



## **CRITERIA FOR AWARDING TEAM AWARDS**

The recognition and acknowledgement of achievement forms a major part of motivating the pupils at Grayston. We take great pride in their achievements and try to instill a sense of appreciation of others' abilities 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 individual effort.

Taking the above into account, we have decided to change the sports award policy. From now on team awards rather than colours will be awarded to those that meet the criteria outlined below. Children will be eligible for team awards in the sporting codes of:

Athletics  
Chess  
Cricket  
Cross country  
Football  
Hockey  
Netball  
Softball  
Swimming  
Tennis

The relevant coaching staff in each of these codes will submit nominations to the awards committee for review.

### Criteria

The child will be required to:

- Represent the school in the A (First) Team in a minimum of 75% of inter-school fixtures in a sporting season. In the Under 12 or Open Age Group.
- Attend all practices unless excused by the coach. Absence as a result of illness or injury will be taken into account.
- Display sportsmanship, loyalty and appropriate conduct.
- Adhere to the dress code.

Awards may be removed from a child should he/she:

- Fail to attend practices regularly.
- Display misconduct on or off the sportsfield.
- Fail to arrive for a fixture.
- Regularly arrive late for practices or matches.

In addition to this, individual excellence in the various sporting codes is recognised by the award of trophies for Victor/Victrix Ludorum in swimming and athletics and championship trophies in tennis and chess. In such cases the child concerned actually wins a particular event in an individual event rather than as part of a team. Children who achieve national or provincial honours in various sporting codes will also be recognised in assembly, in the newsletter and on the Honours Boards.