



GUIDELINES FOR THE COLOURS COMMITTEE

At the request of the AGM on 21 June 2012 the Sarnia Sword Club Committee were tasked with drawing up guidelines for the Colours Committee.

It is hoped the following will be helpful.

- 1.** Club members at the AGM support Colours being awarded
- 2.** The Colours Committee can award Club Colours and Certificates for Exceptional Improvement. There is no obligation to award Colours (or exceptional improvement certificates) every season if the Colours Committee do not think anyone "stood out from the crowd" sufficiently in appropriate ways.
- 3.** Colours could be awarded for either exceptional performance or exceptional service to the SSC.
(The Colours Committee is asked to decide if they should be distinguished by different colours – e.g. red for performance and green for service)
- 4.** A Trophy is the reward for fencing achievement. Colours are for performance.
Where Colours are awarded for exceptional service, this excludes any elected duties.
- 5.** Colours are awarded on merit, and can be awarded more than one in a life time provided there is exceptional performance or service.
Certificates of Exceptional Improvement can be awarded more than once in a life time– if the improvement continues to be exceptional, as opposed to continued steady improvement.
- 6.** The AGM did not support the idea that Colours be awarded on fixed criteria, i.e. a system of tick boxes, which if achieved automatically result in award of Colours.
- 7.** Members should be able to nominate candidates to the Colours Committee throughout the season, with some reason for the nomination for the Colours Committee to consider.
- 8.** The Colours Committee decisions should be given in writing, for Club records, in the form of a brief citation to form part of the Colours Committee Report for the AGM and to be read out by the Chairman when the awards are made on Presentation Evening.
- 9.** Colours Committee should follow the progress of members throughout the season - Competition results and League results, participation and contribution to the SSC. If off-Island achievements are notified to the SSC Committee they should be acknowledged within the Club.

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