



Limavady Grammar School
Criteria For The Awarding of School Colours

Athletics / Cross Country

Half Colours

- Awarded to pupils of good ability who have served their team for a number of years up to at least Year 12.
- Pupil must be selected to compete on a school team. Training with the squad but not getting selected does not warrant half colours.

Full Colours

- Awarded to pupils who have participated and shown commitment to all school Athletics or Cross Country teams (Mini, Minor, Junior, Intermediate and Senior) at District and/or Ulster and Irish schools championships, **or** who have participated and shown commitment for four years up to at least Year 12. Training with the squad but not getting selected does not warrant half colours.

Cricket

Half Colours

- Awarded to pupils who have shown commitment to the sport over a number of years up to at least Year 12 in both practices and on Saturdays.

Full Colours

- Awarded to pupils who have shown commitment to the 1st XI team in both practices and on Saturdays and who have played in 75% or more of matches.

Drama/Stage Crew

Half Colours

- Awarded to pupils who have demonstrated an active participation in three or more major performances, either onstage or as part of the backstage team (Lighting, Set, Props., Sound, Make Up).

Full Colours

- Awarded to pupils who continue to participate in Drama/Musical productions throughout their school life, and who have played a principal role in at least one major production in senior school (i.e. Year 12 or above) **or** who have made a significant contribution in leading a backstage team (Lighting, Set, Props., Sound, Make Up).

Football (Boys)

Half-Colours

- Awarded to pupils who have shown commitment to the sport for three or more years, attending practices on a regular basis and playing for the school team.

Full Colours

- Awarded to pupils who meet the above criteria and who have continued to show commitment and play regularly for the school team beyond the awarding of half-colours.

Football (Girls)

Half Colours

- Awarded to pupils who have represented their sport for a minimum of three years up to and including Year 12.
- Pupil has been consistently highly motivated and has shown a positive attitude towards their sport in both training and in matches.
- Pupil has demonstrated high levels of dedication and determination to succeed and has set a good example to all pupils.
- Pupil must be selected to play on a school team. Training with the squad alone does not warrant half colours.

Full Colours

- Awarded for excellence and outstanding contribution to football.
- The pupil will already hold half-colours (apart from exceptional circumstances)
- The pupil has reached the highest level of play within the school system **or** has shown an outstanding contribution to the sport within school, usually in the form of leadership.
- The pupil must be a role model for all pupils in their sport and an ambassador for the school on and off the field.

Hockey

Half Colours

- Awarded to pupils who have represented their sport for a minimum of three years up to and including Year 12.
- Pupil has been consistently highly motivated and has shown a positive attitude towards their sport in both training and in matches.
- Pupil has demonstrated high levels of dedication and determination to succeed and has set a good example to all pupils.
- Pupil must be selected to play on a school team. Training with the squad alone does not warrant half colours.

Full Colours

- Awarded for excellence and outstanding contribution to hockey.
- The pupil will already hold half-colours (apart from exceptional circumstances)
- The pupil has reached the highest level of play within the school system (1st XI / 2nd XI) **or** has shown an outstanding contribution to the sport within school, usually in the form of leadership.

- The pupil must be a role model for all pupils in their sport and an ambassador for the school on and off the field.

Library

Half Colours only

- Awarded to pupils who have shown commitment and reliability in helping in the Library over a number of years up to and including Year 12

Music (Choir/Orchestra)

Half Colours

- Pupils will have taken part in the school choir / orchestra or another school musical group for a number of years and will continue to do so up to and including Year 12.
- Pupils will have been present at 75% or more of scheduled practices or rehearsals.

Full Colours

- Awarded to pupils who meet the above criteria and who have continued to show commitment and take part in the school choir / orchestra or another musical activity beyond the awarding of half-colours.

Netball

Half Colours

- Awarded to pupils of very good ability who have served their team for a number of years up to and including at least Year 12.
- Pupil must be selected to play on a school team. Training with the squad alone does not warrant half colours.

Full Colours

- Awarded to pupils who participated in and shown commitment to all school netball teams (Minor, Junior, Intermediate and Senior) or who have participated and shown commitment for four years up to and including at least Year 12.
- Pupils must be selected to play on a school team. Training with the squad alone does not warrant half colours.

Photography

Half Colours

- Pupils who have taken a range of high quality photographs, devoting at least an hour each week to photography over any two terms during the school year. Some of these may have been selected for use in the school magazine.

Full Colours

- Pupils who have taken a wide variety of high quality photographs over a period of 3 years or more, and who have contributed to the photographic content of the school magazine/website/prospectus.

Rugby (Boys)

Half Colours

- Pupils must have shown a commitment to rugby for up to four years up to Year 12 and have played in 75% or more of matches.
- Pupils must regularly attend training and Saturday matches and display an excellent attitude towards staff and others within the team.
- Half Colours may also be awarded to pupils in Years 12, 13 and 14 who have played 2nd or 3rd XV rugby and who have attended 75% or more of training sessions and matches.

Full Colours

- Awarded to pupils who have played for the 1st XV in 75% or more of matches and who have attended 75% or more of training sessions.

Rugby (Girls)

Half Colours

- Pupils must have shown a commitment to rugby for up to four years up to Year 12 and have played in 75% or more of matches and have attended 75% or more of training sessions.
- Pupils must display an excellent attitude towards staff and others within the team.

Full Colours

- Awarded to pupils who have played for the U18 team in 75% or more of matches and who have attended 75% or more of training sessions.

Show-Jumping

Half-Colours

- Awarded to pupils who have shown commitment to the sport over a number of years up to at least Year 12 and who have achieved 75% attendance over the last two years at Inter-schools League events.

Full Colours

- Awarded to pupils who have shown commitment to the sport over a number of years up to at least Year 12 and who have achieved 75% attendance over the last two years at Inter-schools League events. In addition, pupils should show an ability to be able to jump consistently at a height of at least 1 metre.

Swimming

- Pupil must have swum for the school in at least three galas (not necessarily in consecutive years).
- Must have attended swimming club throughout junior school, have made an excellent effort and/or shown a marked improvement.
- Must have regularly assisted with the running of the Swimming Club .

Half-colours to be awarded for one of the above

Full colours can only be awarded for all of the above.

Special Elite Award (All Sports/Activities)

- In addition to half and full colours, an additional Elite Award may be presented to pupils who achieve an exceptional level of achievement in a particular sport or activity. This may include being part of a team that wins a national or provincial competition (eg Schools' Cup) or being selected at provincial, national or international level (eg Ulster Schools, Northern Ireland, Ireland etc). Pupils will be nominated for the Elite Award by the teacher in charge of their sport/activity and the award will be approved by the Principal.

General Criteria for All Sports/Activities

- In order to be awarded colours (both half and full), a pupil must show exemplary behaviour both in school and when participating in the relevant sport/activity. This will include showing respect to staff and referees and an excellent attitude to fellow team members and opponents. Staff reserve the right not to award colours if this is not the case.
- In order to be awarded half and/or full colours a pupil must have demonstrated high levels of dedication and determination to succeed and must have set a good example to all pupils.
- Staff can review individual cases where injury or another valid reason has hampered the pupil's ability to meet the stated criteria.
- It is expected (apart from exceptional circumstances) that full colours can only be awarded to pupils who have previously been awarded half colours.
- Pupils cannot be awarded half or full colours below Year 12.
- It is the responsibility of individual pupils to apply for half and full colours.
- A pupil may be awarded half and full colours in the same academic year. However, to do so, he/she must meet all of the relevant criteria and show clear progression from half to full colours.
- A pupil who is not awarded half or full colours one year may reapply the following year.
- Half or full colours cannot be awarded more than once for the same sport/activity. However, a pupil may apply for half or full colours in more than one sport/activity.
- The final decision on the awarding of colours lies with the teacher in charge of each sport/activity.

Nature of Awards

Half-Colours: Badge with name of sport/activity

Full Colours: Full colours badge

Elite Award: Pocket with school crest and name of sport/activity.

Timing of Awards

Half-Colours: October/November
Full Colours: End of Spring Term

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