Shield Award Criteria

Malta School Games (Primary Schools)

1. Medal-Based Scoring System
Points towards the **Malta School Games Shield** are awarded **exclusively through medals won** in official Malta School Games competitions.

2. Medal Allocation
In each approved sport discipline:

- **1st place** is awarded a **Gold medal**
- **2nd place** is awarded a **Silver medal**
- **3rd place** is awarded a **Bronze medal**

3. Points per Medal
Medals contribute points as follows, as determined by the organisers and applied uniformly across all disciplines:

- **Gold medal:** 6 points
- **Silver medal:** 4 points
- **Bronze medal:** 2 points

4. Team Sport Scoring Principle
For **team sports**, medals and corresponding points are **awarded per team**, **not per athlete**. Regardless of the number of athletes forming a team, **each team medal counts only once** towards the School's total points.

5. Cumulative Medal Points
The Shield is awarded to the **School with the highest accumulated total of medal points** across all competitions held during the scholastic year.

6. Recognition Across Disciplines
Medals won in **all approved sport disciplines** organised under the Malta School Games contribute equally to the final points tally, whether the discipline is individual or team-based.

7. Minimum Participation Requirement
To be eligible for the Shield, a School must participate in a minimum of **four (4) different sport disciplines,** as determined by the organisers, in order to promote fairness and broad participation.

8. Eligibility & Compliance
Medals and corresponding points are valid **only if all athlete eligibility rules, age regulations, and competition requirements are fully observed**.

9. Fair Play Requirement
Serious breaches of sportsmanship, disciplinary regulations, or ethical conduct may result in:

- forfeiture of medals, and/or
- deduction or nullification of points,
  as determined by the organisers.

10. Tie-Breaker Criteria
In the event of a tie in total points, the Shield will be awarded based on the following order:

1. Higher number of **Gold medals**
2. If still tied, higher number of **Silver medals**
3. If still tied, higher number of **Bronze medals**

11. Final Authority
The **Malta School Games Organising Committee** retains final authority in:

- medal validation,
- point allocation,
- eligibility interpretation, and
- final Shield awarding decisions.