



PRETORIA BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

COLOURS CRITERIA

CULTURAL

MUSIC (REVISED 2023)

Preamble:

Music colours are awarded to boys who not only excel in the field of music but also plough back this excellence into the music life of the School. Excellence and service therefore go hand in hand and are two sides of the same coin. The awards are made at three levels: Honours, Full Colours and Half Colours.

HONOURS FOR MUSIC (Insignia: Cultural Colours Blazer, Scroll, Honours Badge)

This can only be awarded to a boy in Form IV of V.

(If a younger boy meets all the criteria, Honours will be awarded at the beginning of the Form IV year.)

Full Colours is a prerequisite in order to be eligible for Honours.

Excellence:

The achievement in music should be at a National level, for example,

- Having been selected for and participating in the South African National Youth Orchestra
(Not the A or B Orchestra or the Wind- or Concert Bands)
- Having been nominated for the UNISA or ABRSM Grade VIII Overseas Bursary Competition
- Winning a National Competition for High School Students

Service:

Participation in the music life of the school must be maintained in **one** activity for at least 4 years AND an additional **one** for two years OR **three** activities for at least two years each OR in a minimum of **one** activity for 3 years AND any combination to

make up the other 3 years. (Music activities are specified under the Full Colours criteria.)

COLOURS FOR MUSIC (Insignia: Cultural Colours Blazer, Scroll)

This can be awarded to a boy in Form IV of V and also to a boy at the end of his Form III in exceptional circumstances.

Excellence:

A boy must pass a Grade VIII practical examination of an external examination body (ABRSM or UNISA).

(This criterion is there so that the excellence of the playing standard is verified by an external, objective music specialist.)

Service:

Participation in the music life of the school must be maintained in **one** activity for at least 4 years AND an additional **one** for two years OR **three** activities for at least two years each OR in a minimum of **one** activity for 3 years AND any combination to make up the other 3 years.

The following school music groups are currently recognised:

- School Symphony Orchestra
- Dixie Band
- School Choir
- Big Band
- Clarinet Choir
- Brass Choir
- String Quartet/String Ensemble
- Cello Quartet/Ensemble
- Last Post Trumpeters
- Guitar Quartet/Quintet
- Saxophone Quartet/Ensemble
- Flute Quartet/Trio
- Salon Boys
- Boere Band
- Jazz Band

The following non-school music groups are currently recognised:

- Simfonia Juventi
- UP Youth Choir
- National Youth A/B Orchestra, Jazz or Concert Band
- Stellenbosch International Chamber Music Festival

Other groups may be considered as they come into existence.

Smaller groups will only be considered if they are active, meaning that they have weekly, supervised rehearsals and at least 4 performances per year.

Service in any of these activities must be for a full year, that is, from October to October.

Participants must attend 90% of the practices and 100% of the performances.

The non-school music groups will **not** be recognised unless a boy meets the minimum of 3 years involvement in one school activity as stipulated under school colours criteria.

HALF COLOURS FOR MUSIC (Insignia: Green and White striped tie)

This can be awarded to a boy in Form III to V.

Excellence:

A boy must pass a Grade VII practical examination of an external examination body (ABRSM or UNISA).

(This criterion is there so that the excellence of the playing standard is verified by an external, objective music specialist.)

Service:

Participation in the music life of the school must be maintained in **one** activity for at least 3 years AND an additional **one** for one year OR **two** activities for at least two years each OR **one** activity for 4 years.

Examples of school music groups which are currently recognised are the same as for Full Colours.