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Introduction to the Junior Award Scheme

The Junior Award Scheme is a part of the program for Junior Section boys. The aim of the Scheme is to provide the boys with some recognition for their participation in the section program. The Junior Award Scheme uses material under the five following headings:

- Body – fit for fun
 - > a variety of games and physical activities
- Mind – think and do
 - > puzzles and quizzes, thinking games and treasure hunts, hobbies and collections
- Spirit – God and me
 - > devotions, prayers and worship, bible stories and characters, and Christian festivals
- Community – me and my world
 - > conservation, the local community, the church and helping others
- Creativity – make and do
 - > crafts, simple cooking, and mime and drama

Two additional headings provide additional ideas and topics

- Program on a Plate
 - > Ideas for theme nights including Creepy Crawlies, The Lord's Prayer, and The Senses
- Extras
 - > Information about additional web based resources on a wide range of topics

What is the Junior Section Scheme?

The Junior Award Scheme runs alongside the section program, the focus of which is to have a time of fun and enjoyment for the boys and the leaders. The Award Scheme is there to support the program, not the other way round; the Award Scheme is optional. Some Junior Section weekly programs will have an allocated award time. However, it is possible to include the Award Scheme into your program and cover the various activities through a range of indoor and outdoor activities that are included in this program pack. Boys will gain their awards as they take part in the usual section program for this age group i.e. games, crafts, music, storytelling, bible stories etc.

Whilst some sections would divide boys into their various age groups for some activities, it is quite possible to run the Award Scheme in one group because of reasons of restricted premises or the number of leaders available to help. The Scheme is very flexible.

The table below gives some information about the Scheme and the number of topics from each of the five activity groups required for each badge, each topic taking 10 to 15 minutes. The Scheme offers some flexibility where boys may choose which extra topics they wish to do, perhaps those they enjoy most, or which give them new challenges. Companies may also decide to concentrate on particular topics that reflect the skills of the leaders, equipment, or premises. Remember, that the Award Scheme covers the three – four years that a boy is in Juniors.

| | Yellow & Pink Awards Age 8/9 | White & Green Awards Age 9/10 | Purple & Blue Awards Age 10/11 | Red & Gold Awards Age 11/12 |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Body – fit for fun | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Mind – think and do | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Spirit – God and me | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Community – me and my world | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Creativity – make and do | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Extra activities (chosen from above) | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Activities per Badge | 10 ea | 10 ea | 10 ea | 10 ea |
| Total Activities | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Awards | Yellow & Pink Awards | White & Green Awards | Purple & Blue Awards | Red & Gold Awards |

Topics = 80 over four years

There are eight badges in the Junior Award Scheme. The requirements are as follows:

Yellow Award: 10 activities, one from each of the five headings and five extra topics chosen by the boy or staff
Age 8/9

Pink Award: 10 activities, one from each of the five headings and five extra topics chosen by the boy or staff
Age 8/9

White Award: 10 activities, one from each of the five headings and five extra topics chosen by the boy or staff
Age 9/10

Green Award: 10 activities, one from each of the five headings and five extra topics chosen by the boy or staff
Age 9/10

Purple Award: 10 activities, one from each of the five headings and five extra topics chosen by the boy or staff
Age 10/11

Red Award: 10 activities, one from each of the five headings and five extra topics chosen by the boy or staff
Age 11/12

Gold Award: 10 activities, one from each of the five headings and five extra topics chosen by the boy or staff
Age 11/12

A list of suggested activities for the Scheme is given later in this section under, 'Junior Award Scheme' but leaders are free to choose other appropriate topics. Some of the suggested activities have a progression and older or more able boys could be expected to participate to a higher level.

Certificates, stickers and wall chart

In addition to badges, boys could be awarded certificates for other things including taking part in an event, good attendance, being a good friend, helping out etc. Stickers could be awarded for the completion of each award activity; which could be stuck onto the boys' wall chart in the BB/ church hall or taken home. Certificates, stickers and the wall chart are available from BBA Shop. A promotion certificate is also available for boys who move up to the Seniors Section. The use of the stickers, wall chart and certificates is optional.

How does the Junior Section Award Scheme fit into our weekly program?

The weekly program may have a formal 'award' time lasting 15 to 20 minutes although boys gain their awards as they take part in the usual section program for this age group. Many of the award topics can be incorporated into games and activities so do not limit the work for the awards just to the more formal times in the program. The Award Scheme is there to help provide a sense of achievement for the boys and a pride in gaining their awards; the Award Scheme supports the program. Remember, the work of the section should be program led, not awards driven. Section theme nights can also be used for the activity

badges awards, with a range of different topics taking place within the theme. Other parts of the activity scheme can be covered during outdoor activities the better weather and lighter nights, through trips and visits, Junior Section weekend camps and holidays and taking part in battalion or other BB events etc.

In planning the various topics within the Award Scheme, care should be taken to ensure that the style of presentation is fun; use as much activity as you can with the use of visual aids to help reinforce any learning.

How is the Award Scheme assessed?

There are no set levels of attainment for the activities within the Junior Award scheme, these are gained by a boy participating in particular topics; no external controls are to be applied. The level of achievement will vary for each individual boy according to his ability and age. During a boy's time in the Junior Section his level of skills and physical competence is likely to vary greatly. The onus is on the leaders to ensure that boys are trying their best in all of the Award Scheme activities.

What about late joiners?

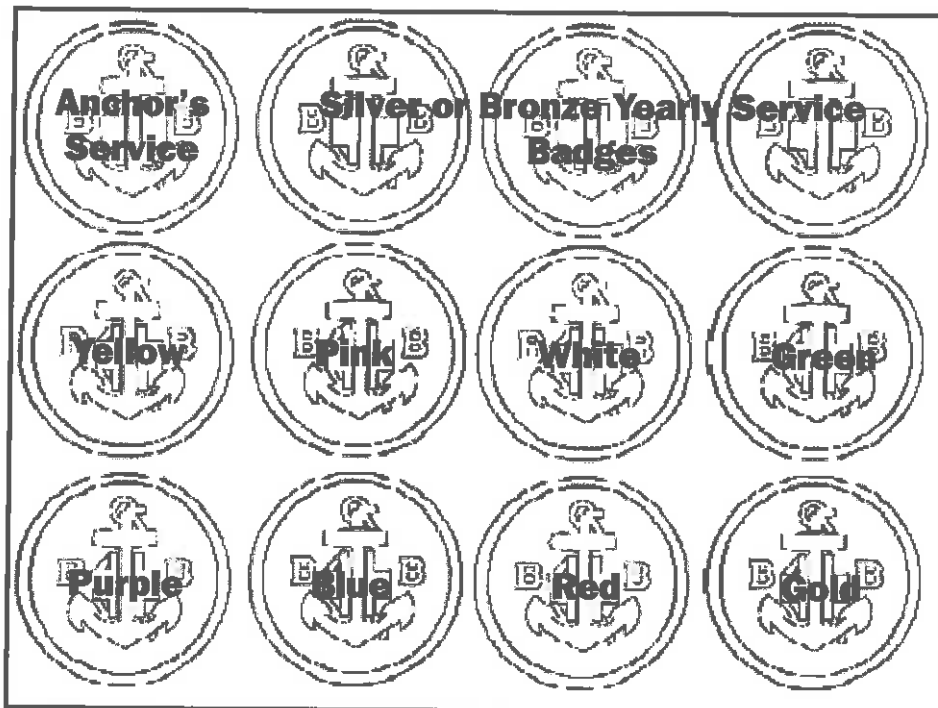
Boys would complete the Yellow Award with topics appropriate to his age and ability and then move on to the Pink Award. So a boy joining at age 10 could complete the Yellow, Pink, White & Green awards.

How are the Awards worn?

The Junior Award badges are cloth badges which will need to be sewn onto the boy's armband. The awards are placed on the armband as set out over the page or as in the Information Zone. When boys move to the Senior Section, they will wear the highest Junior Award gained during their time in the Junior Section. They will also continue to wear the highest Anchors activity Award badge gained during their time in Anchors.

When are the Award badges presented?

Some companies present badges as soon as they are gained; others choose to present them at a parents' night or at a church parade service. Leaders should remember that the award scheme is planned to cover the three - four years that a boy is in Junior Section and the activities should be spread out over this time.



What about record keeping?

There is some information in the Information Zone about record keeping, not only about the awards but also attendance at the BB night and special events, and home contact details for each boy. Record cards are available from BBA Shop.

Ideas for the Junior Award scheme

A list of suggested topics is given below, but leaders are free to choose other appropriate topics. Some of the topics have a suggested progression and older or more able boys could be expected to participate to a higher level. Remember, the main focus is on fun and not working for the badges!

In planning the program, staff will need to agree when the award scheme topics are to be covered. The activities for the badges should be spaced out through the year; first badge by the middle of the year and the second badge by the end of the year would be a good target to work towards. Whilst the majority can be done indoors during the normal BB nights, some of the suggested activities will need to be done outside in the better weather, and others during trips and visits.

How do we transfer from 'old Achievement Scheme & Badges' to the new Junior Award Scheme?

This is not so much a new Awards scheme but more a revamping of an older system. But for those of you who may find moving from the older system to this one an issue, then the following guidelines may be helpful.

- 1) Boys currently working on existing badges could continue until they move up to Senior Section, but leaders could still use the new program resources.
- 2) New boys would then work on the new scheme.
- 3) We hope that by providing these new resources you will be able to bring new interest and excitement to your boy's night.

It is most important to emphasise that 'Award Scheme Activities' are part of the 'whole program' of the Junior Section

This 'sample' table shows a list of suggested activities of how a boy could gain all of his 'Awards' during his time in the Junior Section. The level at which the boys participate in the 'Activities' will vary for each individual boy according to his ability and age. During a boy's time in Juniors his level of skills and physical competence is likely to vary greatly. The onus is on the leaders to ensure that boys are trying their best in all of the Award Scheme activities. You will know your boys much better and you have absolute flexibility to choose which activities the boys undertake to gain their badges.

| | Yellow & Pink Awards Age 8 / 9 | White & Green Awards Age 9 / 10 | Purple & Blue Awards Age 10 / 11 | Red & Gold Awards Age 11/12 |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| Fit for fun | Simple drill movements | Take part in figure marching | Take part in figure marching | Take part in figure marching |
| | Take part in games | Take part in games | Take part in games | Take part in games |
| | Take part in outdoor games | Take part in outdoor games | Take part in some challenges | Take part in some challenges |
| | Healthy eating | Healthy eating | Healthy eating | Healthy eating |
| God and me | Jesus as a boy | Jesus as a friend | Jesus as a teacher | Jesus as our saviour |
| | Miracles and parables | Miracles and parables | Bible heroes | Bible heroes |
| | Christian festivals | Christian festivals | Christian festivals | Christian festivals |
| | Talking with God | Talking with God | Talking with God | Talking with God |
| Think and do | The BB Badge | My BB Company | National flags | Computer games |
| | Complete some puzzles | Complete some puzzles | Complete some puzzles | Complete some puzzles |
| | Take part in some thinking games | Take part in some thinking games | Take part in some thinking games | Take part in some thinking games |
| Me and my world | International project | International project | International project | International project |
| | Take part in a scavenger hunt | Take part in a scavenger hunt | Take part in nature conservation | Take part in 2 treasure hunts |
| | Help at home for 2 hours | Help at home for 2 hours | Help at home for 3 hours | Help at home for 4 hours |
| | Road safety | Road safety | Road safety | Road safety |
| | Home safety | Home safety | Home safety | Home safety |
| Make and do | Take part in some drama | Take part in some drama | Take part in some drama | Take part in some drama |
| | Make some craft items | Make some craft items | Make some craft items | Make some craft items |
| | Take part in some cooking | Take part in some cooking | Take part in some cooking | Take part in some cooking |
| | Make some salt dough models | Make some salt dough models | Make some plaster models | Make some plaster models |
| Total number of Activities for each Award | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Total number of Activities for each year | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |

