



## **SPORTS AWARDS**

The recognition and acknowledgment of achievement forms a major part of motivating the pupils at Grayston. We take great pride in their achievement and try to instil a sense of appreciation of the abilities of others in the children. Pupils in the preparatory school phase develop at different rates and are still in the process of developing physical and mental ability in sport. As a result, some pupils achieve success earlier than others and this causes inevitable disappointment for those who are less successful, especially in team sports where the success of the team is dependent on a team rather than an individual effort.

The following sports awards are made in an effort to recognise participation, achievement and excellence:

### **Team Award**

This is awarded only to Under 12 and Open pupils who play in A or First teams. The following criteria are taken into account when such awards are considered:

#### **1 Representation and participation**

- Plays 90% of the fixtures against other schools
- Attends 100% of practices
- Excuses himself/herself when unable to attend a match or practice (a parental letter of excuse is necessary)
- Participates in Prestige Event if selected - only a commitment to a provincial or national sporting event or a medical certificate will be deemed acceptable excuses for non participation in such an event.

#### **2 Sportsmanship**

- Shows team spirit
- Supports the team
- Shows loyalty to the school and team
- Motivates fellow team members and peers

#### **3 Responsibility**

- Assists with setting up and clearing away equipment
- Cares for school and personal equipment
- Dresses neatly in the correct sports uniform
- Notifies coach in sufficient time for a replacement to be found when unable to play in a match
- Carries out instructions

#### **4 Behaviour**

- Displays a courteous and co-operative attitude towards teachers and coaches
- Displays good manners on and off the field

Children will be eligible for team awards in the sporting codes of:

- Athletics
- Chess
- Cricket
- Cross Country

- Football
- Hockey
- Netball
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis

### **Player of the season**

This is awarded to a player who shows exceptional talent and achievements throughout a season and is only awarded if there is an eligible candidate.

### **Grayston Sports Award**

This is awarded to pupils who achieve three team awards as well as at least one special achievement award in a recognised Grayston sport. Special achievement awards include Player of the Season, individual achievements such as Victor or Victrix Ludorum in athletics or swimming and championship trophies in tennis or chess where the child concerned actually wins a particular event individually rather than as part of a team.

### **Provincial or National Honours**

Children who represent their country or province in a school recognised sport will be congratulated in assembly, in the news letter and their names will appear on the Honours Boards.

### **Decision making re sports awards**

In all cases, the coaching staff in each of these codes will submit nominations to the awards committee for review. The awards will be made at the discretion of this committee and all decisions will be final.