Date:** Annual (March)

### Purpose

Nga Tawa Diocesan Sports Colours recognise students who have achieved excellence in sporting performance at regional, island, or national level. Recipients represent the highest standards of sporting ability, dedication, and school spirit. Sports Colours are awarded for achievements in the previous competitive season only.

### General Criteria

- Be a current enrolled student of Nga Tawa Diocesan School.
- Consistently demonstrate exceptional skill, effort, and commitment in their chosen sport.
- Represent Nga Tawa Diocesan School in their sport wherever possible.
- Display outstanding sportsmanship and leadership on and off the field. Reach the expected points requirement for colours to be awarded as nominated for by sports staff/coaches.
- Maintain a consistent standard of conduct and academic engagement (meeting school effort and behaviour expectations over the three terms prior to nomination).
- Compete at the most senior level available in school competition (e.g., U17, U18, Senior grades).
- Meet at least one of the Performance Standards outlined below.

### Performance Standards

#### Individual Sports:

- Gain provincial representative honours at U17 level or higher (in the highest team possible), or in the opinion of their coach, reach a standard equivalent to this in sports without formal representative pathways.
- Member of a relay team or team race that finishes in the top 3 at a National Secondary School event.
- Top 6 placing at a New Zealand National Secondary School event.
- Top 3 placing at a North Island Secondary School event.
- 1st place at a Manawatu-Whanganui Secondary School championship event.

## **Team Sports:**

- Top 3 placing at a North Island Secondary School event. (NISS events, e.g. tournament week).
- Top 6 placing at a New Zealand National Secondary School event.
- Gain provincial representative honours at U17 level or higher (in the highest team possible), or in the opinion of their coach, reach a standard equivalent to this in sports without formal representative pathways.
- Win a Manawatu-Whanganui Secondary School senior division for their sport. (e.g. Netball Manawatu Senior A1 grade, Hockey Manawatu Intercity 1 or 2 competition).
- Win their sport code competition at Winter Pentangular Tournament (Football, Hockey, Netball) or Summer Pentangular Tournament. (Tennis, Cricket, Touch Rugby).

## **Eligibility Conditions**

- Competitions must involve a minimum level of meaningful competition. For individual events, at least 10 competitors must be entered. For team events, at least four teams must be entered (from different schools or regions). Entered teams must also compete at the event.
- Results must be independently verifiable through official event records or governing body confirmation.
- If the competition does not meet the minimum standard (e.g. fewer than 4/10 competitors/teams), Colours will not be awarded. However, a Special Mention or Mention may be considered.

## **Process**

1. Nominations are called for by the Head of Sport after Term 1 for Summer Sports and Winter Tournament week for Winter Sports.
2. Coaches of each sport/team/individual are responsible for nominating students and providing clear evidence of achievement and expected behaviour. (Coaches nomination form).
3. Nominations for students performing to the above criteria in sports not offered at Nga Tawa can still achieve Colours. A Sports Colours Nomination form, along with this criteria will be sent to parents for evidence and confirmation of student's achievements. These will be reviewed by the Head of Sport before being evaluated by the colours committee.
4. The Head of Sport, in consultation with senior leadership and the colours committee, evaluates each nomination.
5. Final approval is made by the Principal.
6. The student's contribution to school culture and conduct record will be reviewed before final confirmation.

## Discretionary Awards

In exceptional cases, the Head of Sport, in consultation with the Principal, may choose to award Colours to a student who does not meet the exact criteria but has made a significant contribution to school sport or achieved a comparable standard.

## Sports Blues Criteria

### Purpose

Nga Tawa Diocesan School Blues Awards recognise students who demonstrate outstanding sporting excellence at the highest levels, typically beyond school and regional representation. Blues are the highest accolade awarded in school sport and reflect a combination of elite performance, character, and service to sport.

### General Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a Blues Award, a student must:

- Be a currently enrolled student of Nga Tawa Diocesan School.
- Represent the school positively and consistently in both sporting and non-sporting contexts.
- Demonstrate exceptional commitment, attitude, and leadership in their sport.
- Maintain a high standard of academic effort and school engagement.
- Meet one or more of the following performance benchmarks.

### Performance Standards

Students must have achieved **at least one** of the following:

#### 1. National Representation

- Selection to a New Zealand secondary school or age-group representative team (e.g., NZ U18s, NZ Schools, NZ Age-Grade Development Squad).

#### 2. National Championship Success

- 1st–3rd placing in an **individual event** at a **New Zealand Secondary Schools Championship**.
- Member of a **team** that places **1st at a NZ Secondary Schools National event**.
- Achieve top 3 placement in a **National-level age group** competition sanctioned by the sport's national body.

#### 3. International Selection or Representation

- Selection to represent New Zealand in international competition (e.g., Oceania, World Youth).
- Invited to attend official selection camps for national teams or squads.

#### 4. **Exceptional Regional Dominance**

- Multiple titles at North Island or Island-level championships *plus* selection to a high-level provincial team (e.g., Central Manawa Team, Wellington Phoenix U18).

#### **Additional Considerations**

- Performances must be **within the previous 12 months** of the nomination.
- Achievements in sports not offered by the school may be considered with verified evidence.
- The competition must meet a high standard of participation and independence (e.g., minimum 10 individuals or 4 teams, representing more than one province).
- Evidence from national sporting organisations or official event results is required.
- Final discretion remains with the Principal in consultation with the Head of Sport.

#### **Nomination & Selection Process**

- Nominations will be called for annually by the Head of Sport.
- Coaches or managers must provide comprehensive evidence of achievement, conduct, and contribution to the sport.
- The Colours Committee, Head of Sport, and senior leadership will assess all applications.
- Final confirmation is subject to Principal approval.

### **Discretionary Awards**

In exceptional cases, the Head of Sport, in consultation with the Principal, may choose to award Blues to a student who does not meet the exact criteria but has made a significant contribution to school sport or achieved a comparable standard.