CURRO NELSPRUIT AWARDS POLICY

(Revised: November 2013)

1. DEFINITION

The purpose of making these awards is to recognise the achievements of our pupils in cultural, academic and sporting activities, and to encourage other pupils to strive to improve their performance. The emphasis is to acknowledge excellence, achievements and participation. Curro Nelspruit Private School has established itself as a competitive force to be reckoned with and we want to maintain the high standards set by our predecessors. These awards will be made to Grade 8-12 pupils who compete at sport in different age group levels and sport codes.

2. OBJECTIVE

The Curro Nelspruit Achievement Awards were introduced to acknowledge and recognise exceptional achievements in our co-curricular disciplines.

The criteria are deliberately strict in order to maintain the integrity and the level of the award.

All recipients have to subscribe to the school code of conduct and the various codes that apply to each activity.

All learners are eligible for these awards.

3. PRIMARY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 The following minimum requirements must be met:

3.2 Attain the minimum standards as set out in the policy.

3.3 Be a credit to Curro Nelspruit Private School both on and off the field. Must be an ambassador for the School.

3.4 Maintain a high standard of sportsmanship and co-operation with coaches and organisers.

3.5 Make a meaningful contribution to the team or activity, showing loyalty, service and interest at all times.

3.6 Have attended 80% of all practices and played 80% of all fixtures.

3.7 The standard of competition / performance and quality of opposition should always be considered

3.8 Should a Curro Nelspruit Private School pupil disgrace the School by their behaviour on or off the field, they will no longer be eligible for an award. Subsequent to a disciplinary hearing. This would be applicable to academic, cultural and special awards.

3.9 Should a player / participant withdraw from a match / event for a reason not acceptable to the Awards Committee, he or she will possibly forfeit his / her

opportunity to qualify for any award. A pupil in this situation may not earn more than a Team Award.

3.10 Should a player / participant sustain an injury which prevented them from playing in 80% or more fixtures or practices, they may still qualify for an award.

4. AWARDS COMMITTEE:

The Awards Committee comprises 4 people, namely:

a. Executive head who acts as Chairperson
b. Head of Academics
c. Head of Senior phase
d. Head of Sport
e. The Master in Charge (MIC) of different sport codes need to submit nominations to the committee before they convene.

5. MEETINGS:

The committee will convene at the end of the year or when deemed necessary. The Executive Head will call this meeting. At the end of each sport season the MIC of the sport codes have to submit an operational report to the Head of Sport.

There will be two awards ceremonies each year. The first ceremony will be at the start of the 4th term for the Grade 12 scholars. The 2nd ceremony will be at on the last day of the academic year for Grade 1 – 11.

Nominations for these awards need to be compiled by the MIC of the sport code or culture event. These nominations need to be given to the Head of Sport.

The Awards Committee has the right to call an extraordinary meeting where situations which are not covered by this policy arise. Such a meeting will be for exceptional circumstances only. This meeting must be attended by all members of the committee.

6. PROCEDURE:

The MIC member in charge of an activity must present nominations in writing to the Head of Sport. Based on the criteria in this policy, as well as the discussion with the committee, awards will be made accordingly. All awards will be made on discretion of the Committee.

7. TASK OF THE COMMITTEE, NATURE OF AWARDS AND GENERAL CRITERIA:

7.1 All awards are made at the discretion of the Awards Committee who will act on the recommendations of the proposer.

7.2 An overriding consideration in all awards must be that pupils have at all times displayed behaviour that is acceptable to Curro Nelspruit . Bad sportsmanship and/or bad behaviour may disqualify potential recipients. Any pupil who has been given a letter of final warning and who has a period of probation as part of a sanction shall not be eligible for awards until the period of probation is over.

7.3 Should the behaviour of a recipient become unacceptable to Curro Nelspruit , the Awards Committee will have the right to strip that pupil of an award which must be regarded as a most serious and final step.

7.4 A pupil who is selected to a Provincial or National team but does not actually represent that team will not necessarily qualify for the appropriate award. Each case will be dealt with on an individual basis.

7.5 No award is automatic and every award must be ratified by the Awards Committee.

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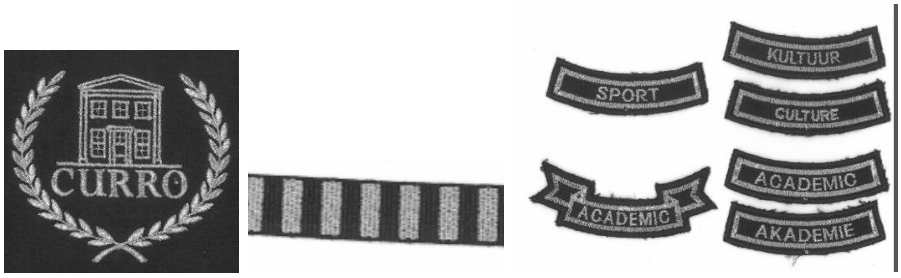

Also See Annexure A

ANNEXURE A

Academics

Grade	**Certificate**	**Half Colours** (Blue rectangular scroll and Braiding on Blazer sleeves)	**Full Colours** (Blue curved scroll, white braiding around Blazer)	**Honours** (Gold letter scroll, pocket badge, wreath and tie)
Gr 8, 9	Silver - Mark above 80% Gold – Mark above 85% All subjects included	N /A	N /A	N /A
Gr 10-12	Silver – Mark above 75% Gold – Mark above 80% All subjects included	Gr 10 – 80%, aggregate ≥ 480 Gr 11, 12 – 75%, aggregate ≥ 450 Aggregate (sum total of all marks) out of 600, excluding LO	Gr 10 – 85%, aggregate ≥ 510 Gr 11, 12 – 80%, aggregate ≥ 480	Gr 11, 12 – 85%, aggregate ≥ 510
Additional	Trophy for the nr 1 in each grade Book price nr 1, 2 and 3 in each grade Book price for best in each subject, only in Gr 7 and Gr 12			

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Sport Awards

Sport Code	**Merit Scroll** (Blue rectangular scroll)	**Half Colours** (Blue rectangular scroll and Braiding on Blazer sleeves)	**Full Colours** (Blue curved scroll, white braiding around Blazer)	**Honours** (Blue curved scroll, braiding, pocket badge, wreath and tie)
Tennis, Swimming, Rugby, 7s Rugby, Netball, Athletics, Hockey, Soccer, Cricket, Mountain Biking, Equestrian, Cross Country,	* Regional Sides or equal * Hockey final round of trails * Playing 1st team in Gr 10 or u/16 A * Played A side for three Years * Swimming Level 1	* Any B provincial side * Any development side * In Gr 11 have played 1st team (U/16A) for 2 years * The player must have shown commitment and service to the sport * Swimming Level 2	* Selected for Provincial team (only A sides) * Must meet the criteria of Primary Requirements (point nr 3) * Commitment and dedication to the sport over a period of 3 years at 1st team (U/16A) level * Swimming Level 3	* Being selected for national team * National representation
Leadership Award	• Could be considered for a player who has not achieved Provincial or National selection but who has shown exceptional leadership, service, dedication and skill in a particular sport.			
Additional	• Trophy for each sport code (Depending on sponsorship) • Trophy best sport man / woman • A certificate for each award • Awards will be language specific • In order to wear scroll you have to be part of the team			
Outside sport: Gymnastics, ballet fencing, karate, darts, etc.	• Certificate to be given during assembly / prize giving ceremony • Scroll to read only: “Sport” • Onus is on Scholar to apply for outside sport recognition: application form			
Chess **	* Played A side for three years in all the Ehlanzeni qualifying tournaments as well as the top schools tournament.	Half colours for selection and participation at the SAJCC.	Full colours for participation for two or more SAJCC, or playing Championship section.	Honours for participation at the SAJCCC (closed). Re award honours for selection to represent SA.

**The reason for only awarding half colours is due to a player being selected for a B,C or D team and may even lose all their games which is not an achievement. An example is that scholar 'A' gets selected for the D team on board 10. That means that scholar 'A' is 40th best player in Ehlanzeni district which is also not an achievement. Historically Ehlanzeni has also never played in the Championship section so they are never pitted against the best in the country.
The measure of colours etc. is that if a scholar gets colours at Curro then would he also get colours at any other school in the country for the same performance

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Culture Awards

Culture Event	**Merit Scroll** (Blue rectangular scroll)	**Half Colours** (Blue rectangular scroll and Braiding on Blazer sleeves)	**Full Colours** (Blue curved scroll, white braiding around Blazer)	**Honours** (Blue curved scroll, braiding, pocket badge, wreath and tie)
ATKV-redenaars				
Radikale Redenaars				
Eisteddfod				
SATCH				
Dancing: modern, ballet				
Voortrekkers, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts				
Singing and / or junior or senior choir				
Musical instrument				
Robotics				