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Juniors Award Programme Transition

The new Junior Section Awards Programme has been available for use since the start of the 2019/2020 session, in this article we hope to help you in the transition to the new badge awards and options for handling this as badges are awarded.















For those of you not familiar with the new programme further information and links can be found at boys-brigade.org.uk/programme/.

Belfast Battalion recommends, for a more in-depth look at the programme and how it works the following Information Booklets and Leaflets,

- [Juniors Programme Information \(2019 Revised\)](#)
- [Juniors Awards Information \(2019 Revised\)](#)
- [Juniors Awards Layout \(2019 Revised\)](#)
- [Juniors Programme Planner \(Spring 2020\)](#)

The new programme has been designed for use in conjunction with [Online Brigade Manager](#) (OBM). Together with distributing printed copies of the Activity Cards and Themed Activity Cards to the designated Junior Section Officer-in-Charge (as noted for your Company on OBM), the cards and activities are available to download in PDF and as selectable activities for meeting nights on OBM. These can all be found by going to 'Programme' and then 'Activities' in OBM. You can search based on activity titles, activity areas and keywords using the 'tag search'. Where there is a worksheet to support an activity indicated on the Activity Card you will also find the worksheets for the boys available to download.

Programme Awards

Existing		2019 Revised equivalent	
	Service Award	Service Award	
	Target Badge	Membership Award	
<i>No direct equivalent</i>		Nights Away Award	
	Bronze Award	Bronze Award	
	Silver Award	Silver Award	
	Gold Award	Gold Award	
	Highest Anchor Badge	Highest Anchor Badge	
<i>No direct equivalent</i>		Project Badge 1*	
<i>No direct equivalent</i>		Project Badge 2*	
<i>No direct equivalent</i>		Project Badge 3*	

*Project Badge images are examples only, project badges may be any of the six project categories available. Max of 1 badge awarded per year (each year must be awarded to project area not already awarded)

Specialist Badges

Existing		2019 Revised equivalent	
	Recruitment Badge	Recruitment Badge (Bottom Left)	
	WW1 Centenary Badge	WW1 Centenary Badge (Bottom Right)	

Specialist badges are time dependent and may revise over time, in that case new badges will be assigned to the existing slots as they become available.

Don't forget as well that as part of 2019 revised award scheme that there is an Extended Armband Layout (4 row of awards) which allows for multiple specialist badges and a Standard Armband Layout (3 rows of awards). See [Juniors Awards Layout \(2019 Revised\)](#) handout for more detail.

How to transition between schemes...

There are a number of options open to companies on how to transition between the 2 schemes and each company should choose how and when to transition their boys from the existing award scheme to the 2019 revised award scheme. We outline 3 potential options for companies to choose from and include our recommendations for companies.

Option A – Immediate Transition

It is possible to do an immediate transition by evaluating what badges boys have already earned and purchasing equivalent badges based on the chart above to allow each boy to convert their current badges to the 2019 revised scheme.

New awards would all be awarded based on the 2019 Revised scheme with no further change required in future.

Option B – New Member Transition

As new members enter the section they will be awarded badges from the 2019 Revised Award Scheme. Those members with badges already awarded would continue to be awarded badges from the existing scheme until they move up to Junior Section, this should facilitate a full move to the 2019 Revised scheme by the end of the 2020/2021 session as those with current Awards will move up to Junior Section at the latest by the start of the 2021/2022 session.

Option C – Phased Transition

Members in their final year in the session will be awarded their final badge under the existing scheme, thus giving them a final armband with badges all from the same programme.

Boys to be awarded their 1st badge would be awarded their badge from the 2019 Revised Award scheme.

Boys to be awarded their 2nd badge would be awarded their badge from either the 2019 Revised Award scheme or the existing scheme dependent on company stocks.

Belfast Battalion recommends, choose an option that is most cost-effective and important to your boys in your company, no two companies are the same. In some companies it will be most important to the boys to move to the new badge scheme straight away and transition from existing badges to the new badges. In some companies you may have stock of existing badges that will do the next 2-3 years before you need to restock badges for your section. So we recommend taking time to evaluate what works best in your company.

We'd also love to hear how you are getting on with your move to the 2019 Revised Award Scheme so please do let us know or if you have an alternate idea or suggestions that other companies may find useful.

Whatever option you decide to go for in your section, BB House and Stedfast Supplies is here to help, drop us an e-mail info@belfastbb.org.uk, bbshop@belfastbb.org.uk, give us a call on 028 9032 4853 or drop into see us here in BB House 14 May Street, Belfast BT1 4NR.

Stedfast Supplies

Stedfast Supplies now has all badges in stock for the 2019 Revised Awards schemes for both Anchor Boys and Junior Section. Contact the store today to discuss your requirements for the upcoming Awards in your company.

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AWARDS LAYOUT



There are three rows on the Juniors armband:

Row 1 - Service Badge (left), **Juniors Membership Award** (centralised), **Nights Away Award** (right)

Row 2 - Juniors Activity Awards (centralised)

Row 3 - Highest Anchors Activity Award (left), **Juniors Project Awards** (centralised), **Special Anniversary/Event or Recruitment badge** (right).

On the small armband a maximum of two Special Anniversary/Event or Recruitment Badges may be worn alongside the Juniors Project Awards and highest Anchors Activity Award on row 3. Although as a member gains the Juniors Project Awards it may be necessary to move to the large armband where the layout of the badges changes and is across 4 rows to allow for additional badges. The large armband layout is shown overleaf.

Armband example above shows ALL awards/badges which can be obtained during a members time in Juniors based on joining at age 8/9 year and going through until end of session in which they attain their 10th birthday. It shows them completing all the core Activity Awards and Project Awards. Also shown on the armband is the Juniors Membership Award, 6 year Service Badge and the World War 1 Special Anniversary Award Badge.