

BRISBANE STATE HIGH SCHOOL



CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF POCKETS 2009

R Morrison, Executive Principal

1. Pockets will be awarded by the Principal on the recommendation of the Pockets Committee.
2. The Pockets Committee shall consist of:
 - (i) Principal's Delegate (as Chairperson);
 - (ii) A Director of Sports;
 - (iii) A member of staff who is a representative from cultural activities;
 - (iv) A school captain from the previous year
3. The Pockets Committee shall be appointed by the Principal to recommend the award of pockets according to the guidelines.
4. The duties of the Pockets Committee include:
 - (i) Reviewing the criteria for the award of pockets;
 - (ii) Reviewing the activities for which pockets are to be awarded;
 - (iii) Awarding Red, Half, Full and Gold pockets;
 - (iv) Maintaining a consistency among the various sports and activities with regard to the awarding of pockets;
 - (v) Maintaining a Register of the awarding of all pockets.
5. Pockets will be known as:
 - (i) Award Red Lettering below a BSHS emblem;
 - (ii) Half Silver Lettering below a BSHS emblem;
 - (iii) Full Gold Lettering below a BSHS emblem;
 - (iv) Gold Gold border around the BSHS emblem and lettering on a velvet background;
 - (v) Special Gold wreath on each side of the BSHS emblem with gold lettering above the emblem.
6. Eligibility for pockets depends on all of the following:
 - (i) Attendance at a specified number* of training, practice, rehearsal sessions. (Variation: individual students who prepare externally may be required to provide written evidence);
 - (ii) Participation in a specified number* of (leadup meets) approved competitions, fixtures, practices and/or performances;
 - (iii) Attitude and behaviour must be such that they bring credit to the School;
 - (iv) Payment of levy for that activity.

* This requirement will be as determined by the Coordinator of each activity. For most activities it will be 75%.

7. Award Pocket

- (a) All students (boys and girls - regardless of age or level of competition) participating in a school activity will be eligible for an Award pocket provided that they fulfill the criteria outlined in 6. (Exception: Academic - no Red pocket).
- (b) The Master in Charge or Coordinator of each activity, in consultation with (the captain of that activity)the coaches or teachers involved, shall recommend an Award pocket for each eligible student and provide a list to the Pockets Committee for approval and inclusion in the Pockets Register.
- (c) Activities are those with a defined season of preparation, commitment and competition and are:

Sport		Culture	Other
Boys	Girls	School Production (Musical, Drama)	Debating
Swimming	Swimming	Dance Troupes	Chess
Cross Country	Cross Country	Musical Ensembles:	Service
Soccer	Soccer	Symphony Orchestra	
Cricket	Cricket	Symphonic Band	
Volleyball	Volleyball	Concert Band	
Tennis	Tennis	Wind Ensemble	
Athletics	Athletics	String Orchestras (A, B,C..)	
Rowing	Rowing	Chamber	
Basketball	Basketball	Percussion Ensemble	
Waterpolo	Waterpolo	Big Band	
Rugby	Softball	Stage Band	
AFL	Netball	Quartets and Quintets (Clarinet, Saxophone, Brass, Wind, String)	
Triathlon	Rhythmic Gymnastics	Vocal Ensemble	
	Hockey	Performing Arts (activities which may not take place every year but which are worthy of recognition due to the time devoted to them, contribution to the school etc.,)	

The availability and name of an activity may vary from year to year.

- (d) The lettering is to name the activity and the year, e.g: RUGBY 2009, SOFTBALL 2009, SCHOOL PRODUCTION (MUSICAL) 2009, DEBATING 2009, CROSS COUNTRY 2009, ROWING 2009, CONCERT BAND 2009, CHAMBER ORCHESTRA 2009, HOCKEY 2009, ACADEMIA 2009, SERVICE 2009.
- (e) A student may receive only one pocket in an activity in a given year.

8. Half and Full Pockets

- (a) All students who compete in or who are involved in the above activities in which they represent the school will eligible for a HALF pocket or a FULL pocket, with the exception of Water Polo (girls), and AFL (boys) where students will be eligible for an AWARD (RED)pocket only (unless the teams are in Division 1 of an approved competition).
- (b) Eligibility for a HALF pocket or FULL pocket will be as stated in 6 (above) with a Half pocket awarded for a high level of achievement and a Full pocket awarded for the highest level of achievement in the activity.
- (c) The Coordinator of each particular activity shall:
 - (i) Refer to the criteria for award of a Half or Full pocket for that activity;
 - (ii) Consult with coaches of teams (and the captain of that activity;)
 - (iii) Determine recommendations for Half or Full pockets;**

- (iv) Submit written recommendations to the Pockets Committee for approval at the end of the season for that activity.

** Advice may be sought from a member of the Pockets Committee.

(d) Criteria for the award of a Half or Full pocket in a sporting activity:

(i) Team Sports (includes Boys' Rowing and Chess)

All members of the 1st or Open teams will be eligible for Half pockets but where the team is placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd, all members are eligible for a Full pocket. For teams placed lower than 3rd, individual team members may be nominated for a Full pocket on the basis of exceptional performance. All members of the 2nd or Senior A grade teams will be eligible for a Half pocket where the team is placed 1st. Where no Under 16 competition exists, and the team is placed 2nd, all members are still eligible for a Half pocket. For teams placed 2nd (and an Under 16 competition exists) or lower than 2nd, Half pockets may be awarded according to performance on a downwards sliding scale, i.e. fewer pockets awarded if the team is placed towards the bottom of the competition.

Full pockets may be awarded for exceptional performance to any member of an under-age A team but will be limited to a maximum of two in Year 11 (u16) and Year 10 (u15) and one to Year 9 (U14) and Year 8 (u13) Half pockets may be awarded to any member of an under-aged A team that is placed 1st. For A teams placed lower than 1st, Half pockets may be awarded to members according to performance on a sliding scale downwards.

(ii) Cross Country Running

Each team consists of the first five runners to complete the course. Any individual (all ages) placed in the first 5 will be eligible for a Full pocket and placed 6th to 25th eligible for a Half pocket. Members of an Open team placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd, are eligible for a Full pocket while members of an under-age team placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd may be awarded a Half pocket. Members of an Open team placed lower than 3rd are all eligible for a Half pocket.

(iii) Gymnastics Artistic and (Rhythmic)

Members of Open teams are eligible for Half pockets but if placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd, are eligible for Full Pockets. Members of Year 8 teams placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd may be awarded a Half pocket. Half pockets for members of teams in lower placings may be awarded on a sliding scale.

(iv) Rowing (girls only)

(Crews placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Open 1st Division will be eligible for Full pockets while those placed lower than 3rd will be eligible for Half pockets. In Open 2nd Division crews placed 1st or 2nd where no Under 16 Division exists will be eligible for Half pockets)

(A Full pocket may be awarded to under-age Division One competitors for outstanding performance as recognized by 2 wins in under-age Division One events, or 1 win in an under-age Division One event and compete in the Open 1st VIII or 1 win in an under-age Division One event and placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in one other 1st division event. Where an under age crew is placed 1st in a Division One event, all members will be eligible for a Half pocket. Where an under-age sculler is placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a Division One event, she will be eligible for a Half pocket)

For crewed events, the Team Sports criteria apply.

For sculling events, Open division 1, the rower is eligible for a Full pocket if placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd. If placed lower the rower is eligible for Half pocket. Where an under-age sculler is placed 1st in a Division One event, they are eligible for a Full pocket. If they are placed 2nd or 3rd, she will be eligible for a Half pocket.

(v) Athletics and Swimming

All open competitors in "A" Division (individual or relay event) being placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd will be eligible for a Full pocket and those placing 4th or 5th for a Half pocket.

For under-age "A" Division competitors, a Full pocket may be awarded to an individual who breaks a record, or wins (two) an event (one may be a relay) or who has (one individual win and) two

placings (one may be a relay), while a Half pocket may be awarded to an individual who is placed , (1st) 2nd or 3rd in any one event relay include.

(vi) Triathlon

Award pocket – compete in the Interschool triathlon series (all three races). Half pocket – Race Series place getter (2nd or 3rd in one of the three races) Full pocket – Race Series winner (1st in one of the three races) or two other places.

(vii) Lettering on Pockets

- Boys: In GPS competition, only the 1st team in each activity competes for a premiership. This is stated in the rules of competition for GPS sport. Consequently, the word "PREMIERS" can only appear on a pocket for a member of the 1sts.
- For any team, other than the 1sts, which is placed first in its division, an embroidered ★ (5 point star, 8mmx8mm) symbol may be placed before the activity name on the relevant pocket. Example: ★ Basketball 13A 2004. A pennant or certificate may also be presented, at the discretion of the sub-committee for that activity, to members of that team. The word "PREMIERS" cannot appear on any pennant or certificate or lettering on a pocket. The star will be embroidered in the same colour as the pocket.
- Girls: In QGSSSA competition, teams at all levels of each activity compete for premierships. This is stated in the rules of competition for QGSSSA sport. Consequently, the word "PREMIERS" can appear on a pocket for a member of any team that is placed first in its division.
- The lettering on the pocket will only acknowledge the level of the activity for a Team sport for the 1st or Open Team or a premiers/first in division team. Examples of lettering on pockets include:
ATHLETICS 2009, CRICKET 1st XI 2009, CRICKET 2009, SOCCER 2009, HOCKEY OPEN PREMIERS 2009, CROSS COUNTRY 2009, BASKETBALL 1st V PREMIERS 2009, CHESS 2009, NETBALL OPEN 2009, DEBATING 2009, SWIMMING 2009, TENNIS YR 9 PREMIERS 2009, SOFTBALL YR 10 PREMIERS 2009, RUGBY 13B 2009, .SOCCER 15C 2009, CRICKET 14D 2009.

e) Criteria for the award of a Half or Full pocket in academic or cultural activities:

(i) Academic

A Full pocket will be awarded to the Year 12 Dux, the Year 11 Dux, approximately the top 8% in an order of merit list of the Year 12 group on the basis of results obtained in semester 3, and approximately the top 8% in the Year 11 group on the basis of results obtained in semester 1.

A Half pocket will be awarded to approximately the next 4% in an order of merit list of the Year 12 group on the basis of results obtained in semester 3.

A Half pocket for Years 8, 9, & 10 in 2009 may be awarded where the student has received 6 'A's

(ii) Debating (GPS and QDU)

The Outstanding Individual Debater (recognised by debating skill, team participation, organisation and commitment, and general service to debating) at each year level will be eligible for a Full pocket. All members of the Senior A GPS team will be eligible for Half pockets but where the team is placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd, all team members are eligible for a Full pocket. All members of the Senior B GPS team will be eligible for Half pockets where the team is placed 1st or lose only 1 debate. Where the team is placed lower than 1st, Half pockets may be awarded according to performance.

Half pockets may be awarded to any under-age GPS "A" team that is placed 1st. For teams placed lower than 1st, Half pockets may be awarded to individuals according to performance.

Any team reaching the QDU State Championship will be eligible for a Full pocket for each member. Any team that reaches the QDU semi finals will be eligible for a Half pocket for each member. (NOTE: Debaters are only eligible for one award in debating and will receive the higher of the two awards).

(iii) School Production

A Full pocket may be awarded to students who gain the leading roles in the school production and/or students who perform in such an outstanding creative manner in lighting, sound, backstage or front-of-house work that bring greater success to the production. A Half pocket may be awarded to students who gain a major support role in the school production and to students who display an exceptional ability in lighting, sound, backstage or front-of-house work.

(iv) Musical Groups

All members of a senior group will be eligible for a Half pocket but where the group is placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a State-wide (or equivalent) competition, all members are eligible for a Full pocket. If the senior group is placed lower than 3rd, or there is no competition, individual members may be nominated for a Full pocket on the basis of exceptional performance.

(Factors to be considered in nomination will include: proficiency in playing the musical instrument; grade attained in AMEB or TCL of Australian College of Music; MOST selection; and section position of the group. Members of an intermediate group may be nominated for a Half pocket on the above factors)

A student of instrumental music who is involved in two or more groups may be eligible for a pocket in each. . These may be award, half or full.

(f) Criteria for the award of a Full, Half or Award pocket in Service activities:

(i) A student may be nominated by a staff member for an award for service activities which have been officially sanctioned by the school. Detailed written evidence must be provided and verified by a school staff member.

(Factors determining eligibility and/or the level of award may include:

- The significance/originality of the contribution to the community
- The duration of the activity(ies)
- Motivation- the activity must be undertaken for altruistic reasons
- Attitude and behaviour must be such that they bring credit to the school)

The service activity must:

- Be entirely altruistic and be carried out with a genuine desire for the betterment or welfare of others
- Be of significant duration and depth
- Be comparable in time commitment with similar pockets with regards outside school commitment
- Not be recognised by other award or reward attached to the activity
- Be of outstanding benefit to others in the school community or outside community where approved
- Bring credit to the school

An Award pocket may be awarded to a student who meets the criteria above where the commitment is for at least one year.

A Half pocket may be awarded to a student who meets the criteria above where the commitment is for at least two years and where the activity is substantial and extensive

A Full pocket may be awarded to a student who meets the criteria above where the commitment is for at least three years and where the activity is substantial and extensive

Non-ongoing activities will be considered on a case by case basis with accompanying documentation

The wording of the pocket is "Service 2009"

(g) Examples of lettering on pockets include: ACADEMIA 2009, DEBATING 2009, SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2009, CHORAL MUSIC 2009, BIG BAND 2009, SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 2009, SENIOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 2009, STRING ORCHESTRA 2009, .DEBATING JNR B 2009.

(h) A student may receive only one Award, Half, or Full pocket in an activity in a given year. If a student is eligible for two pockets in an activity, she/he will receive the pocket for the higher level of achievement. If a student receives a red award in the same activity in different years, the lettering on the pocket may be shown on separate lines, e.g.: SWIMMING 2003 SWIMMING 2004

(i) In some activities, an award may be presented to the Captain of the 1st Open Team or Captain of the activity (e.g. Swimming, Athletics). These awards will be recommended by the Coordinator of the activity

and awarded at the conclusion of the season. Examples of the lettering of this award on the pocket include: CAPTAIN OF BOATS 2004, RUGBY CAPTAIN 2004, HOCKEY CAPTAIN 2004, DEBATING CAPTAIN 2004. This award will be independent of the rule stated in (g) above.

9. **Exceptional Circumstances**

A Coordinator of any activity may present to the Pockets Committee a recommendation for the award of a Half or Full pocket on the grounds of exceptional circumstance e.g. injury, illness, outstanding commitment/leadership. Full written details would be required. It is envisaged that such recommendations would be few.

10. **Gold Pocket**

A student who has been awarded four Full pockets in a minimum of two different activities is eligible for a GOLD pocket. The definition of "different activities" is subject to the discretion of the Pockets Committee. Eligible students should apply to the Pockets Committee. Presentation of GOLD pockets will be at School Assemblies.

11. **Special Pocket**

The Principal will award a SPECIAL pocket to the School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects.

12. Any student who wishes to have a decision regarding the awarding of a pocket reviewed is to discuss the matter initially with the Coordinator of that activity. If the matter cannot be resolved, the student should put his/her case in writing and then forward it to the Pockets Committee for consideration.

13. Suggestions that may help the Pockets Committee to continue to improve the quality of its client service in regard to the award of pockets are always welcome. Please forward these suggestions to the Pockets Committee for their consideration.

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